

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Knowing Christ.....Making Christ Known

April 18, 2021

10:30 A.M. Contemporary – Live Stream Worship

GATHERING THOUGHT

Alleluia

May God sparkle in all of us
as sunlight upon water,
May we radiate for each other
compassion and hope,
May our work be fruitful,
our joys profound,
our pain redemptive,
May our discipleship be rooted
in the very life of God.
May we be for each other,
for family, for friends, for those in need,
for those especially whose faith has come to staleness
and whose hope has died
- a burgeoning ALLELUIA
- light and peace and simplicity
- full gratitude, full openness.
May we take nothing less for granted
than the life we seek
to build up in common.
May we suffer the pain of a
fully generous love.
May we remain steadfast
in the shadow of the cross,
And rise to meet the passion
of this world
Relying always
on the untiring good Spirit of our God. Amen.

By Kathleen Hughes

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 18, 2021

10:30 A.M.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE

All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises

Paul Baloche, ©2003 Integrity's Hosanna Music, CCLI#2254621

*Refrain: You lived, You died,
You said in three days You would rise
You did, You're alive
You rule, You reign, You said You're coming back again
I know that You will, and all the earth will sing Your praises*

All the earth will sing Your praises

You took, You take our sins away, O God
You give, You gave Your life away for us
You came down, You saved us through the cross
Our hearts are changed because of Your great love
(Repeat from beginning)

You lived, You died, You said in three days You would rise
You did, You're alive
Your rule, You reign, You said You're coming back again
I know that You will, and all the earth will sing Your praises
(Refrain)

All the earth will sing Your praises (3x)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Joy Of The Lord

Audrey Assad ©2017FortunateFall Music, CCLISong#7102457, CCLI#2254621

Mountains ahead of me and valleys behind
The road may be narrow but Your mercy is wide
Sorrow may linger and last for the night, but I am never alone
Sorrow may linger and last for the night, but I am never alone

*Refrain: The joy of the Lord is my strength, my strength
The joy of the Lord is my strength, my strength*

I may be weak but I will cling to the vine
I'm pressed but not crushed, for You are making new wine
My wounds may be opened and weakness revealed
But I will be healed in the fire
Wounds may be opened and weakness revealed
But I will be healed in the fire *(Refrain)*

Sorrow may linger and last for the night, but I am never alone
Sorrow may linger and last for the night, but I am never alone
Wounds may be opened and weakness revealed
But I will be healed in the fire
Wounds may be opened and weakness revealed
But I will be healed in the fire (Refrain)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

In Christ Alone

Getty and Townend ©2002 Thankyou Music

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song,
This Cornerstone, this Solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm,
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease,
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe,
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save,
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live,

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He arose again,
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24: 36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said

this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Witnesses of These Things"

Ann Hatfield

SONG OF RESPONSE

Christ is Risen Shout Hosanna

Brian Wren © 1986 Hope Publishing Company CCLI Song # 2678700CCLI License # 2254621

Christ is risen, shout hosanna, celebrate this day of days
Christ is risen, hush in wonder, All creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, See a spreading tree has grown
Healing leaves of grace abounding, bring a taste of love unknown.
Christ is risen, raise your spirits from the caverns of despair
Walk with gladness in the morning, See what love can do and dare
Drink the wine of resurrection, Not a servant, but a friend

Jesus is our strong companion, joy and peace shall never end.
Christ is risen, earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain
Tell its grim, demonic chorus "Christ is risen, get you gone"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing hosanna everyone.

ANNOUNCEMENT

BENEDICTION

SONG OF SENDING

Christ is Risen Shout Hosanna

Brian Wren © 1986 Hope Publishing Company CCLI Song # 2678700CCLI License # 2254621

WORSHIP BAND: Jon Frost, acoustic guitar; Ken McCord, bass guitar; Mary Anne Hrin, drums; Billy Handy, keys; Joe Hrin, saxophone, Lauren Coffey, vocals.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** is administered this morning at the 9:00 am traditional service to Kenzie Evelyn Fisher, daughter of Sica vonPlato and Thomas Fischer and at the 10:30am contemporary service to Marleigh Grey Saling, daughter of Lindsay and Robert Saling

A Few Notes

TASK FORCE UPDATE: Pastor Don's update from the Task Force a few weeks ago indicated we would consider inviting small groups into the building the week of April 11 and small numbers in for worship on April 18 – **if the numbers in Chester County did not head in the wrong direction.** Unfortunately, the metrics we are watching went the wrong way. Therefore, the Task Force is postponing any in-person activities until the week of April 25 at the earliest, and it could be later. Whether we start in-person activities will depend on the COVID numbers in the county. The Task Force meets again tomorrow night – April 19 – to assess the current circumstances.

PRESCHOOL UPDATE: Westminster's Preschool **has openings in the 2 ½, 3 and Pre-K 4 classes** for the 2021-2022 school year. Call 610-399-3910 or [email at preschool@westminsterpc.org](mailto:email@preschool@westminsterpc.org) if you are interested in enrolling your child. The preschool also **has openings for part-time teachers and teacher aides** for the 2021-2022 school year. Call or email using the above information if you would like to know more about the positions that are available..

Happening Today:

Journey Class - Sundays, April 18-June 13, 11:30am via Zoom. How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey toward Racial Justice. An eight-week DVD class by Jemar Tisby, [*How to Fight Racism*](#) provides a practical framework for pursuing racial justice with hands-on suggestions bolstered by real-world examples of change. Participants are encouraged to get a copy of Tisby's book, to read along with the 8-week DVD series. However, even without having a copy of the book, all are welcomed to join in all or any sessions as able.

Hymns and Their Stories, Sunday, April 18, 7:00pm live streamed. Hymns have long been used to eloquently express our faith in words and music and ground us in Word. Join Ron and Joan Giles for an hour of "*Hymns and Their Stories.*"

Upcoming Events:

NEW BOOK STUDY, Saturdays, April 17-May 22, at 6:00pm via Zoom. Join this six-week book study and discussion of "*Be the Bridge, Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation*" by Latasha Morrison. Questions or to sign up, contact Sue Kelly at SMK_449@msn.com.

Tuesday Morning Fellowship, 10:00am via Zoom. This week's speaker is Joe Combee presenting "*Progress Report of the Church's Vision Team.*" Type the following in your browser to join the discussion: <http://bit.ly/3r0e25x>.

Are You Graduating? We would like to honor your graduation from high school, tech school, college, graduate school, or the military by including you in a digital Westminster yearbook and recognizing your future plans. Please email a photo and brief bio to Susanne Perkins at flipflops@comcast.net.

Pray in the Sanctuary, Fridays, 9:30am-3:00pm. You may reserve 30 minutes to come and pray in the sanctuary. To sign up type the following in your browser: <https://bit.ly/2KtqbjI> or contact Barb Drain at bdrain@westminsterpc.org.

Red Cross Blood Drive, April 27 & 28, 12:00-5:00pm in Spellman. Sign up at redcrossblood.org with sponsor code WPC.

Rise Against Hunger Packing Event, Friday, April 30, 2:00-7:00pm and Saturday, May 1, 9:00-4:00pm in Spellman Hall. Join us for a weekend meal packaging [process that is safe and effective](#). You will work in short shifts with small groups of volunteers and every family unit can work at their own individual packaging station. While the process looks different than other years, we are certain that we are able to provide a fun, and safe experience, while packaging over 35,000 meals. Type the following in your browser: <https://sforce.co/2RaPE4K> to sign up. If you prefer to make a donation to help package more meals type <https://sforce.co/2RaPE4K> in your browser. A \$75 donation will pay for a box of meals that will feed a child for an entire school year! Questions? Contact Angela Emrich at ang.emrich@gmail.com.

World Vision’s Global 6K for Clean Water. Join us again this year on Saturday, May 22, as we walk/run to help raise funds for clean water. This year’s goal is \$50,000. To register type the following in your browser: <http://bit.ly/2QajIwF> and use code CleanWater this week for \$15 off.

Outreach Opportunities during April:

Safe Harbor Lunches and Dinner Volunteers Needed! We're looking for volunteers to help prepare and deliver meals for Safe Harbor in 2021. To sign up for lunches type the following in your browser: <https://bit.ly/2Pwm7kX>. To sign up for dinners: <https://bit.ly/2P5hoad>. Questions? Contact Angela Emrich at ang.emrich@gmail.com.

Prayer Shawls Available: We’ve been home. We’ve been knitting. Now our shelves are overflowing and we’d like to know if you know someone who could benefit by receiving a Prayer Shawl. Our guidelines state that Prayer Shawls may be donated to church members or their immediate family, who are facing serious surgery or experiencing extreme physical or emotional turmoil (men, women and children.) Contact Pastor Ann at ahatfield@westminsterpc.org if you know someone who might like a shawl.

**FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS
APRIL – CEREAL
DROP OFF UNDER THE FRONT PORTICO**

Financial Update

March 2021

General Fund – Missions and Church Operations

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	% vs. <u>Budget</u>
YTD Tithes and Offering	\$699,053	\$614,983	14%
YTD Expenses	\$487,349	\$566,862	-14%

We want to sincerely thank you for keeping your General Fund pledges up to date; as you can see, this month tithes and offering is ahead of budget. We encourage you to keep up consistent giving, so that we can achieve 100% of our pledged support. Please consider electronic giving. Setting up your giving is simple through the “Donate” button on the “Give” page on the church website, or request an authorization form by contacting the church office.

Thank you for your commitment to the mission and ministry of Westminster.

Worship Schedule
Live Streaming Weekly Worship Schedule

Sundays: 9:00am – Traditional Worship
10:30am – Contemporary Worship
Wednesdays: 9:10 – 9:30am – Service of Prayer and Communion

* * * * *

Ministers of Jesus Christ
Pastors
Pastor Emeritus
Director of Music
Associate Director of Music/Organist

All the Members of the Congregation
Jennie Clark, Jon Frost, Ann Hatfield, Don Lincoln
Robert D. Young
Bob Morris
Glenn Kinckner