

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship
Third Sunday of Easter
Building Blocks: Recognizing Jesus

April 19, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Please silence your cell phones prior to entering the sanctuary.

†Those who feel comfortable standing may do so.

* Denotes hymn number in pew hymnal. Some lyrics may be different than what is projected on the screens



DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Even if we feel abandoned and alone,

Christ meets us here.

Even when we become lost and disoriented,

Christ rescues us in our need.

Even when our hearts are touched by the frost,

Christ warms our spirits.

Even when all light has faded to black,

Christ illumines our Way.

Here in this house of worship enter, rejoice, and come home.

†HYMN

“Thine Is the Glory”

*No. 310

*Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.*

*Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay. (Refrain)*

*Refrain:
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

*Lo! Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)*

*No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. (Refrain)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION - LINDA - PULPIT

**God of Easter hope, it is easy to dismiss your resurrection miracles
in the world we live in.**

**When we fail to recognize you on the road, speak your enduring
word to us, that our hearts may yearn to know you better.**

**Help us follow our hearts when we meet you on the road
and invite you to stay with us, that our eyes may be opened your
life-giving presence.**

**During times of confusion and doubt, open our eyes to the many
ways you reveal yourself to us, that we may have the confidence to
proclaim the miracle of Easter.**

— A time of Silent Confession —

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Risen with Christ, we are born anew.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

†RESPONSE TO GOD’S GRACE

TUNE OF NO. 22 (ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY)

*Easter people, raise your voices,
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven’s choices;
heavenly music let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.*

†SHARING GOD’S PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

*At this time, children (5th grade and younger) are invited to a
worship experience just for them. The leaders will meet them
at the back of the church following the “Sharing of God’s
Peace” and will bring them back during the offertory.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

WPC HANDBELL CHOIR

"They'll Know We are Christians"

*Arranged by Douglas E. Wagner, based on the hymn tune
ST. BRENDAN'S by Peter Scholtes.*

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-23

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

"Recognizing Jesus"
Rev. Jamie Milton

†HYMN

"Christ Be Beside Me"

*No. 425

*Christ be beside me;
Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me,
King of my heart.
Christ be within me;
Christ be below me;
Christ be above me,
never to part.*

*Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me,
shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping,
Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising,
Light of my life.*

*Christ be in all hearts
thinking about me;
Christ be on all tongues
telling of me.
Christ be the vision
in eyes that see me;
in ears that hear me
Christ ever be.*

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrections of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

WPC HANDBELL AND CHANCEL CHOIRS

"Let Your Light Shine"

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†DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Loving God, receive our thanks and praise.
For your presence on the road, we thank you.
For opening your word to us, we praise you.
For revealing yourself to us in the face of a stranger,
we offer you our deepest gratitude.
May the gifts of our hands reveal the love in our hearts. Amen.**

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

†HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

*No. 426

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. (Refrain)*

(Refrain)

*This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my savior all the day long;
This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 19, 2026

• **NURSERY CARE** is available for infants and toddlers during the worship service. Our nursery is equipped with a paging system. Quality childcare is provided by Elaine Edwards, who is infant/CPR trained.

• **PER CAPITA for 2026 is \$35.00.** Per capita connects Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations and mid councils with the work of the wider church. Per capita is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of moving the church forward in the 21st century. The work of the PC(USA), and in particular the work of the General Assembly, is only possible because members of the church have said they are “all in” and committed to connection through per capita support.

• **YOUTH GROUP DINNERS:** Do you like to cook or bake meals? If yes, then we would love for you to **sign up to help with Youth Dinners for Sunday night youth**

group meetings. If not, there is still a way you can help with dinner. You can choose to provide dinner by providing pizza, chicken tenders, Mac & Cheese or something along those lines. We usually have dinner from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.



You will get a count a couple of days in advance. Please scan the QR code, visit <https://tinyurl.com/bd7hv7u8> or see Leah Sneller to sign up.

• **WOMEN'S CHOIR** will be singing **May 10**. If you would like to participate, please contact choir director Dawn Auger at 989-327-0412. We will practice after church on April 12 and April 19 for 15 minutes. We will also practice before Chancel Choir practices at 6:15 p.m. each Wednesday.

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• **OUR BOOK GROUP** is excited to continue our new reading journey with *The Prayer Box* by Lisa Wingate, a tender and inspiring story about second chances, unexpected grace, and the quiet strength found in a life of faith. **Join us on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Lounge.**

• **GATHERING AND GAMES:** today after worship we'll gather for fellowship and **GAMES!** We've always got some games to choose from, but if you've got one to share, bring it along! Whether you want to play a game with the crowd, or are just looking for an excuse to spend time with some friends and eat, we hope you'll join us.

• **BEING PRESBYTERIAN this evening at 5:30 p.m.:** Have you ever wondered about the significance of the Sacraments in our Reformed tradition? Join us for the next session of our Being Presbyterian class, where we'll explore Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Come learn, ask questions, share experiences, and deepen your appreciation for how the Sacraments enrich our worship and fellowship. All are welcome—bring your curiosity and a friend!

• **MOTHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER:** Presbyterian Women will be hosting its annual Mother's Day Bay Shower on Sunday, May 10 after worship. We will begin collecting donations of baby items beginning Sunday, April 19. On Mother's Day, we will distribute them to organizations that help young mothers in need. Suggested items include: diapers, pacifiers, bibs, blankets, onesies, bath items and towels, socks and clothing, bottles and dishes and toys.

Westminster COMMUNITY PANTRY

Item of the Month: The April "Item of the Month" is packages of dry seasoning mixes like taco or ranch seasoning. This will be something new in the pantry that our guests will love. All donations may be left on the cart outside the pantry door.

A big "Thank You!" to:

• **Heidi's Darn Good Cookies** for the donation of three huge boxes of cookies — a total of over 250 treats! This is a yummy addition to the pantry that is really appreciated by our guests.

• **The students and staff at Kolb Elementary School** for more than 200 boxes of cereal. Our shelves are full of all different kinds of cereal which our guests will love. We really appreciate being a recipient of their recent cereal drive!

It's almost time to plant your garden! Consider planting a little extra to donate to the pantry! Fresh produce is a wonderful addition to our summer

pantry options. All donations are welcomed.

Scan the QR code to visit the pantry Facebook page!



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• **SAVE THE DATE** — **May 17:** Rev. Isaac Chung will be with us for worship!

Following worship will be our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

• **UKELELE GROUP INTEREST:** Hey, Westminster!!! Have you ever wanted to play an instrument? Dawn and Seth are thinking about starting a beginner’s ukulele group. Let one of us know if you are interested in joining! Call Dawn at 989-327-0412 or Seth at 810-288-7710

• **CARING CONNECTIONS:** Come join us on the first Thursday of every month. Our Caring Connections Group is open to the Bay City community, so if you have a friend or neighbor who is dealing with grief, they are welcome to join!

• **WINGS OF PRAYER:** If you have someone you would like to add to our

Wings of Prayer list, please contact Patti Wesenick at 989-737-6844.

• **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** “**Westminster in Worship – Building Blocks: Stories of the Early Church**” highlights foundational commitments of Christian faith during the Great Fifty Days between Easter and Pentecost. Join us for **Sunday morning Bible study at 9:00** or **Thursday evening Zoom study at 7 p.m.**

• **BUNCO PARTY!** Our next Bunco gathering is planned for Tuesday, April 28. Bring your own lunch and we’ll eat together at noon with the fun and games beginning about 12:30 p.m.!

• **LOG DEADLINE:** If you would like to submit any articles, event notices or other items for the May issue of the Westminster Log, please note the deadline for content is this Wednesday, April 22.

Giving to Westminster

There are many ways to share your gifts with Westminster.

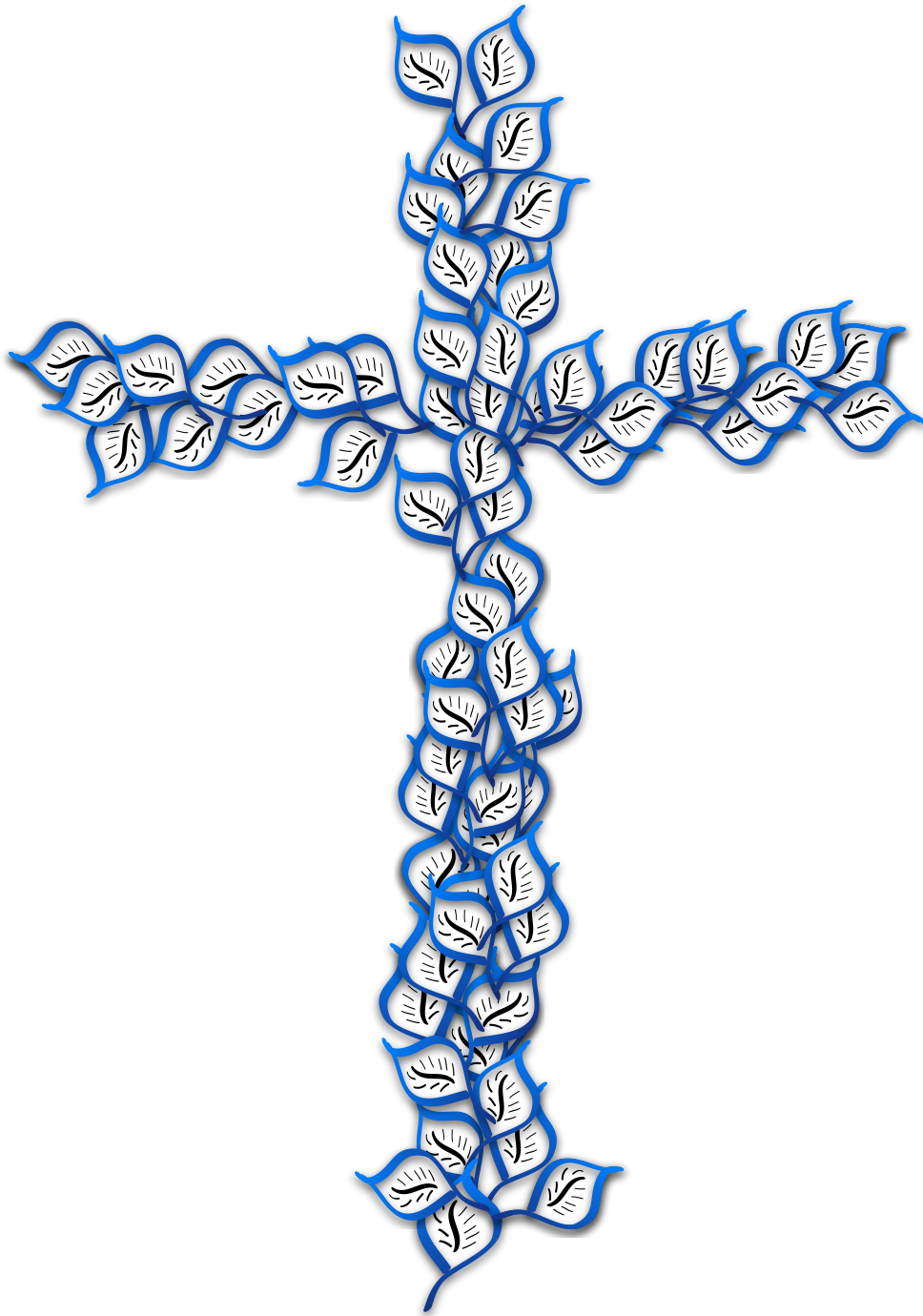
Cash and checks are welcome.

Please use your offering envelopes or the envelopes found in pew backs and place your gift in the offering plate when it is passed. Visit our website www.wpcbc.org and click on the “Give Now” button at the top of the page This will direct you to our Online Giving Portal or simply scan the QR Code. Contributions can also be sent through the mail to the attention of the Church Treasurer. We’re grateful for your gifts, however you choose to give. THANK YOU!

GENERAL FUND	Month to Date thru April 12,	
	2026	Year to Date
Pledges & Other Giving	\$ 23,794	\$ 215,859
One-time Gifts	\$ -	\$ -
Other Cash Received	\$ 460	\$ 3,154
Total Income	\$ 24,254	\$ 219,013
Expenses	\$ 6,866	\$ 114,699
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 17,388	\$ 104,314

Budgeted expense total for 2026 is \$467,000.





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