



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WE WORSHIP WITH TRADITION • WE CONNECT AS A CHURCH FAMILY • WE ENGAGE IN MISSION • WE RAISE 21ST CENTURY DISCIPLES

A Warm Welcome to All!

We seek to be an inclusive church,
and to show love and compassion in many ways.
If you are new to Westminster, join us for **coffee and donuts**
in The Commons (gym across the hall from the Sanctuary)
after worship service.

If you'd like to become more connected, please contact
Pastors Scott Paczkowski or Meghan Davis-Brass at 515-274-1534.



Livestream Camera Reminder

Please know, if you are seated in the pews on the first floor
there is a possibility that you will be seen by the cameras.
If you'd prefer to stay off-screen, please sit in the
Balcony or the back two pews of the Sanctuary.



Chancel Flowers

If you would like to donate Chancel Flowers for worship, contact
the office during regular office hours.



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Order of Worship

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024

Gathering the Community of Faith

PRELUDE *Fantasy Toccata and Variations on Crimond* Music: Jesse Seymour Irvine
Juli Bey- Organ Arr. Barbara Harbach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Meghan Davis-Brass

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Envelope Fundraiser Drew Robertson

Please let us know you are worshipping with us!

In-Person: Please fill out the pew Attendance Pad and pass it to others in your pew.

On-line: Please complete the "Attendance Form," on the livestream page.

Celebrating God's Presence

CALL TO WORSHIP Gary Hartsock

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd,

All: He lays down his life for his sheep.

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He knows us, and we belong to him.

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

*OPENING HYMN #387 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Music: William Batchelder Bradbury
(*Music on pg. 7 of worship bulletin.*) Text: Based on Psalm 23

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (1 John 3:16-24) Meghan Davis-Brass

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON (1 John 3:16, 21-22)

One: We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ,
the One who loves us and laid down his life for us.

**All: This is the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: On that first Easter night our Risen Lord appeared to the disciples and said
"Peace be with you."

All: In the same way, each week we share the Peace of Christ with one another.

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*SUNG RESPONSE:

Gloria Patri

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

(*Music on pg. 8 of worship bulletin.*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

Dedicating Our Lives and Offerings

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The King of Love my Shepherd Is
Juli Bey - Organ

Music: Irish tune
Arr. Robert Hebble

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

OLD 100TH

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S ANTHEMS:

Westminster Children's Choir
Count Your Blessings
I Wonder How It Felt

Traditional
By: Bill & Gloria Gaither

Directed by: Nancy Hartssock & Karla Killinger

CHILDREN'S SONG OF BLESSING #304 *Jesus Loves Me!(vs. 1)*
(Children up to 5th grade are dismissed for Sunday School)

Music: William B. Bradbury
Text: Anna B. Warner

*Lyrics: Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong. They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Proclaiming God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 23

Gary Hartsock

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

ANTHEM

Heavens are Telling the Glory of God
Westminster Chorale

By: Joseph Haydn

Soloists: Maddy Langlitz, Krister Stradskov, Everett Reed

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 10:11-18

Meghan Davis-Brass

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

SERMON "Sheep, Shepherd, or Hired Hand?" Meghan Davis-Brass

*CLOSING HYMN #171 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Music: Ancient Irish melody
(*Music on pg. 9 of worship bulletin*) (vs. 1-4) Text: Henry Williams Bake

*BENEDICTION (1 John 3:23; John 10:11; Ps. 23:6) Meghan Davis-Brass

One: In the name of the good shepherd, love one another.

**All: May the goodness and mercy of God follow us
all the days of our lives,**

One: and, at life's end, may we dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *Danish Amen*

POSTLUDE *Welcome, Happy Morning* Tune: Frances R. Havergal
Juli Bey - Organ Arr. Roger C. Wilson

* All who are able, please stand

Participating in Worship this Morning:

Rev. Meghan Davis-Brass, Associate Pastor

Aaron Schultz, Director of Music and Art

Juli Bey, Organist

The Westminster Children's Choir

Maddy Langlitz, Soloist

Krister Stradskov, Soloist

Everett Reed, Soloist

Gary Hartsock, Liturgist

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Production Crew:

Caleb Withers, Bret Voorhees, Rickey Woody, and Simon Clark

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You're Invited to our Vacation Bible School!

“Story Time with Jesus!”

Monday, July 8 - Friday, July 12 from 9:00 to noon.
(early drop starting off at 7:30 a.m. available)

Crafts,
Games,
Tie-Dye,
Theater
and
More!

Something
for all ages!

Under 4 years - Nursery Activities
4yr to 5th Grade - VBS Activities
6th to 12th Grade - Volunteer
Adult - Volunteer
Volunteer info at
westpres.org/vbs

\$15 per
child
(scholarships
available)

We will
learn
about the
stories
Jesus told
to teach us
important
lessons
about the
world and
God.



Register

Register at westpres.org/vbs



More Info

Westminster Announcements

***Almost, Maine* Performances-**

Please join us after worship today in the Simmerman Lounge for a special sneak preview of *Almost, Maine*. The performances will be April 25th, 26th and 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Prayer Requests- If you have a prayer request that you'd like to share with your church family, please select the Prayer Request button on the website's livestream worship page or contact Susan Denton at sdenton@westpres.org.

Vacation Bible School- Vacation Bible School sign-up is now open! You can sign up for VBS online at www.westpres.org/vbs.

SUMMIT Summer Internship-Each summer, our SUMMIT interns work at local social service agencies to help people in need in our community. All applicants must be high school graduates and pursuing higher education. Application forms are available in the church office or on-line. Contact Susan at sdenton@westpres.org with questions. Forms must be received by April 23rd.

Pastor Scott's Daily Devotions-

Looking to get more from your church? You can sign up to receive Pastor Scott's Daily Devotion! Go online to www.westpres.org/daily-devotions to read the archive of devotions and sign up at the bottom of each post.

Year of Gratitude- a Gratitude Wall has been set up in The Commons. Everyone – of all ages - is invited to add something that they are grateful for onto the wall. Sticky notes are available. You can write as many and as often as you wish.

Foundation Sunday -Foundation Sunday will be May 5 this year. We will be celebrating the Foundation's 50th Anniversary. That calls for a festivity. The entire congregation is invited to a meal and program following the service on the 5. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Bedtime Bible Podcast - Help your children prepare for bed with our prayer and relaxation podcast. Each podcast will feature calming music, scripture and prayers to help children unwind from their day. Stories and prayers are geared toward younger children but are loved by all ages. You can stream them anywhere you get your podcasts.

How Can I Contribute My Offering or Pay My Pledge When Not at Church?

- **Online** - At <https://www.westpres.org/howtogive>
- **Mail** - Westminster Church, 4114 Allison Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310-3398
- **Text** - WPCDSM to 73256
- **Call the Church Office** - 515-274-1534 for credit card or ACH contribution.

Prayer Requests

Please fill out prayer card in the pew and place in the offering plate or e-mail sdenton@westpres.org



The *Almost, Maine* performances will be April 25th, 26th and 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Envelope Fundraiser!

Stop by the Commons to pick up an envelope from the board to donate to Westminster Youth!



Loose Coin Donations

Loose Coin Donations will be donated to CROSS this month.

Pastor Scott's Daily Devotions

Find the Daily Devotions on our website, westpres.org



Listen to the Bedtime Bible Children's Podcast wherever you stream your podcasts.

Chancel Flowers



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New Gallery Exhibit: Leslie Leavenworth

Head downstairs to enjoy an exhibit of paintings by award-winning artist Leslie Leavenworth.

Weekly Newsletter

Learn all about the announcements in the bulletin in our weekly newsletter. Sign-up to receive it via e-mail or paper mailing by contacting Simon at Simon@westpres.org or call 515-274-1534.