



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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**Service for the Lord's Day – March 19, 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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"Without knowledge of self, there is no knowledge of God. Our wisdom, insofar as it ought to be deemed true and solid wisdom, consists almost entirely of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves. But as these are connected by many ties, it is not easy to determine which of the two precedes and gives birth to the other." — John Calvin

"O Lord, to hear you speaking about oneself is to know oneself . . . What I know of myself, I know because you grant me light." — St. Augustine, *Confessions*

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## CARILLON PEAL

### CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

Carillon Passacaglia  
Fantasia on the Hymn Tune *Kingsfold* (Hymn 308)

*Lee J. Afdahl*  
*arr. Derek K. Hakes*

(During the Call to Worship in Music you are requested to enter into a time of silence,  
actively opening your spirit to God's presence in your midst.)

### INTROIT - "Raise the Anthem Manifold"

*Jacob Hintze*

Men and women, young and old,  
Raise the anthem manifold;  
Join with children's songs of praise,  
Worship God through length of days.  
From the north to southern pole  
Let the mighty chorus roll:  
"Holy, holy, holy One,  
Glory be to God alone!"

### \*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP IN WORD

The Reverend Nancy S. Hodgkins

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please greet your neighbor with a verbal greeting or enthusiastic wave.)

### \*HYMN 483 - "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

*Mit Freuden zart*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Holy and merciful God,  
you know us better than we know ourselves,  
in your presence we confess our sins:  
we do not hear your word of grace;  
we do not see your glory all around us.

Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
Forgive our sins:  
help us to see with your eyes,  
and to walk in your ways,  
so that we too may live in your light,  
and rejoice in your presence  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

#### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Let us live in God's light.

**People: God is with us.**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

#### \*RESPONSE (all sing)

*Hymn to Joy*

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest.

Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;

Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

##### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON - John 4:4-19

Pew Bible, pp. 94-95 NT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### ANTHEM - "Do You Hear the Shepherd?"

*Kimberly Ingram*

*Do you hear the shepherd?*

*Calling clear and strong?*

*Do you hear the shepherd?*

*Do you hear the song?*

One by one, he calls each by name:

All are in his sight.

His clear song quiets all our fear

Through the cold and dark of night.

When he speaks, our hearts leap with joy,

For we know the shepherd's voice.

As we walk through the narrow gate,

Our trusting hearts rejoice!

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

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON - John 4:19-26**

Pew Bible, pp. 95 NT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

The Reverend Dr. Richard L. Baker

To the Light, Through the Darkness: Do You Know Who I Am?

Focus: Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done!

He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"—John 4:29

**\*HYMN 324 - "Open My Eyes That I May See"**

*Open My Eyes*

(Children in Grade 4-6 will leave the service at this time. An adult leader will  
be in the Narthex to escort them to their classroom.)

**\*STATEMENT OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed  
The Reverend Anna G. Owens

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is to be worshiped and glorified.

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

**RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**ANTHEM** – The Ground (from *Sunrise Mass* – Sung in Latin)

*Ola Gjeilo*

*Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.*

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

*Osanna in excelsis.*

Hosanna in the highest.

*Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.*

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

*Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

*dona nobis pacem.*

grant us peace.

**\*Doxology (Hymnal No. 592)**

*Old Hundredth*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Response - "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"**

*Jacques Berthier*

In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God, do not be a-

fraild. Lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near. In the

#### **SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

**\* HYMN 415 - "Come, Labor On"**

*Ora Labora*

#### **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* RESPONSE (all sing)**

*Tallis' Canon*

Throughout these Lenten days and nights  
We turn to walk the inward way,  
Where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,  
We live in hope till Easter day.

**CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY - Allegro from Voluntary for Organ**

*John Stanley*

(The Concluding Voluntary is the final Alleluia of our worship.  
You are invited to remain in silence.)

**\*Please rise in body or spirit.**

**Music Participants:**

Westminster Ringers (Brent Manley, Director)

Greg Bayless, Handbell Soloist

Brent Manley, Piano

Marcia Wood, Flute

Westminster Choir

Calista Brunett, Music Resident, is conducting the Introit

Calvin Choir (grades 3-6; John Neely, Director; Calista Brunett, Accompanist)

The Reverend John Neely is Organist-Director.

**Today's Music:** The words of "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" (Hymn 483) were written by Johann J. Schütz (1640-1690), a successful Frankfurt lawyer. The hymn is based on Deuteronomy 32:3: "For I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God!" The hymn speaks eloquently of God's creation, power, love, salvation, mercy, and divine guidance with a closing call to remind all that the glory belongs to God - a theme of which Jesus kept reminding his listeners. The tune is based on motives found in other tunes of the time, and with its uneven number of phrases (five) and its held gathering note for each phrase compels and impels the singer through one of the most enjoyable tunes in the hymnal.

Ola Gjeilo, composer of the Offertory Anthem, *The Ground*, was born in Norway in 1978, and moved to New York in 2001 to study composition at the Juilliard School. He is the composer of over 30 published works, which are performed around the world. Gjeilo is presently a full-time composer based in Santa Monica, California.

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**The flowers in the chancel are given** for the blessing of families by the Gillespie's.

**The upper section** of the balcony is closed to accommodate continuing work on the organ pipes.

**Members known to be in the hospital at this time:** Dwight (Wes) Woessner (Miami Valley Hospital, 1 Wyoming Street)

**Members recently released from the hospital:** Scott Nekrosius

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, Fairborn.**

**Choirs for children and youth today. New members are 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) - Rm. 104 - Holly Martin, Director

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's Ministry Class Schedule**

Nursery: provided for children birth - 3 years

*Room 108, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*

Pre-K & K (4 & 5 yr olds)

*Room 104, 10:20 a.m.-11:30 a.m.*

1st - 3rd Graders

*Room 103 & 105, 10:20 a.m.-11:30 a.m.*

4th - 6th Graders

*Theater, 10:40 a.m.-11:30 a.m.*

**Children in Pre-K - 3rd grades** after the Calvin Choir anthem.

**Children in 4th - 6th grades** will leave after the sermon during the hymn.

**Infants and Toddlers**, Room 108 (Infant - 3 years old), are cared for from 8:30 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 communication 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.** All youth in grades 7 through 12 are welcome. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please bring \$3.00 to help cover the cost of dinner.

**The Men of Westminster Fellowship Group for Men 50 and Above** is planning an outing to the Gospel Blue Grass Music Outing with fine dining at Galactic Flats Food Truck. All are welcome to join us for this event. 2019 Bluegrass Entertainers of the Year Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers will provide a wonderful concert. The concert is Friday, April 21, at the Clifton Opera House (5 Clay St, Clifton, OH 45316). The food truck will be onsite 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. with music from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$20.00. Tickets are reserved for two weeks but they will go fast (this will be a sold-out event). Please contact Glen Gallaway (937- 426-8046 or ggallaway58@gmail.com) sooner than later to reserve tickets (payment requested).

**The Men of Westminster Fellowship Group for Men 50 and Above** will meet at the Engineers Club of Dayton. The club was founded in 1914 by Colonel Edward Deeds and Charles Kettering who realized Dayton was an important hub for industry and technology. The club is intertwined with Dayton's contributions to the automotive, aircraft, and other industries. Meet in the club lobby (110 E Monument Ave., 45402) Wednesday, March 29, 11:30 a.m. At noon we will enjoy lunch in the club restaurant. Fred Dudding will present details of the club's history and contributions to the leaders of Dayton. Signup required by March 24. Contact Glen Gallaway (937-426-8046 or ggallaway58@gmail.com).

**The Deacons' Tech Angels Ministry** will be hosting a ShelbyNEXT help table in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Stop by to update your contact information or picture, and learn how to access Westminster's membership directory on your phone or home computer.

**The Reverend Dr. Caitlin Deyerle** is out this week on a Pastor's Renewal Retreat. She will return on Tuesday.

**CPR/AED: Becky Bower, Linda Kohl**

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



### **With Gratitude for The Reverend Anna Owens**

**A reception will be held Sunday, April 2**

A sense of loss, but also one of gratitude. That's what I felt—and that's what the Session felt—when Anna Owens, our Associate Pastor for Spiritual Growth, told us that she has accepted a call to serve as Site Pastor for Village Presbyterian Church on Antioch in Overland Park, Kansas.

Anna and her family have been a blessing to Westminster; and so we feel a real sense of loss. We will miss them very much. But we're also grateful for the love Anna has shared with us during her time here as a pastor, preacher, teacher, and friend. She, Josh, and Charlie go with our love and our prayers.

The position at Village is a special one, and Anna, with all her many gifts, is ideally suited for it; you can read more about Anna's new call in her letter to the congregation which was included in the Westminster Notes as well as mailed to members of the congregation. Anna's last Sunday with us will be on April 2, and we will hold a reception in her honor after worship on that day.

—Richard Baker, on behalf of the Session.

**A Special Meeting of the Congregation will be held Sunday, April 2  
after worship to dissolve the pastoral relationship between  
Anna and Westminster Presbyterian Church.**



### Adult Education Lent Class

**Books available in the Church Office, Class Continues this Sunday, March 19  
See Reading Assignment Below**

This Sunday, we continue our class on Anthony Doerr's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *All the Light We Cannot See*, reading through Section Eight (pp.393 in the paperback novel).

### Interested in joining Westminster?

Our new members' classes, Westminster 101, are offered quarterly, followed by a meeting with the Session before being received in worship.

The next Westminster 101 class is Sunday, April 30, from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. with dinner following. E-mail Amanda ([Amanda@westminsterdayton.org](mailto:Amanda@westminsterdayton.org)) for more information or to sign up.





## Wednesday Nights in Lent

### Wednesdays in Lent

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Labyrinth available in the Fellowship Hall

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Spiritual Practice in West Parlor

6:00 p.m. - Taizé Worship Service in the Sanctuary

6:45 p.m. - Supper in the Fellowship Hall (\$7.00)

### Spiritual Practices

Come deepen your journey through the Lenten season with intentional spiritual practices. Practices will change week to week, and include breath prayer, journaling, contemplative photography, and Zentangle. Classes will be taught by Laura Bascom or Jennifer DeVries.

### Lenten Labyrinth Walk

The Labyrinth will be available from 3:00 to 5:00p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays in March. You are welcome to come, walk, and spend time in the quiet and presence of the Holy Spirit.

### Women Strong Art Exhibition

Westminster is excited to be hosting an exhibition of the local artists' consortium called "Women Strong." Westminster member and artist Marsha Pippenger belongs to the Women Strong group, and her artwork will be included in the display. Women Strong features a diverse group of female artists who come from many backgrounds and practice many faiths. You are welcome to come and see the exhibit on Sunday mornings and during business hours beginning March 1.



# Lenten Calendar

## **Wednesdays in Lent**

### **March 1-March 29**

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6:00 p.m. - Taizé Worship Service in the Sanctuary

6:45 p.m. - Supper in the Fellowship Hall (\$7.00)

## **Palm Sunday Service**

### **Sunday, April 2**

10:00 a.m.

Celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

## **Maundy Thursday Service**

### **Thursday, April 6**

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

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

## **Good Friday Service**

### **Friday, April 7**

12:10 - 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.

## **Easter Sunday Services**

**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.

# Easter Flowers

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 \$12.00, but we will honor any amount you wish to include. Information and payment may be submitted using our website ([www.westminsterdayton.org](http://www.westminsterdayton.org)) at no additional cost, or you may return the below form 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 Monday, April 3.**



## 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: \$12.00. Amount enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**Deadline is Monday, April 3**



*Westminster Presbyterian Church:  
Where Loving God and Neighbor Is Transforming Lives*

**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  
Anna G. Owens ..... Assoc. Pastor for Spiritual Growth  
Caitlin T. Deyerle ..... Assoc. Pastor for Congregational Care  
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Brent Manley ..... Music Associate  
Amanda Newhart ..... Executive Assistant to Dr. Baker  
Kate Stephenson ..... Administrative Assistant

Brittany Campbell ..... Administrative Assistant  
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Keith Spencer ..... Sexton  
Marvin Fleming ..... Sexton  
Jay Strong ..... Housekeeping  
Calista Brunett ..... Music Resident  
Ian Clarke ..... Mission Resident  
George H. McConnel ..... Pastor Emeritus

**What is Lent?** Lent is the season of the church that begins with Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days before Easter (excluding Sundays). When it was first devised, it had a particular reference to the instruction of candidates for baptism at the great festival of redemption at Easter. Today Christians are encouraged to take on the challenge of some spiritual sacrifice and/or improving their participation in some spiritual practice, such as prayer, hospitality, or stewardship.

**"Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" (483)**

Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
The God of all creation,  
The God of power, the God of love,  
The God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled,  
And every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made,  
God's gracious mercy keepeth;  
By morning glow or evening shade  
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;  
Within the kingdom of God's might,  
Lo! All is just and all is right:  
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away,  
But through all grief distressing,  
An ever present help and stay,  
Our peace, and joy, and blessing;  
As with a mother's tender hand,  
God gently leads the chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory!  
Thus all my toilsome way along,  
I sing aloud thy praises  
That all may hear the grateful song  
My voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,  
Both soul and body take your part:  
To God all praise and glory!

**"Open My Eyes That I May See" (324)**

Open my eyes, that I may see  
Glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
Ready, my God, thy will to see;  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear  
Voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
Everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
Ready, my God, thy will to see;  
Open my ears, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart, and let me prepare  
Love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
Ready, my God, thy will to see;  
Open my heart, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

**"Come, Labor On" (415)**

Come, labor on.  
Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain  
While all around us waves the golden grain?  
And to each servant does the Master say,  
"Go work today."  
Come, labor on.  
Claim the high calling angels cannot share;  
To young and old the gospel gladness bear.  
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.  
The night draws nigh.  
Come, labor on.  
Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!  
No arm so weak but may do service here:  
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill  
God's righteous will.  
Come, labor on.  
No time for rest, till glows the western sky,  
Till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,  
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun,  
"Well done, well done!"