

BLESSINGS

ON THE ONE WHO COMES IN
THE NAME OF THE LORD

MARK 11:9

PALM SUNDAY
March 25, 2018

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Palm Sunday

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11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: *O Lamb of God*

J S Bach

WESTMINSTER CHIMES - Striking the Hour

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pix Mahler, Clerk of Session

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

People: Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,

Leader: humble and riding on a donkey,

People: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

*HYMN NO. 88 - *All-Glory, Laud, and Honor* - VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ashley Thulin

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

UNISON

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let today's palms be reminders of his victory and grant that we who carry them may follow him. Help us to see in the Messiah on his way to the cross, the Savior of the world. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are sometimes as fickle as the Jerusalem crowd. Sometimes our faith is more show than substance. We confess that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive, heal and receive us as your own.

(Here each worshipper offers silent, personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Liturgist

Leader: Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

People: The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

Leader: Friends, trust the good news of the Gospel that you are forgiven.

People: God answers us and sets us free. In Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*THE GLORIA PATRI

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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

FIRST READING: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *Draw Nigh to Thy Jerusalem*

George B. Clark

*Draw nigh Thy to Jerusalem, O Lord, Thy faithful people cry with one accord:
Ride on in triumph; Lord, behold, we lay our passions, lusts and proud wills in Thy way!*

*Thy road is ready, and Thy paths, made straight, with longing expectation seem to wait.
The consecration of Thy beauteous feet, and silently thy promised advent greet!*

*Hosanna! Welcome to our hearts, for here Thou hast a temple, too, as Zion dear;
O enter in, dear Lord, unbar the door and in that temple dwell for evermore. Amen.*

SECOND READING: Mark 11:1-11
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, O Christ.

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SERMON: "In Every Experience . . . See the Lord and Be Thankful."
George C. Goodman

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed* (Traditional, page 14)

*HYMN NO. 91 *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* ST. DROSTANE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Please take a moment to share Christ's peace with those near you.)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

*HYMN NO. 93 *Ah, Holy Jesus* HERZLIEBSTER JESU

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

(*Standing for those who are able.)

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

March 25 – April 1, 2018

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We welcome all who worship with us today at Westminster Presbyterian Church, and we invite you to join us as we celebrate the difference God's grace is making in our lives.

Sunday, March 25	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Children's Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship - <u>PALM SUNDAY</u> Covered-dish luncheon
Monday, March 26	12:00 p.m.	<u>Lunch Bunch at Charley's</u>
Wednesday, March 28		Sounds of Music Ticket Deadline
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	5:30 p.m.	WPC Wellness & Fellowship
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 29	<u>6:00 p.m.</u>	<u>MAUNDAY THURSDAY SERVICE</u> Dinner 6:00 p.m. Communion 7:00 p.m.
Friday, March 30		Good Friday - Church Office Closed!
Sunday, April 1	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship- <u>EASTER SUNDAY</u> Baptism & Communion

This Week: March 25, 2018

Adult Sunday School: Ashley Thulin
Children's Sunday School: Martha Wilson
Fellowship: Cary & Robert Roberts
Acolyte: Chris Harris
Liturgist: Mary Sue Childress
Ushers: Richard Mahler & Robert Roberts
Nursery: Holly O'Brien & Nicole Reed

Next Week: April 1, 2018

Adult Sunday School: Kathleen Smith
Children's Sunday School: Martha Wilson
Fellowship: Joe & Lucy Slette
Acolyte: Jerry Ferguson
Liturgist: Richard Mahler
Ushers: Jane & Jimmy Reed
Nursery: Holly O'Brien & Valerie Harris
COMMUNION: Preparers: Hoags
Servers: Cary Roberts, Julia Crim,
Mike Harris

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - We welcome John Evans and Jeff Evans to our church family today. Jeff is the husband and John is the father in-law of Sharee Evans. We are excited about having you in our family, and we look forward to getting to know you better.

Meetings & Events this week:

- Mon., March 26- Lunch Bunch at Charley's at 12:00 noon
- Wed., March 28- WPC Wellness & Fellowship at 5:30 p.m.
- Thur., March 29- Maundy Thursday with supper 6:00 p.m., Communion at 7:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR COMING EVENTS:

Sun., April 1- Christian Education Committee Meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Sun., April 1- Easter Sunday – Worship, Baptism, & Communion

Mon., April 2- Church Office Closed for Easter Holiday

Mon., April 9- PW Circle with covered-dish lunch

Tues., April 10- Stewardship & Finance Committee at 4:15 p.m.

Wed., April 11- WPC Wellness & Fellowship at 5:30 p.m.

Sun., April 15- Worship & Music committee at 9:30 a.m.

Sun., April 15- Outreach & Evangelism Committee at 12:15 p.m.

Sun., April 15- Session Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Wed., April 18- WPC Wellness & Fellowship at 5:30 p.m.

Wed., April 25- WPC Wellness & Fellowship at 5:30 p.m.

Sat., April 28- Sounds of the Mountains Trip

Mon., April 30- Lunch Bunch at Charley's at 12:00 noon

Palm Sunday Procession and Luncheon – Following our Palm Sunday worship today there will be a presentation of palms by our youth who will lead us out of the Sanctuary into the Fellowship Hall with Palms. After the procession, we will enjoy our Annual Palm Sunday Luncheon in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited!

Easter Lilies – Once again, we will be ordering lilies to place in our sanctuary for Easter Sunday. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. The cost is \$7.00 per lily. Deadline is March 27th. As always, you can take your lily home with you after the Easter worship service on April 1st. Thanks.



EVANGALINE LILY THULIN - will be baptized next Sunday on Easter Sunday, April 1st. Evangaline is the daughter of Ashley & Byron Thulin, sister of Aiden Andrew Thulin, and granddaughter of Mike & Linda Harris.

✠ SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018**

Little Free Library - The Little Free Library at WPC has two stations – one in the side yard, and one in the Narthex in the beautiful model of WPC’s building. You are encouraged to borrow books from either place – or even from the donations box. We thank everyone who has donated books! We love to see books circulating!

Remember These and Others in Prayer

- *Family of Becky Maxey
- *Sylvia Knowles
- *Family of Starke Sydnor
- *Sarah Goldenberg Fraher
- *Family of Grace Sydnor
- *Valerie Harris’ cousin’s little boy, Nolan, three years old, and very ill
- *Westminster’s Homebound
- *Men and women serving in the military & their families
- *John Evans, Sharee Evans’, father in-law, fell this past week with a few bruises
- *Pastor Kristi & family
- *Betsy Jamerson
- *Marian Viar & family
- *Hugh & Maymie Keys
- *Helen Ross
- *David Oliver
- *Louise Motley
- *Helen Hester
- *Jonathan Campbell, Julia Crim’s grandson

Sounds of the Mountains – Storytelling and Music Festival at Camp Bethel will be on April 27th & 28th. Storytelling Saturday, April 28, 2018. Interested in going? Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office. *Early bird prices until March 31st. If we have 12 or more, group discount of 10% applies. **We would love to take the church bus, but we will need a driver. Can you volunteer to drive the bus?** If you can drive, please contact Martha Wilson. The cost per adult, if ordered before March 31st, is \$22. Ages 4-17 is \$11. Tickets will ordered on March 28th. Make checks payable to Martha Wilson. Come join us for great day of fun. Sign up today!