

Westminster At Worship

Sacrament of Baptism

April 11, 2021

10:30 a.m.



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, walk in the light.

People: We walk together as children of light and love.

Leader: Come, gather in the love of God.

People: We gather together as children of light and love.

Leader: Come, live in the unity of God's Holy Spirit.

People: We live together as children of light and love.

MUSIC

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven"

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us.

Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name.

— Silent Prayer —

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We have an advocate with God — Jesus Christ, the righteous one — who offered his life in love to save the world from sin. This is the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

First Lesson

1 John 1:1-2:2

1 We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— **2** this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— **3** we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. **4** We are writing these things so that our[a] joy may be complete. **5** This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. **6** If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; **7** but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. **8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; **2** and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Second Lesson

Acts 4:32-35

32 Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. **33** With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. **34** There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. **35** They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

SERMON

"A Resurrected Community"

Rev. Jamie Milton

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Questions for the Parents

Congregational Response

Elder: Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Astrid by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of this church?

People: We do.

Renunciations

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Elder: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth..

Elder: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Elder: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

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

THE BAPTISM

THE WELCOME

Elder: Astrid has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: With Joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

†SHARING GOD’S PEACE

Elder: Grateful for the promises we share in our Baptism, let us share the peace of Christ with one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Elder: Let us take a moment to greet one another with a sign of God’s peace.

MUSIC

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Wendy Tally

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for light and life and love, and — above all — the presence of the living Lord among us. By your Spirit who breathes within us, strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives to bear witness to the resurrection of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"We Have Seen a Risen Lord"

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Let your life be a sign of Christ's life so that others may come to believe that the Lord is risen indeed.

May the God of love keep you in grace through Jesus Christ, our savior and eternal life, and comfort you in the Holy Spirit that you will be his witness and light in this world. Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 11, 2021

FLOWERS today are given by Judy Randall in memory of her husband, John.

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.

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.

DEBORAH CIRCLE: Ladies, you are invited! The Deborah Circle will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. Contact Darlene Kusterer or the church office for Zoom information.

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

This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, April 11, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, April 12

6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting

Tuesday, April 13

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Spiritual Growth Meeting

Wednesday, April 14

1:00 p.m. The Wired Word via Zoom

8:00 p.m. Worship Committee

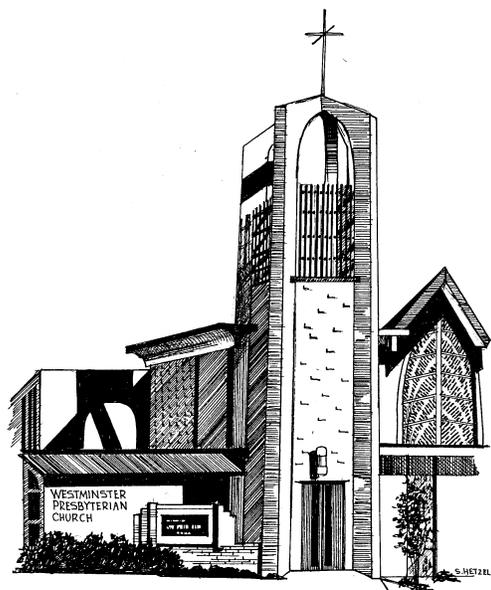
Thursday, April 15

5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom

Next Sunday, April 18

10:30 a.m. Worship Service



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Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

lunch 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

