

# CHIMES - March 2026

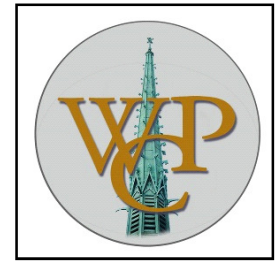


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“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.” **Isaiah**

*Photo Caption: Sower went out to sow, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, Tenn.*

For the past 100 years, here in this place, God’s Word has been proclaimed.

For the past 100 years, here on this corner of 11 th and Floyd, God’s love has been shown and lived out.

For the past 100 years, out of the church with the tall steeple reaching out to the heavens above Lynchburg, God’s mercy and grace have been offered.

For the past 100 years, God’s Word has accomplished that which it was intended to do, bring light into darkness, awaken souls to the love of God, welcome all who want to hear into the loving arms of God and into a welcoming community of faith.

What a joy it will be later this month to see familiar faces and even new faces as we give God all the glory and thanks for these past 100 years here on College Hill!

March will be a full month – we’ll begin with communion on March 1st along with ordination of a newly elected elder; we’ll celebrate our 100 th anniversary on March 22nd , and then on Palm Sunday, March 29 th , we hope to welcome even more people officially into the membership of this historically loving and welcoming community.

I can’t wait to see you all during this celebratory month.

Peace,

Pastor Shawn

# Westminster Service Roll For God and Country

Wallace H. Clark, Jr.	Sept. 16, 1940
H. Hawes Coleman	Sept. 16, 1940
A. Calvin Erank	Sept. 16, 1940
F. David Hillsman, Jr.	Sept. 16, 1940
Lloyd D. Jordan	Sept. 16, 1940
Addison P. Marsh, Jr.	Sept. 16, 1940
F. Preston Patterson, Jr.	Sept. 16, 1940
Malcolm H. Sudnor	Sept. 16, 1940
Walther P. Sudnor	Sept. 16, 1940
Gentry H. Plunkett, Jr.	Nov. 25, 1940
Edwin A. Nicholson	Dec. 12, 1940
J. McDonald Harvey	Mar. 19, 1941
C. Carroll Woolwine	Mar. 21, 1941
J. Matt Williams	June 24, 1941
Victor E. Cucher	Aug. 21, 1941
James T. Ford	Nov. 3, 1941
James P. Taylor	Nov. 5, 1941
Adolphe S. Bachal, Jr.	Jan. 15, 1942
William M. Bachal	Jan. 30, 1942
Joseph B. Keihirh	Feb. 1, 1942
William A. Chipley	Feb. 27, 1942
James B. Tauson	Apr. 8, 1941
William L. Jefferson, Jr.	Apr. 3, 1942
James K. Smith, Jr.	Jan. 6, 1942
P. Kirby Henry	Sept. 10, 1940
Claude H. Kinawles	May 11, 1942
Leroy W. Hunter	June 7, 1942
G. Carter Wheeler	June 15, 1942
H. McMuray Palmer	June 18, 1942
G. Cabell Coleman	Oct. 3, 1942
E. Q. Wheeler	Oct. 12, 1942
F. Bruce Harvey	May 31, 1942
H. Home Ballinger	Sept. 30, 1942
March J. Overstreet	Oct. 14, 1942
William P. Palmer	Nov. 11, 1942
Eugene D. Campbell	Nov. 11, 1942
William P. Armstrong	Nov. 12, 1942
Herbert F. Bullock	Nov. 21, 1942
James W. Morrisette	Nov. 10, 1942
Richard C. Nicholson	Nov. 25, 1942
William M. Kerrin	Dec. 31, 1942
Robert H. Fix	Jan. 11, 1943
Arthur W. Ward	Jan. 20, 1943
Robert D. Taylor	Feb. 11, 1943
J. Forbes Michson	Feb. 15, 1943
Phillip H. Michson	Feb. 23, 1943
George W. Gross	Mar. 8, 1943
Sam H. Weigand	Mar. 11, 1943
Oscar B. Fix	Mar. 11, 1943
Napoleon A. Jefferson	Mar. 11, 1943
Clarence S. Beams, Jr.	Mar. 12, 1943
John H. Gross	Mar. 16, 1943
Zeneth H. Lawless	Feb. 7, 1943
Albert S. Kester, II	April 5, 1943
John A. Slocum, Jr.	April 5, 1943
Warren E. Mason	April 5, 1943
W. Burnell Smith	Oct. 28, 1942
Phillip H. Casey	Mar. 19, 1943
Herman H. Shuckell	April 12, 1943
Henry S. Mosby	April 28, 1943
James L. Hogan	May 7, 1943
Robert H. Booth	May 7, 1943
Stanford A. Connor	May 10, 1943
J. Richard Spiv	May 10, 1943
Langley H. Wood	Mar. 12, 1943
Robert U. Gorden	May 31, 1943
W. Massie Loving	May 31, 1943
G. Clark Jefferson	June 30, 1943
Richard J. Sull	July 1, 1943
E. Carl Overstreet	Feb. 13, 1943
Bernard H. Crouch	Mar. 9, 1943
W. Drum Holston, Jr.	June 28, 1943
James H. Holt, Jr.	July 12, 1943
Elizabeth W. DeGland	May 25, 1943
Frances A. Williams	Sept. 1, 1943
J. W. S. Smiley	Feb. 28, 1943
Kecil W. Taylor	Sept. 1, 1943
Chas. H. Mosley, Jr.	July 13, 1943
Malcolm W. Hillman	Oct. 17, 1943
John E. Cucher	May 17, 1943
Wally H. Hanson	Oct. 4, 1943
Stanford H. Peters	Oct. 4, 1943
A. Hindsal Sudnor	Oct. 4, 1943
Clark H. Wood, Jr.	Oct. 15, 1943
Chas. H. Faltmer	Oct. 15, 1943
Clude H. Ward, Jr.	Sept. 27, 1943
Joseph F. Wright	Nov. 12, 1943
John H. Andrews	June 28, 1943
Chas. H. Heatham	Jan. 20, 1943
Alfred Charles Johnson	
Walter B. Price	April 10, 1943
Samuel H. Price	May 15, 1943
Jack Randolph Price	June 18, 1943
Henry A. Pearson, Jr.	Dec. 30, 1943
F. Howard H. Young	Dec. 30, 1943
Chas. P. Hunt, III	Mar. 10, 1943
Quinton H. Overman, Jr.	Dec. 28, 1943
Frederick G. Sudnor	Dec. 28, 1943
Philip A. Neal	Feb. 11, 1944
Steward H. Lockhart	Feb. 21, 1944
William H. Synar	Feb. 22, 1944
Chas. Owen Spive, Jr.	Mar. 6, 1944
Richard W. Greenwood	Feb. 22, 1944
Richard W. Greenwood	Feb. 23, 1943

# CENTENNIAL 1926-2026

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

Our Centennial Celebration!

Save the Date: March 22, 2026

## CALLING ALL WPC VETERANS!!

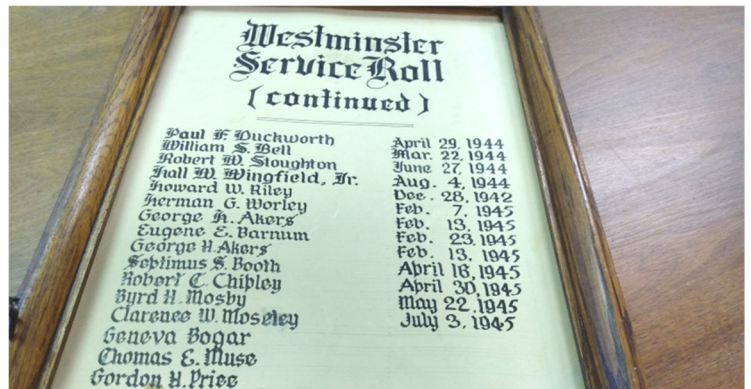
Thanks to everyone for your support of the new Legacy/Ladies Bible Study and Bridal Room. ( yes there is space for it all!)

Just as this remarkable space is serving more than one function, the remarkable members of this congregation have served and are serving this country. **We would like to continue to recognize all by adding to Westminster's Service Roll.**

**Please help us by submitting names and dates of your service or that of others to the church's email address or leave a note on the secretary's desk.**

With warm regards,

Angela Hart





*Please remember our homebound members.*

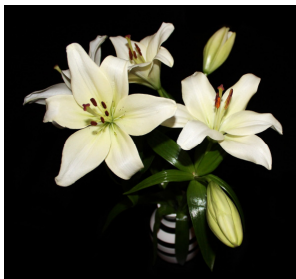
**March Birthdays**

- 1 Peyton Morse
- 2 Evangaline Thulin
- 5 Christopher Harrs
- 14 Jimmy Reed
- 19 Jennifer Allen
- 19 Stephanie Lescault
- 21 Jonathan Allen
- 21 Linda Williams
- 23 Jacob Reed
- 24 Phil Rolison

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* Kathleen Smith		Queen Webb	* * * * *
* Westminster Canterbury		C/O The Summit	* * * * *
* 501 VES Rd, H-429		1300 Enterprise Dr.	* * * * *
* Lynchburg, VA 24503		Lynchburg, VA 24502	* * * * *
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* Maymie Keys		Doris Hailey	* * * * *
* R&P at Liberty Ridge		209 Woodland Avenue	* * * * *
* 30 Monica Blvd. Unit 305		Lynchburg, VA	* * * * *
* Lynchburg, VA 24502		24501-2127	* * * * *
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* Eloise Peters		Barbara Taylor	* * * * *
* Westminster Canterbury		R&P at Liberty Ridge	* * * * *
* 501 VES Rd, H-428		30 Monica Blvd. Unit 344	* * * * *
* Lynchburg VA 24503		Lynchburg, Va. 24502	* * * * *
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* Sylvia Viar		Becky Maxey	* * * * *
* 15 John Rucker Drive		57 Beech Avenue	* * * * *
* Ruckersville, VA 22968		Hamilton, NJ 08610	* * * * *
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* Please pray for Nancy Duncan and Joe Slette.			* * * * *
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**Purchase Easter Lilies Now!**

**We will again offer Easter Lily purchases from now until Easter Sunday. If you would like an Easter Lily to take home after the Easter Sunday Service in April, please sign up and pay for your lily or lilies prior to Palm Sunday. Once they are picked up, we will set them out to decorate the stage in the Sanctuary from Palm Sunday to Easter. They are always extremely fragrant and beautiful! Don't miss out!**



**100 Years of Westminster at 11th & Floyd!**

In spring of 2026, we will celebrate Westminster Presbyterian Church being here, in Lynchburg, Va, at 11th & Floyd, for 100 years!

In preparation for that incredible event, Angela Hart, our congregation Historian, is working on refurbishing the Legacy History room. It has been moved upstairs into what was once the Ladies Bible Study Room, behind the Fellowship Hall, for ease of access and enjoyment. There is still much to do to catalogue and artfully display all the incredible pieces of history we have hidden away here at WPC.

**If you would care to donate to this cause, please write checks to WPC with "Legacy Room Refurbishment" on the MEMO line of your check.**

# Super Bowl of Caring: Chili Cookoff 2026



Thank you to all of our many chili makers and those who came to taste and vote! We were well fed on Sunday, February 15th, enjoying chili with toppings and yummy desserts! We raised over \$150 for Meals on Wheels.



Congrats to Russ Lescault, our 2026 Chili Cookoff Champ!




Below is a short history of how his family came up with the chili recipe. He also included the recipe itself and some incredible family photos. Thank you, Russ, for sharing this with us!




**Aunt Bun's Chili - The Evolution of a Family Recipe**


This 'family' recipe started sometime in the 1890s when my great-grandmother, Mamie Omega Clary was a young girl in the Oklahoma Territory. She grew up in a sod house on a small farm with four sisters and two brothers. At that time the recipe was called "cowboy beans," because the ingredients were cheap and plentiful (pinto beans, chili powder and bits of beef). Later, after she married and became Mrs. McNeff, she fed the cowboys beans to her husband and their two young daughters during the Depression. My great Aunt Bernadine (Aunt Bun), later changed the recipe to a Chili recipe using canned beans instead of dried beans and hamburger instead of cuts of beef.



Mamie Omega Clary McNeff (1885-1972)



Clary Girls



Lois Bernadine McNeff Trigg (1905-1994)

Chili Con Carne (Aunt Bun)		Changes Made in 2025
4 C. chopped onions	3 C. water	12 oz of Beer and 12 oz of Water
2 cloves garlic, minced	2 cans pinto beans	36 oz of cooked Pinto beans
2 Tbs. bacon drippings	2 tsp. ground cumin	1 Tablespoon of Flour
2 lbs. ground beef	2 Tbs. flour	2 Tablespoons of Worcestershire sauce
1 Tbs. salt	2 Tbs. water	
1 Tbs. chili powder	1 tsp. adobo	
(1) Sauté onions and garlic in bacon drippings in large frying pan for 10 min. Add ground beef; cook, breaking meat up with a fork, until it loses its red color & add adobo. Stir in salt, chili powder, & water; simmer 45 min. (2) Stir in beans and ground cumin; blend flour & water in cup until smooth; stir into mixture & simmer 1 hour.		

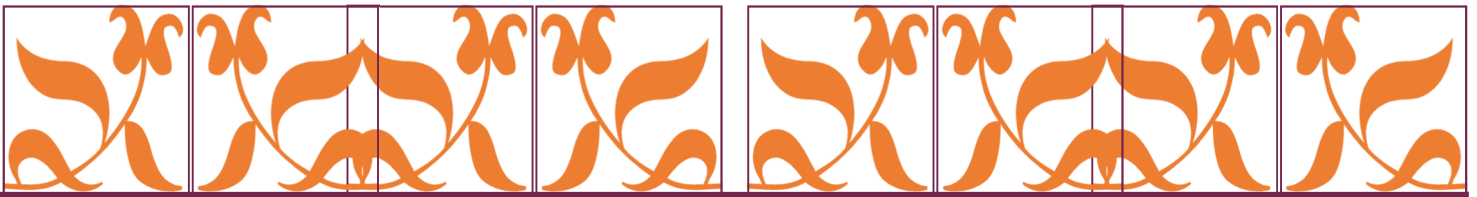


## Keeping a Holy Lent

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, and Rev. Shawn lead two services, one at 12:15 PM and one at 5:15 PM to imbue the ashes of last year's palms. Both were very moving services that help the congregation get mentally and spiritually prepared for the reflection that should continue throughout the Lenten Season, leading right up to Holy Week and the celebration of our Lord and Savior's Resurrection.

Rev. Shawn again distributed paper and pencil for the congregation to confess their sins individually, privately. Then he invited the congregants to bring their written confessions up to the front where each person could send their paper through the shredder. This is a traditions that visually emphasizes the forgiveness of our sins by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Afterward, our youth will turn these shreds into new paper, used for Blessing Cards that are sent out to our congregation's homebound. This practice illustrates how the Lord takes our confessed sins, our repentance, and uses them to make us new.

Any extra cards are set in the Board Room for anyone to take and use. Please stop by the Board Room if you are in need of a card or want to see what our confessions have been transformed!



Holy Week begins:

**Sunday, March 29, with Palm Sunday.** The children will lead our congregation from the Sanctuary into the Fellowship Hall for our Luncheon.



**Thursday, April 2, Maundy Thursday.** Soup and Sandwich dinner will start at 5:00 PM and the service will begin at 6:00 PM.

**Friday, April 3, Good Friday Service.**

**Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday.** Easter Egg Hunt in the Prayer Garden at 10:00 AM. Easter Service begins at 11:00 AM.



# March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b> 2nd Sunday in Lent                      Scripture: Gen. 12:1-4a and Ps.121; Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 or Matt. 17:1-9</p> <p>Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska                      Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson                      Ushers: Ashley &amp; Aidan Thulin                      Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler                      Liturgist: Byron Thulin  <b>Communion Prep.: Irene Hoag</b>  <b>Communion Servers: Chris Harris, Sharee Evans, Ashley Thulin</b></p>	<p><b>2</b>                      Lunch Bunch @11:30</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> 	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8</b> 3rd Sunday in Lent                      Scripture: Ex. 17:1-7 and Ps.95; Rom. 5:1-11; John 4:5-42</p> <p>Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska                      Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson                      Ushers: Joe &amp; Lucy Slette                      Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler                      Liturgist: Ashley Thulin  <b>Session meets @ 9:00 a.m.</b>  <b>Worship &amp; Music Meeting at 12:15 PM</b></p>	<p><b>9</b>                      PW Circle at                      Westminster Canterbury</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b> 4th Sunday in Lent                      Scripture: 1 Sam. 16:1-13 and Ps. 23; Eph. 5:8-14; John 9:1-41</p> <p>Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska                      Acolyte: Angela Hart                      Ushers: Wilbur Duncan &amp; Jeff Evans                      Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler                      Liturgist: Mary Sue Childress</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b>                      St Patrick's Day  </p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b>                      First Day of Spring</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b> 5th Sunday in Lent                      Scripture: Ezek. 37:1-14 and Ps. 130; Rom. 8:6-11; John 11:1-45</p> <p>Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska                      Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson                      Ushers: Carter &amp; Kyle Miller                      Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler                      Liturgist: Pix Mahler  <b>100 Year Anniversary Service</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b> Palm Sunday (Holy Week begins)                      Scripture: Palms: Matt 21:1-11 and Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29                      Passion: Isa. 50:4-9a and Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; 26:14-27:66 or Matt 27:11-54</p> <p>Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska                      Acolyte: Rachel Harris:                      Ushers: Chris &amp; Val Harris                      Liturgist: Aidan Thulin                      Counters: Hoc Hughes &amp; Pix Mahler  <b>Luncheon Following Service</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b>                      Maundy Thursday                      Dinner at 5PM                      Service at 6PM</p>	<p><b>3</b>                      Good Friday Service</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>

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LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA 24501



## **March 1** 2nd Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Gen. 12:1-4a and Ps.121; Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 or Matt. 17:1-9

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska  
Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson  
Ushers: Ashley & Aidan Thulin  
Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler  
Liturgist: Byron Thulin  
Communion Prep.: Irene Hoag  
Communion Servers: Chris Harris, Sharee Evans, Ashley Thulin

## **March 8** 3rd Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Ex. 17:1-7 and Ps.95; Rom. 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska  
Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson  
Ushers: Joe & Lucy Slette  
Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler  
Liturgist: Ashley Thulin

## **Session Meeting 9AM**

**Worship & Music Meeting 12:15PM**

## **March 15** 4th Sunday in Lent

Scripture: 1 Sam. 16:1-13 and Ps. 23; Eph. 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska  
Acolyte: Angela Hart  
Ushers: Wilbur Duncan & Jeff Evans  
Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler  
Liturgist: Mary Sue Childress

## **March 22** 5th Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Ezek. 37:1-14 and Ps. 130; Rom. 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska  
Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson  
Ushers: Carter & Kyle Miller  
Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler  
Liturgist: Pix Mahler

## **March 29** Palm Sunday (Holy Week begins)

Scripture: *Palms:* Matt 21:1-11 and Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29  
*Passion:* Isa. 50:4-9a and Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; 26:14-27:66 or Matt 27:11-54

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska  
Acolyte: Rachel Harris  
Ushers: Chris & Val Harris  
Liturgist: Aidan Thulin  
Counters: Hoc Hughes & Pix Mahler