



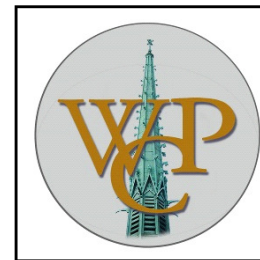
# CHIMES - April 2025

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*“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.’”  
John 11: 25-26a*

*When I think of resurrection, I think of the grass buds spouting, or the flowers starting to peak their heads above the ground. Of course, this is the result of us living in the northern hemisphere. We’ve just survived the winter months, and it was a harsher winter than in previous memories, and with spring that has begun to show its lovely spirit full of flowers and green grass, we are reminded of rebirth and new life.*

*The power of what happened on that Easter morning years ago is the power of letting go for something new to be reborn. In order for Jesus to be resurrected, in order for Mary to confuse the risen Lord for the gardener, in order for her excitement to spread throughout the disciples as they anticipated seeing the risen Lord in person, Jesus had to die first. Be-*

*fore we celebrated the joy of Easter, we had to travel with him through the depth of pain that was Good Friday. With Jesus’ resurrection from the cross, with the new life that he gives us, we must let our old lives go, in order to be transformed into something more amazing than we could ever imagine. Jesus is the resurrection and the life, in him and him alone we have new life; we are made into a new Creation (as the Apostle Paul states). But we can’t fully claim this new identity if we’re hanging on to the past, if we’re stubbornly thinking that we want the best of both worlds. That’s the selfish mentality the world desires us to think, that what we are apart from God is not obtainable with God, so never let go of it. The opposite though is the truth, that who we are as children of God who believe in God who believe in the resurrection, is even greater than who we are when we are apart from God. My prayer for you and your family this Easter is that you allow the power of Jesus’ resurrection to take over your life, to allow the miracle of this day to wake you up, to allow it to give you the power to let go of whatever you know that needs to die in your life, in order for Jesus to rise it up, to make it new. “Because He lives, all fear is gone, because I know he holds the future; that life is worth the living, because He lives.”*

*Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!*

*In Christ’s Love,  
Pastor Shawn*

*Image Above: Artist – Nerius. Bologna, Italy 1320. “Scenes from Easter”*



**Lenten Devotionals Are  
Still Available!**

**There are Lenten Devotional booklets available for pick-up outside the office and in the Narthex. Spend time with the Lord our God in reflection for the days and nights prior to the Joyful Celebration of Easter!**

**Wedding!**

Saturday, April 19th, at 4:30 PM, Carter Broocks and Kyle Miller would like to invite you to the joyous celebration of their nuptials! Afterword, there will be a light repast of lemonade and cookies.

New life beginning in this season—

**Praise Be To God!**

**Holy Week  
April 13th-20th**

**Sunday:** We begin Holy Week on Palm Sunday, April 13th. There will be a covered dish luncheon after the 11:00 Worship Service.

**Thursday:** On Thursday, April 17th, we will have a dinner before the Maundy Thursday service. Soup and sandwiches will begin at 5 PM. The service will begin at 6 PM. Communion will be distributed during the service.

**Friday:** Good Friday. There will be a short service on Friday, April 18th, at 12 noon, to acknowledge the ultimate sacrifice of our Savior, Jesus Christ, as he died on the cross.

**Sunday:** Easter! We celebrate the victory of the empty tomb on Sunday, April 20th!

## **Easter Sunday**

Easter is on Sunday, April 20th this year. We invite you to come worship and celebrate our Risen Lord with us that day!

There will be Easter activities for little ones in the Prayer Garden at 10 AM.

Following the 11 o'clock Worship Service, all congregants will be given flowers to place on the cross in the courtyard to show the world that death has no power over our Savior, Jesus Christ!

**Hallelujah! He Is Risen Indeed!**





# Lynchburg Daily Bread

An Expression of love

## Here is a list of the top 10 needs for Donation:

1. Protein, especially ground beef, chicken, and hams. (We would even take a whole cow and pay to have it processed).
2. Large #10 cans of veggies—green beans, carrots, and apples are especially loved.
3. 55 gallon trash bags
4. Plastic forks and spoons
5. Cleaning supplies such as dish detergent, bathroom cleaner, wipes, kitchen cleaner, etc.
6. Rolls of paper towels
7. Paper napkins
8. Instant mashed potatoes
9. Salad dressing (any kind)
10. Salt free seasonings, herbs, Mrs. Dash, oregano, pepper

## Groups Projects

1. Make PB&Js to-go. We love giving out PB&J sandwiches that guests can use for dinner or snacks.
2. Put together plasticware bundles—we are always in need of plastic forks (spoons are appreciated, but not required). We'd love your group to "roll" a fork in a napkin for quick distribution at our serving windows.
3. Build a trail mix. Have group members bring various ingredients and create something delicious.
4. Break down bulk cereal into baggies. We can provide this as a quick to-go item for breakfast.
5. Bake nutritious bread, such as banana or zucchini.

**Please drop off donations from 6:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. any day of the week. We are not able to receive your donations after 12:30 P.M.**

Dear Lord,

please help fill  
the poor like you  
blest the loaves of  
bread and fish all  
the thousands of years  
ago.

Amen

Aidan.



THE JAMES D. & HELEN YORK J. TAYLOR  
ORGAN CONCERT SERIES  
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**PROGRAM**

*Trio No. 1 in C Minor, Op. 8*    *Dimitri Shostakovich*    1906-1975

*Trio No. 39 in G Major*    *Franz Joseph Haydn*    1732-1809  
III.    *Rondo all'Ongarese*

**INTERMISSION**

*Trio in B-Flat Major, Op. 97*    *Ludwig van Beethoven*    1770-1827

*Allegro moderato*  
*Scherzo (allegro)*  
*Andante cantabile, ma pero con moto*  
*Allegro moderato*

Ari Evan, *Cello*  
Noémi Szigeti Lec, *Piano*  
Virgil Moore, II, *Violin*

**AN EVENING OF  
PIANO TRIOS**  
Saturday, March 15, 7:00 P.M.

This is the gallery photo and a picture of the reception table from the Taylor Concert that took place on March 15, 2025. The concert was well attended and everyone was well fed. A lovely evening for all.

A photo of our new stove, which was gifted to the church recently. It is a thoughtful gift and a very helpful addition to our hospitality events.



# April 2025

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue | Wed  | Thu | Fri | Sat  |
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|   |  | 1   | 2  | 3   | 4   | 5<br>Blessing Place Event<br>9:00—11:30 A.M.   |
| 6 5th Sunday in Lent<br>Communion<br>Scripture: Isa. 43:16-21 and Ps. 126;<br>Phil. 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8<br>Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska<br>Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson<br>Ushers: Daniele & Allen Hamblen<br>Counters: Hoc Hughes, Joe Slette<br>Liturgist: Mary Sue Childress<br>Communion Prep: Irene Hoag<br>Communion Servers: | 7<br>Westminster Canterbury<br>Lunch Bunch 12:00 | 8   | 9  | 10  | 11  | 12   |
| 13 Palm Sunday<br>Scripture: Luke 19:28-40 and Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29; Isa. 50:4-9a; and Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11;<br>Luke 22:4-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49<br>Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska<br>Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson<br>Ushers: Wilbur Duncan, Jimmy Reed<br>Counters: Joe Slette, Hoc Hughes<br>Liturgist: Joe Slette                 | 14<br>PW Meets at 11:00 with a luncheon after    | 15  | 16   | 17  | 18  | 19<br>Carter Brooks &<br>Kyle's Wedding 4:30<br>PM w/ light reception after in Fellowship Hall |
| 20 Easter Sunday<br>Scripture: Acts 10:34-43 or Isa. 65:17-25, and Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; John. 20:-18; or Luke 24:1-12<br>Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska<br>Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson<br>Ushers: Ann Allen,<br>Counters: Hoc Hughes<br>Liturgist  | 21   | 22  | 23<br>Session meets 5:15 P.M.                  | 24  | 25  | 26<br>Blessing Place Event<br>10:00—11:30 A.M.   |
| 27 2nd Sunday of Easter<br>Scripture: Acts. 5:27-32 and Ps. 118:14-29, or Ps 150 or 2 Kings Cor. 7: 1-16; and Ps. 2; Rev. 1:4-8; John 20:19-31<br>Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska<br>Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson<br>Ushers:<br>Counters:<br>Liturgist:   | 28   | 29  | 30<br>Free Clinic<br>Board Meeting @ 8:00 A.M. | 31  |     |  |

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Apr. 6th 5th Sunday in Lent**

**Communion**

Scripture: Isa. 43:16-21 and Ps. 126; Phil. 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson

Ushers:

Counters: Hoc Hughes,

Liturgist: Mary Sue Childress

Communion: Communion Prep: Irene Hoag

**Apr.13th Palm Sunday**

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40 and Ps. 118:1-2,19-29; Isa. 50:4-9a; and Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11: Luke 22:4-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson

Ushers:

Counters:

Liturgist:

**Apr. 20th Easter Sunday**

Scripture: Acts 10:34-43 or Isa. 65:17-25, and Ps. 118:1-2,14-24; 1 Cor.15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; John. 20:-18; or Luke 24:1-12

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson

Ushers: Ann Allen,

Counters: Hoc Hughes

Liturgist

**Apr. 27th 2nd Sunday of Easter**

Scripture: Acts. 5:27-32 and Ps.118:14-29, or Ps 150 or 2 Kings Cor. 7: 1-16; and Ps. 2; Rev. 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson

Ushers:

Counters:

Liturgist: