

Westminster At Worship

April 4, 2021

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday



Please silence your cell phones prior to entering the sanctuary.

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

†Those who are able to stand may do so

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

WESTMINSTER AT WORK

Vacation Bible School

PROCESSIONAL AND PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Hear the good news: Christ is Risen!

PEOPLE: But we watched him die.

LEADER: Sing the good news: Christ is alive!

PEOPLE: But we saw him buried in the tomb.

LEADER: Share the good new. Death has lost its sting!

PEOPLE: We will sing with the angels and laugh with the saints of God.

HYMN

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Quartet

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love.

Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost.

Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth.

~Time for silent confession of sins~

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

MUSIC

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Handbell Choir

EASTER PAGEANT

"Good News"

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

MUSIC

"Risen Indeed!"

Quartet

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of joyful surprises, with laughter in our hearts and songs on our lips, may our lives reflect the glory of this day. You offer abundance of life and fullness of grace to all who turn to you and seek your blessing. Receive our tithes and offerings in the name of your Son, the source of our joy and strength, that they may be for the world your Easter light and life. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 16:1-8

16 When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. **2** And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. **3** They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" **4** When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. **5** As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. **6** But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. **7** But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." **8** So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

MEDITATION

Rev. Jamie Milton

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

LEADER: Lift up your hearts

PEOPLE: We lift them to the Lord.

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Sanctus

LEADER: . . . and join their unending hymn:

PEOPLE: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

LEADER: ...Remembering our Lord's self-giving love, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

PEOPLE: Dying you destroyed our death, Rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

PEOPLE: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever, Amen.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us.

Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit to tell this good news to the world: The Lord has risen indeed! Amen.

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"The Day of Resurrection!"

Quartet

BENEDICTION

LEADER: Christ is Risen! Go forth in joy.

PEOPLE: From darkness and despair, we go to share Christ's hope and joy.

LEADER: Christ is Risen! Go forth in faith.

PEOPLE: From doubt and betrayal, we go to walk in faith and fidelity.

LEADER: Christ is Risen! Go forth to live.

PEOPLE: From suffering and death, we go to heal a broken world.

LEADER: Christ is Risen.

PEOPLE: Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 4, 2021

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION are extended to the family and friends of Joyce Wachowiak. Joyce passed away on March 29, 2021.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED tomorrow, Monday, April 5.

THE WIRED WORD ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Join us on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Enjoy lively conversations about current events in the news and the Bible passages that relate to those events. Any questions regarding the class or for Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at parishassoc@wpcbc.org.

THE BOOK CLUB will meet Tuesday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will discuss the book, *Behind the Scenes at the Museum*, by Kate Atkinson. Books are available at church this month. They are available in the church office for check-out and can be picked up during regular business hours. Contact Nikelle at cedirector@wpcbc.org to receive Zoom login information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Technology Team extends a welcome to anyone who would like to volunteer to help run Sunday worship services (and other events) throughout the year. Please contact Aaron Morse at oeffgunner09@gmail.com or 989-293-1571.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK: Westminster Presbyterian Church - Bay City.

This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, April 4

8:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, April 5

7:00 p.m. Church Office closed
Deacon Meeting

Tuesday, April 6

6:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting

Wednesday, April 7

1:00 p.m. The Wired Word via Zoom
6:00 p.m. Property Meeting
7:00 p.m. Mission Partnership Meeting

Thursday, April 8

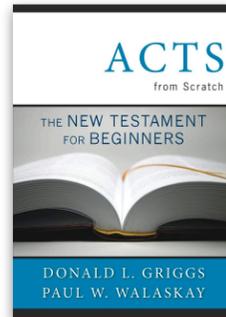
5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom

Next Sunday, April 11

10:30 a.m. Worship Service



THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY



Join us beginning Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom as we delve into the Book of Acts. Acts is all about stories: activities, actions, actors. And with that, the promise that it will never be dull! As always, the reason to study the Bible is not to simply know the facts, but to reflect on how these activities, actions, and actors connect to our 21st century lives.

The book, *Acts from Scratch*, is available in the church office (donated appreciated). Any questions regarding the class or for Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at parishassoc@wpcbc.org.

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