

Westminster Presbyterian Church



“For just as the old, or those with weak vision, if you thrust before them a beautiful volume, even if they recognize it to be some sort of writing, yet can scarcely make out two consecutive words, but, when aided by glasses, will begin to read distinctly; so Scripture, gathering up the otherwise confused knowledge of God in our minds, dissipates the darkness, and shows us clearly the true God.” –John Calvin, *Institutes* 1.6.1

March 29, 2026
Palm/Passion Sunday

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Let us live our lives in faith.

People: God is with us.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE (all sing) - "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**

In Babilone

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON - Mark 11:1-11

Pew Bible, p. 47 NT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEMS

"Hosanna! Hosanna!"

Melinda Ramseth Hoiland, arr. Vicki Hancock Wright

(Refrain)

Hosanna! Hosanna! Let all the people sing,

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna to our King!

Open wide the gates of Jerusalem. (Refrain)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. (Refrain)

"The Children Shout Hosanna"

Hal H. Hopson

O sing for joy, Jerusalem.

Hosanna in the highest.

The children shout Hosanna,

The crowd begins to sing;

The donkey proudly walks along

Exalting Christ, the King.

The palms in praise are waving,

The garments there are spread;

The city streets ring out with joy

As Christ rides on ahead.

Hosanna in the highest.

The temple courts are busy,
The drama there awaits;
The multitude still shout their praise
As Christ rides through the gates.

O sing for joy, Jerusalem.
Hosanna in the highest!
Cherub and Calvin Choirs

***HYMN 91 - "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"**

St. Drostan

(Children in Pre-K-2nd grades will leave the service at this time.
An adult leader will be in the Narthex to escort them to their room.)#

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON - Mark 11: 12-25

Pew Bible, pp. 47-48 NT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Richard L. Baker

Seeing the Lowly Pomp of God

Focus: "For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"
who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of
God in the face of Jesus Christ." – II Corinthians 4:6

***STATEMENT OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

The Reverend Dr. Caitlin T. Deyerle

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father through whom all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church, acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

(Children in Grade 3-8 will leave the service at this time. An adult leader will be in the Narthex to escort them to their classrooms.)

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM - "The Way to Jerusalem"

Harold Friedell

And it came to pass when the time was come that he should be received up; he steadfastly set his face to Jerusalem. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way. Others cut down branches from the trees and strewed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before and that followed, cried, saying Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

And when he was come near, he beheld the city and wept over it, saying, If thou had'st known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace, but now they are hid from thine eyes, Jerusalem!

Who watched while Majesty rode on to die,
Crying hosanna in a joyous song,
Could'st thou not heed the distant warning cry
Of heaven's apprehensive waiting throng?
Hosanna to our King! Thine acclamations ring,
While God the Father veils his face,
And God the Son his griefs embrace,
Sing thine own griefs, Jerusalem!

Jesus saith, Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy Name. Then came there a voice from heaven saying, I have both glorified it and will glorify it again. Jesus answered and said, this voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.

SILENCE

RESPONSE (Hymn 98, stanza three - all sing)

Passion Chorale

**What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
For this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.**

(This morning's service continues on Maundy Thursday.)

SILENT REFLECTION AS WE CONTEMPLATE HOLY WEEK

(Please leave with the choir.)

*Please rise in body or spirit.

MUSIC

Music Participants: Westminster Choir - Cherub Choir (grades K-2 - Rachael Boezi, Director - Paul Agiro, Accompanist) - Calvin Choir (grades 3-6 - John Neely, Director) - Christi Wilson, Pianist - Brent Manley and Rachael Boezi, directing combined choirs - Nick Raines, Baritone - The Reverend John Neely is Organist-Director.

Today's Music: With Palm Sunday we begin our annual Holy Week journey during which we recall Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Bishop Theodulph was imprisoned in 818 for conspiring against King Louis the Pious. It is likely that he wrote "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (Hymn 88) while in prison. Originally, in 78 lines, it was shortened and translated from the Latin by John Mason Neale (1818-1866).

Henry Hart Milman, who became Dean of St. Paul's in London, wrote "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!" (Hymn 91) while he was Professor of Poetry at Oxford. "Majesty" is the theme of the entire hymn. Milman presents the Passion of Christ with royalty and sees the cross in terms of victory rather than defeat. The hymn is an effective presentation of the dual themes of Palm Sunday: meekness and majesty, sacrifice and conquest, suffering and glory.

"The way to Jerusalem" is a compilation of scriptural texts arranged by Leonard Young and set to music by Harold Friedell. It depicts the events of Palm Sunday and directs our thoughts to Christ's approaching sacrifice. Much like the evangelist in settings of the passion, the soloist acts as narrator and the choir performs the "action." Composed in 1951 while he was Director of Music at St. Bartholomew's Church in New York City, the anthem is uniquely American making dramatic use of unusual harmonies and surprising dissonance and chromaticism.

Choirs for children and youth today. New members welcome!

Children's Choirs and Youth Handbells (Sundays)

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Genesis Singers (4 and 5 year olds, Pre-Kindergarten) - 101 Hilary - Toerner, Director

Please note the change of rooms for the Genesis Singers.

Cherub Choir (grades K-2) - Theater - Rachael Boezi, Director

Calvin Choir (grades 3-6) - Rm. 100 (Choir Room) - John Neely, Director

Knox Ringers (grades 7-12) - Rm. 203 - Brent Manley, Director

Youth Choir

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Knox Choir (grades 7-12) - Choir Room - John Neely, Director

Youth Fellowship Groups follow.

All are welcome!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Please stop by our Children's Ministry check in desk anytime between 9:40-10:05 to record your child's attendance & receive their name tag.

Infants and Toddlers, Room 108 (Infant - 3 years old), are cared for from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 108. Parents of infants will be contacted via text by the nursery staff in case immediate communi-

cation is needed while they worship in the Sanctuary. During the worship hour, children take part in an activity and enjoy a snack.

Junior High and Senior High Youth Fellowships meet from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. today. All youth in grades 7 through 12 are welcome. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please \$3.00 to help cover the cost of dinner.

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

Welcome Visitors: We are so glad to welcome you to worship with us today! Whether you are just passing through or looking for a new church community, we hope you feel right at home. At Westminster we believe that Jesus welcomes all people, just as they are, and so do we. We understand the life of faith to be a journey that is better walked together than alone. Following worship please join us for Coffee and Conversation in the Fellowship Hall, or join one of our Sunday School classes. We hope you will explore the bulletin as well as our website www.westminsterdayton.org to learn more about us. Please leave us your name and contact information in the Friendship Pad so we can get to know you as well! Grace and peace to you. -Westminster Pastoral Staff and Congregation

Join the Westminster Fellowship Facebook Group (Westminster Presbyterian Church Dayton Fellowship)! Be part of our online community and stay in the know of all upcoming Fellowship Events.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

The flowers in the Chancel are given by Mary Ellen Jarrett in loving memory of her sister, Eleanor Matson Curry.

If you are interested in donating Chancel flowers, please contact Kay Berg (bergkay07@gmail.com or 937-367-9297). Please note that there is a one month lead time for flower donation announcements.

Emergency Response Team: Linda Kohl, Paul Agiro

During the service, if you notice someone who appears to require medical attention, please raise your hand or contact the head usher. Emergency Response Team members will care for the person.

If you have a security concern please notify the head usher who can connect you to our security personnel.

Each week the churches of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley keep one particular congregation or group in their prayers. This week the churches are praying for **First Presbyterian Church, Bellefontaine.**

Westminster is a praying church and we would love to pray for you. You are welcome to **add your prayer to our Prayer Wall**, located in the Sanctuary near the front on the east wall. You will find paper and pencil to write your private prayer to God and place it between the bricks of the wall.

If you have a prayer request you would like to share with our **Westminster Prays weekly email**, please use the Prayer Request Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering box following worship. You can sign up to receive the Westminster Prays email and share prayer requests or other pastoral needs directly with our pastoral staff by emailing caitlin@westminsterdayton.org or calling 937-907-6078.

Intergenerational Mission Trip 2026

June 28 - July 3

Cost: \$250

Westminster will be sending an intergenerational team to do flood relief in eastern Kentucky. The trip is open to anyone over the age of 16 (14 & 15 with an adult partner). We will be staying at the First Baptist Church in Hazard, KY, and working with the Housing Development Alliance. Eastern Kentucky is in the long-term recovery phase but is also living with the ongoing disaster of poverty. At this time, we are asking each participant to fill out a skills assessment so that we can let our work partners discern the best projects for us to assist with. There will be additional online forms to fill out closer to the trip.



MINISTERS

All members of the Church

STAFF

Richard L. Baker, Jr. Pastor/Head of Staff
 John W. Neely Assoc. Pastor for Music
 Nancy S. Hodgkins Assoc. Pastor for Youth & Mission
 Caitlin T. Deyerle Assoc. Pastor for Congregational Care
 Jenne Gross Mission Associate
 Kylie Hettinger Director of Discipleship
 Brent Manley Music Associate
 Curtis T. Baxter Pastoral Affiliate

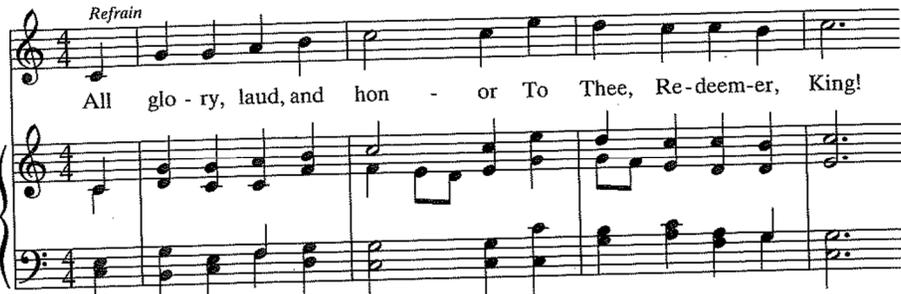
Mattie Pennington Congregational Care Coordinator
 Tim Francis Business Manager
 Brittany Campbell Director of Communications
 Donna Schoonmaker Office Manager
 Wayne King Facilities and Technology Coordinator
 Keith Spencer Sexton
 George H. McConnel Pastor Emeritus



Thank you for coming to Westminster today! We hope to see you again soon. If you enjoyed the service, and want to help us continue to share the love of God with our neighbors and transform their lives, please consider donating to our ministries. Donation boxes are located in the Narthex and by the elevator. You can also donate online at www.westminsterdayton.org/give or by scanning the QR code to the left with the camera of any smart device. You can also text "give" to 937-468-4003.

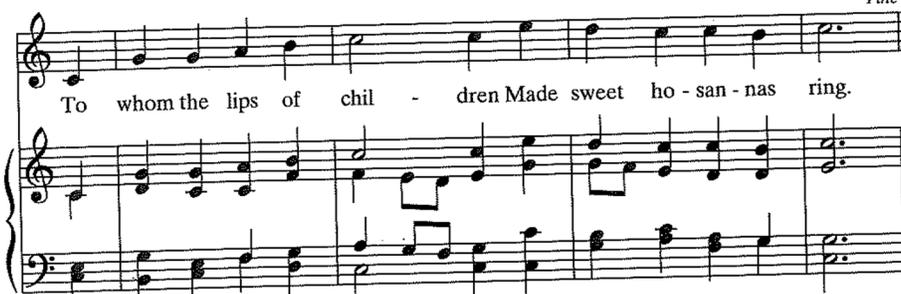
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

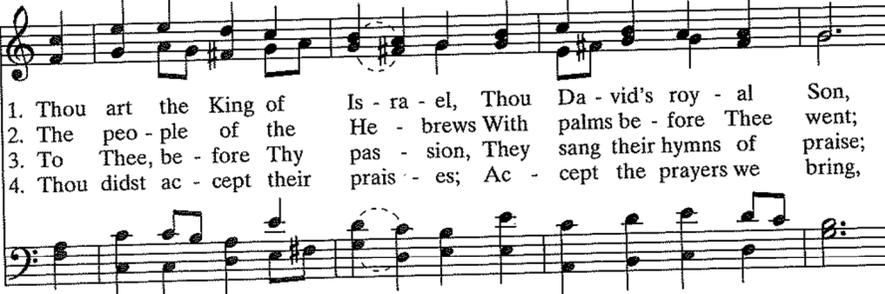


All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re-deem-er, King!

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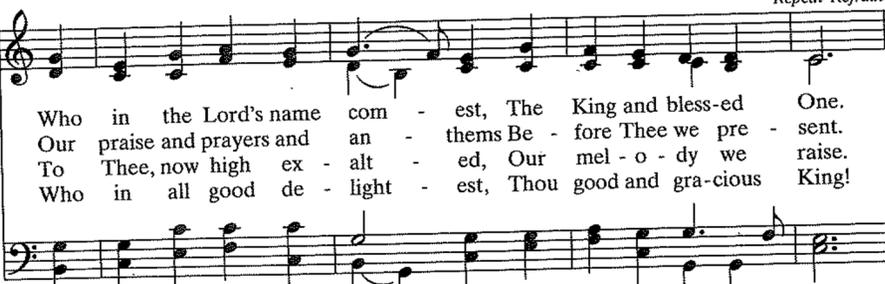


To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went;
3. To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;
4. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain



Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless-ed One.
 Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.
 To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
 Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra-cious King!

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You are invited to share in the decoration of the Chancel for Easter morning by sponsoring white lilies and other spring flowers. The Easter Sunday bulletin will include names of the donors and names of those being recognized. You are welcome to take your sponsored flower home with you after the 11:00 a.m. service or to leave the flower, which will be delivered by the Deacons and other caregivers to Westminster members who may need to be uplifted.

It is suggested that gifts be at least \$12, but we will honor any amount you wish to include. Information and payment may be submitted using our website (www.westminsterdayton.org), or you may return the form below and payment to the Church Office. Checks should be made payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church with Easter Flowers written on the memo line.

Deadline for receipt is TOMORROW, March 30

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WESTMINSTER CHURCH EASTER FLOWER FUND
Please print names as you wish them to appear in the bulletin.

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Celebrating _____

I will pick up my flower(s) after the 11:00 a.m. Easter Service.
 My flower(s) may be given to another member in need of uplifting.

Given by _____

Suggested donation: \$12. Amount enclosed \$_____.

Deadline is Monday, March 30

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*Responding to Christ's
call to ministries of
compassion for the
world's most vulnerable.*



**ONE GREAT
HOUR OF SHARING**

One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering will be received Next Sunday, April 5

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by advancing the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing...we stabilize, we strengthen those who are weak, we connect. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs:

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Restore Streets to Live In

PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM

Share your Bread with the Hungry

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE

Loose the Bonds of Injustice

**Donations will be accepted during service next Sunday.
Or online using the QR Code provided.**



Holy Week



April 2

Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m. – Light Supper (\$7 – no reservations required – served from 6:00–6:30 p.m.)

7:00 p.m. – Communion and Tenebrae Service
This service will be livestreamed.

Come and experience both the intimate joy of the Last Supper and the descent into darkness as Jesus is arrested.

April 3

Good Friday Service

12:10 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. This service will be live streamed.

Experience the despair and drama of Jesus' last words through scripture and music.

Music by the Westminster Choir

April 5

Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

Identical services featuring Oakwood Brass with timpani. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received. Bus Service from Bethany Village will be available for the 9:00 a.m. service. The 11:00 a.m. service will be livestreamed.

Lenten Adult Education Class

A Wrinkle in Time

Today, 11:20 a.m. West Parlor

"If I've ever written a book that says what I feel about God and the universe, this is it." —
Madeleine L'Engle on *A Wrinkle in Time*.

It's extraordinary when a book stays in print for over sixty years and sells ten million copies. It's even more extraordinary when that book was first rejected by some twenty-eight different publishers. But such has been the fate of Madeleine L'Engle's *A Wrinkle in Time*.

The book is extraordinary in other ways too: a children's book (it won the prestigious Newberry Medal in 1963) that address time travel, quantum physics, and theology (with characters named, Mrs. Whatsit, Mrs. Who, and Mrs. Which), it's also a work of science fiction that (extraordinary for the time) features a female protagonist.



Today, 11:30 a.m., Room 211

Our Parents Fellowship Class is exploring a new resource for families to talk about faith together. Each week we will discuss a lesson from the book *New Directions for Holy Questions* by Claire Brown and Anita Peebles. After sharing some insights as a group we will send you home with a copy of the week's lesson to discuss as a family. No advanced preparation or reading required.



Join Us for a Fellowship Bike Outing!

The Fellowship Committee warmly invites everyone to a delightful bike outing on April 25!

Meeting Point: Beaver Creek Community Park

Time: 2:00 PM

We'll embark on a group ride to Beaver Creek Station, a leisurely two-mile journey where we'll enjoy a brief, relaxing break. For those who prefer a shorter ride, you have the option to head back to Beaver Creek Community Park, completing a roundtrip of four miles.

For the more adventurous riders, continue with us to Fifth Third Gateway Park, an additional two miles from Beaver Creek Station, before returning to Beaver Creek Community Park for a total roundtrip of eight miles.

To wrap up our outing, we'll gather at Southern Ohio Brewery for a time of fellowship and camaraderie.



Join Earth Stewardship as we appreciate the beauty of creation! **Meet us at Aullwood Metropark on Saturday, April 18, 2:00 p.m.** We will tour the Aullwood House, gardens, and woods. We will be led by Betty Hoevel, who is a Westminster Member and Metroparks employee. Come and enjoy the fresh air and see all of the joys of spring! All ages welcome.

EARTH STEWARDSHIP SPRING ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES



April 12

Improving Your Nature Photography with Brian Swartz

A busy bee finds a new pollen source at Cox Arboretum. There is a confirmed sighting of a Snow Goose at Kiwanis Riverway Park. A crocus pushes its way through a thin crust of snow in your front yard. A Bald Eagle swoops a fish out of the Great Miami River. A colorful sunset bathes the North Rim of the Grand Canyon.

If you would like to learn how to capture these memories and others with a camera, come see Brian Swartz's talk on Improving Your Nature Photography.

Brian will be sharing tips and techniques to get better photographs. He will also be exploring the importance of getting out in nature. Brian has worked as a photographer for over 30 years.

April 19

Sustainable Living Practices (Waste-Free Dayton) with Brett Bogan.

Brett Bogan is a lifelong resident of the Miami Valley. He resides in Troy with wife Laura and son Adrian along with two dogs, two cats, and a bunny. While he has a day job working in data protection for a multinational corporation, Brett is the Executive Director of Waste-Free Dayton, a grassroots, all-volunteer nonprofit that promotes sustainable living practices, organizes monthly litter cleanups, and operates two compost stations in Dayton. He obtained a Certificate in Climate Justice and Faith in 2023 from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and is working to engage more of the local faith community on creation care.

Church Calendar March 29 – April 4

Sunday, March 29

- 8:30am-12:30pm** Nursery Birth - Age 3,
108 (Nursery)
- 9:00am-9:45am** Westminster Choir Rehearsal,
Choir Room, Sanctuary
- 10:00am-11:00am** Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:20am-11:30am** Children 1st & 2nd Grade,
103 , 105
- 10:20am-11:30am** Children Pre-K & K,
101
- 10:40am-11:30am** Children 3rd & 4th Grade,
109
- 10:40am-11:30am** Children 5th-8th Grade,
Theater
- 11:00am-12:30pm** Coffee & Conversation,
Fellowship Hall
- 11:00am-12:30pm** Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt
- 11:15am-12:15pm** Knox Ringers Rehearsal ,
207, 203, 205
- 11:30am-12:15pm** Calvin Choir Rehearsal,
Choir room
- 11:30am-12:15pm** Cherub Choir Rehearsal,
Theater
- 11:30am-12:15pm** Genesis Singers Rehearsal,
101
- 11:20am-12:15pm** Adult Ed, West Parlor
- 11:30am-12:15pm** Parent Fellowship, 211
- 2:30pm-4:00pm** Bach Society, Library
- 5:00pm-6:00pm** Knox Choir Rehearsal,
Choir Room
- 5:00pm-6:00pm** Youth Advisors Meeting,
Fellowship Hall
- 6:00pm-8:00pm** Youth Dinner & Fellowship,
Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 30

- 7:00pm-9:00 pm** DGMC Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:15pm-9:15pm** Bach Society Rehearsal,
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 1

- 9:00am-12:00pm** Staff Meeting, West Parlor
- 10:00am-12:30pm** ID Ministry, 101 , 103 , 105

Thursday, April 2

- 6:00pm-7:00pm** Maundy Thursday Dinner,
Fellowship Hall
- 6:20pm-6:50pm** Westminster Choir Rehearsal,
Choir Room
- 7:00pm-8:00pm** Maundy Thursday-Communion,
Sanctuary
- 8:00pm-9:00pm** Westminster Choir Rehearsal,
Sanctuary

Friday, April 3

- 11:15am-12:00pm** Lunch for Choir, Fellowship Hall
- 11:50 am-12:10pm** Westminster Choir Rehearsal,
Choir Room
- 12:10pm-12:40pm** Good Friday, Sanctuary
- 12:45pm-1:30pm** Lunch for Choir,
Fellowship Hall
- 1:00pm-2:00pm** Easter Flower Delivery,
Sanctuary
- 2:00pm-4:00pm** Easter Decorating,
Sanctuary

* Please note these dates and times are subject to change. This calendar does not include all private meetings and events in the church. Please contact church staff to reserve meeting space.

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (88)

All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Make sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the king of Israel,
Thou David’s royal song,
Who in the Lord’s name comest,
The king and blessed one.

All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Make sweet hosannas ring.

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems
Before thee we present.

All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Make sweet hosannas ring.

To thee, before thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.

All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Make sweet hosannas ring.

Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delights,
Thou good and gracious king!

All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Make sweet hosannas ring.

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty” (91)

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, pursue thy road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
O’er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.