WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

"AS CHRIST HAS LOVED US"

Leading In Worship
Pastor of Spiritual Formation: Rev. Dr. Michelle Junkin
Interim Pastor of Care and Fellowship: Elder Kim Mitchell
Liturgist: Tyler Eckert
Director of Worship and the Arts: Kevin Wilkinson
Organ: Steve Thompson, Principal Organist
Carillon: Lisa Hart

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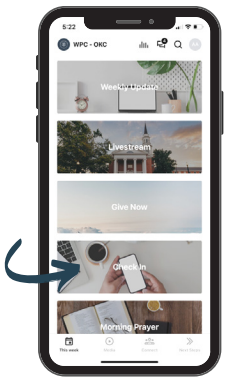
CHECK IN!

"Check In" in the WPC App and let us know you are worshipping with us today. *Please enter any prayer requests when you check in! We would love to pray with you and for you.*



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WORSHIP ORDER

4th Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023

Opening Voluntary

ADORATION arr. Richard Purvis (1913-44)

"Humbly I adore Thee, Verity unseen, Who thy glory kidesy "neath these shadows mean; Lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed, Tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.

Time of Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 130)

Out of the depths I cry to you.
Lord, hear my voice.
Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.
If you kept a record of sins, Lord,
who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
that we might serve you with reverence.
I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in God's word I put my hope.
Israel, put your hope in the Lord
and in God's unfailing love.
Out of the depths I cry to you.
Lord, hear my voice.

*Hymn of Praise (No. 440)

Jesus, Lover of My Soul (8:15 am - verses 1 and 4 only) ABERYSTWYTH

Prayer of Confession

Out of the depths we cry to you,
with eyes streaked with tears,
for we know that we have fallen short of your glory.

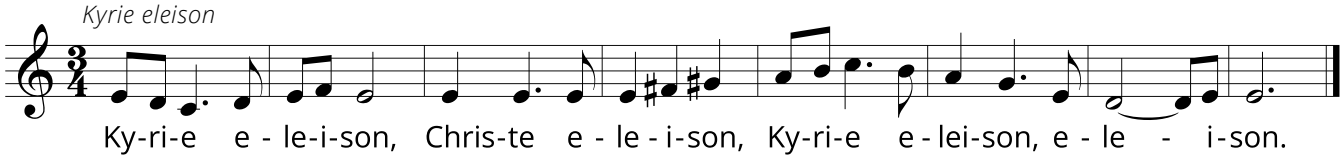
In the lonely watches of the night,
we yearn to set aside anger and resentment,
and embrace healing and wholeness.
Yet our hearts remain hardened
towards those you would have us love.

In the dark night of the soul,
we long to forsake our anguish,
and embrace your mercy and compassion.

Soften our hearts.
Help us to embrace your kindness and love,
your mercy and compassion,
that we may show the world
how much they are your beloved children. Amen.

*Kyrie

Kyrie eleison



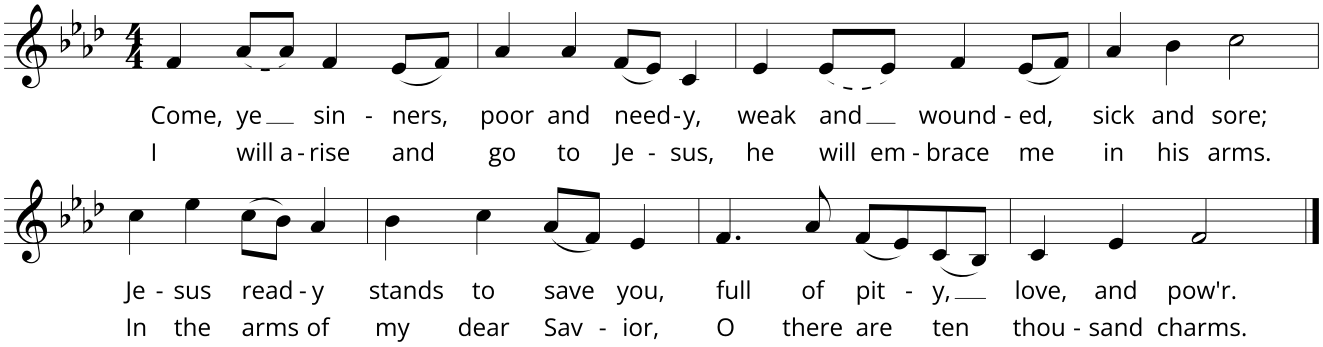
Sacred Space

*Passing of the Peace

Children ages 4 to 3rd Grade will now be dismissed to Children's Chapel (10:30 worship service only)
In Children's Chapel this month, we are exploring the meaning of Lent.
***Parents please pickup children attending chapel in the children's ministry area upstairs on the 2nd floor after worship.**

*Song of Community (No. 415)

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy (v. 1) RESTORATION



Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

John 13:31-35, p. 83

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem (10:30 am)

When Jesus Wept

William Billings (1746-1800)
arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925) and Robert Shaw (1916-1999)

When Jesus wept a falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound.
When Jesus groaned a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

Chancel Choir; Steve Thompson, organ

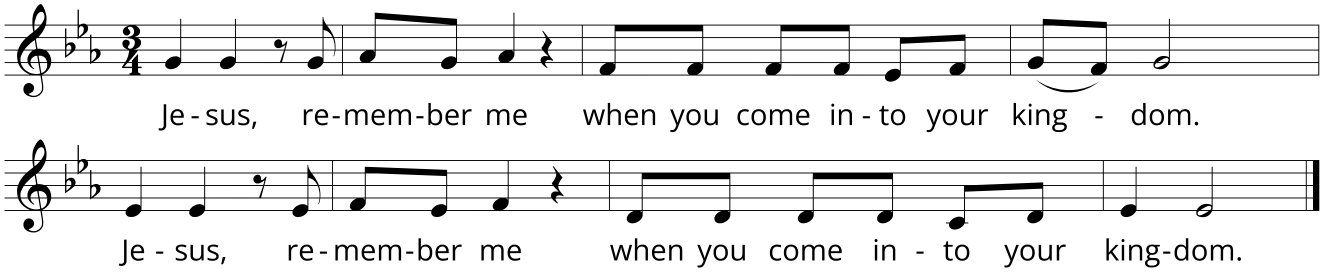
Second Reading

Ephesians 4:25-32, p. 150

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us,
and for Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
thanks be to God!

Scriptural Acclamation (No. 227)

Jesus, Remember Me REMEMBER ME



Sermon: "As Christ Has Loved Us" Elder Kim Mitchell

***Hymn of Response (No. 754)**

Help Us Accept Each Other BARONITA

Moment for Mission Miki Farris, *Infant Crisis Services*

Affirmation of Faith from the Confession of 1967

God the Holy Spirit fulfils the work of reconciliation in humankind. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. He enables them to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, he gives them power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation of all people.…

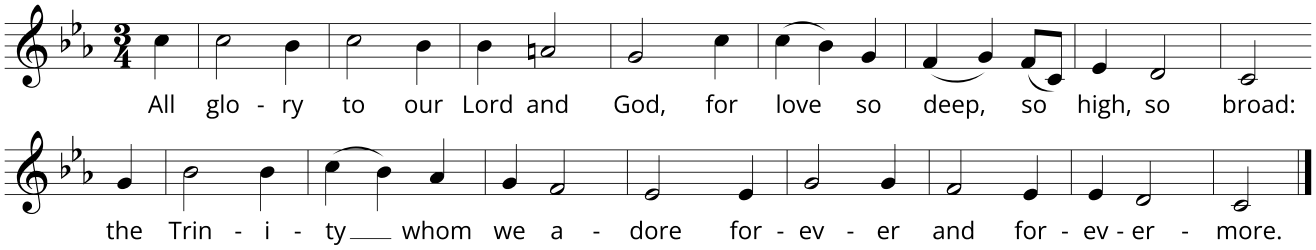
The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teachings of apostles and prophets guides us in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries.

Offertory

O Mensch, bewein dein Sunde gross BWV 622 J.S. BACH (1685-1750)

***Doxology (No. 618)**

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High (v. 5) DEO GRACIAS



Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

In some ways, O God, the season of Lent is when we feel closest to you. As we consider the life and suffering and death of Jesus in preparation for Easter, we find our own lives reflected there. It's reassuring to know that Jesus also felt disappointment, loss, rejection, confusion – that the Christian life encompasses the valleys as well as the mountains. We pray that you would enable us to follow your example and enter the fullness of life. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As we continue on this Lenten journey, help us to hear with our hearts the teachings of scripture and call ourselves to accountability and renewal. Help us pay attention to issues that impact us all, as well as the small gestures and subtle interactions that feed our souls. Help us to say "no" to habits that harm us and to things that are wasteful and to say "yes" to showing hospitality and giving up grudges from the past. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (cont.)

Help us reevaluate what we regard as important. Give us courage to take an honest look at where we invest our treasures of time, money, and energy. Help us assess if we fill our calendars with mere busyness or if we are intentional in balancing our time wisely. Make us aware so that our budgets reflect what you have taught us to value. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

This season calls us to take a close look at our relationships – with you and with others. May we mend the broken places and tend the magic of each moment. Help us pay careful attention to those closest to us, who too often are the very ones we find most easy to take for granted. Help us to care for the least among us – those least in this world's goods, those least in opportunity, those least in a sense of self-worth. Expand our view of salvation beyond our own narrow interests to include all your creation, indeed all for which you care. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As we continue through this season of contrition, we ask that you move our hearts that we might live into the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:
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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (8:15am)

(Communion wafers are gluten free - wheat free)

***Hymn of Sending (No. 316)**

Where Charity and Love Prevail (8:15 am - verses 1 and 5 only) TWENTY-FOURTH

***Blessings, Charge, and Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

Toccata: Aberystwyth Joseph Parry (1841-1903)
arr. David Bednall (b.1979)

*This sign is an invitation, to all who are able, to stand as they offer God thanks and praise.

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GIVE

"The willingness to give is a sign of life. The fruit tree gives of its fruit, and we know it is alive. When it no longer gives, we know real life has gone out of it. The heart that hoards the blessings of God is no longer alive with spiritual power. To give is to live."
wpcokc.org/giving

VISITORS

We are so glad you've joined us for worship today! Please scan the QR code, enter your information, and our hospitality team would love to connect with you!
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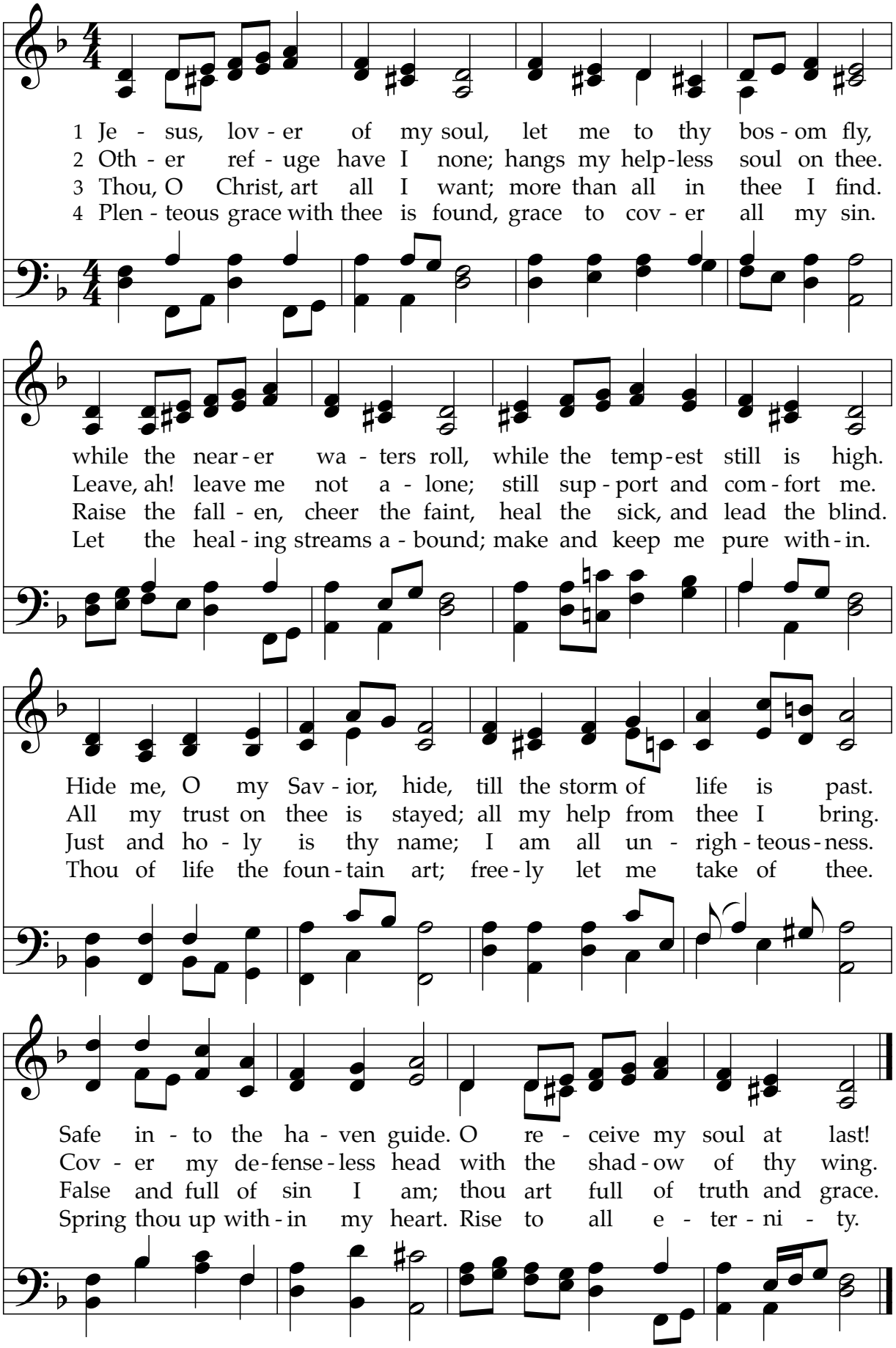
440 Jesus, Lover of My Soul



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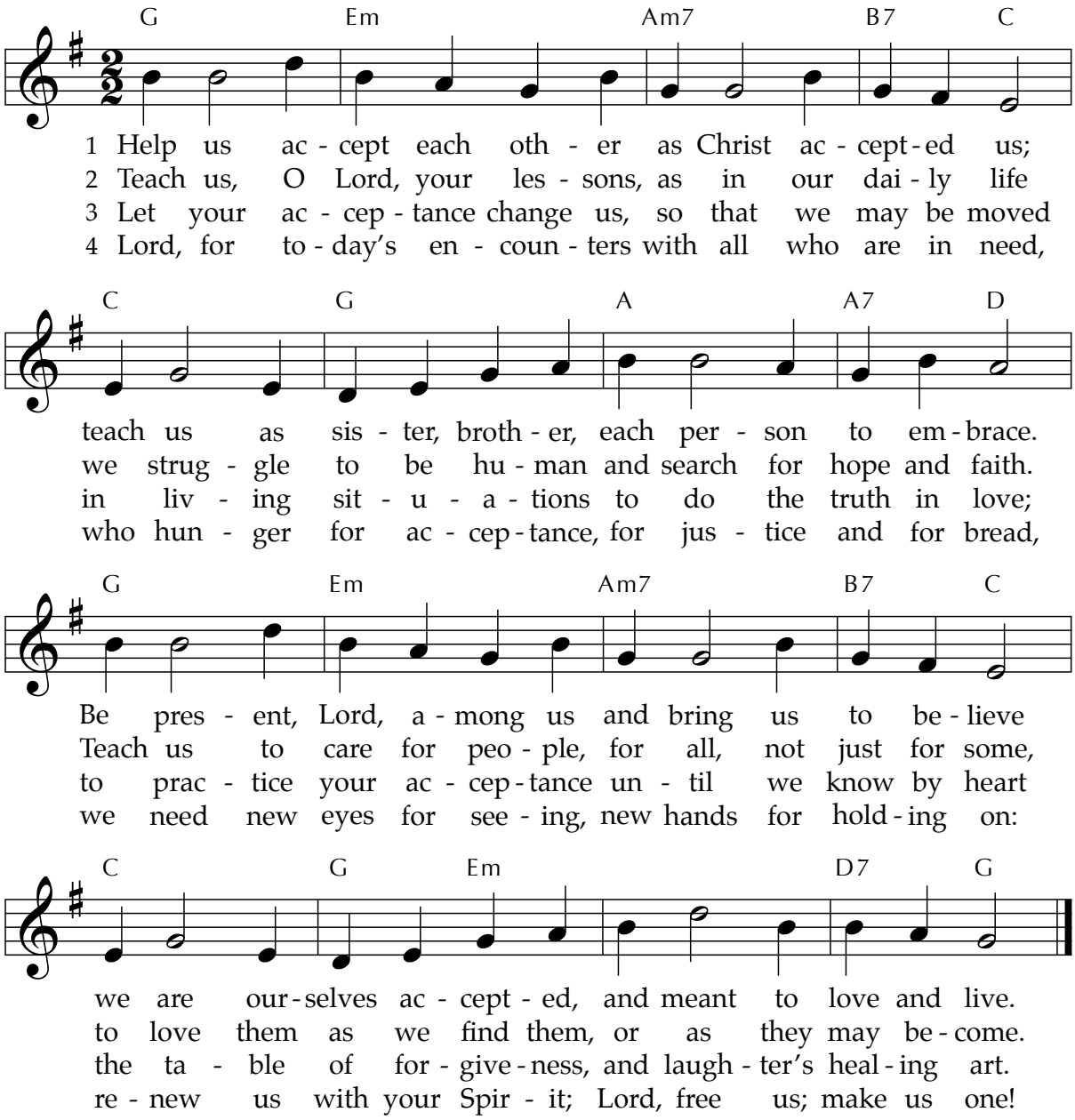

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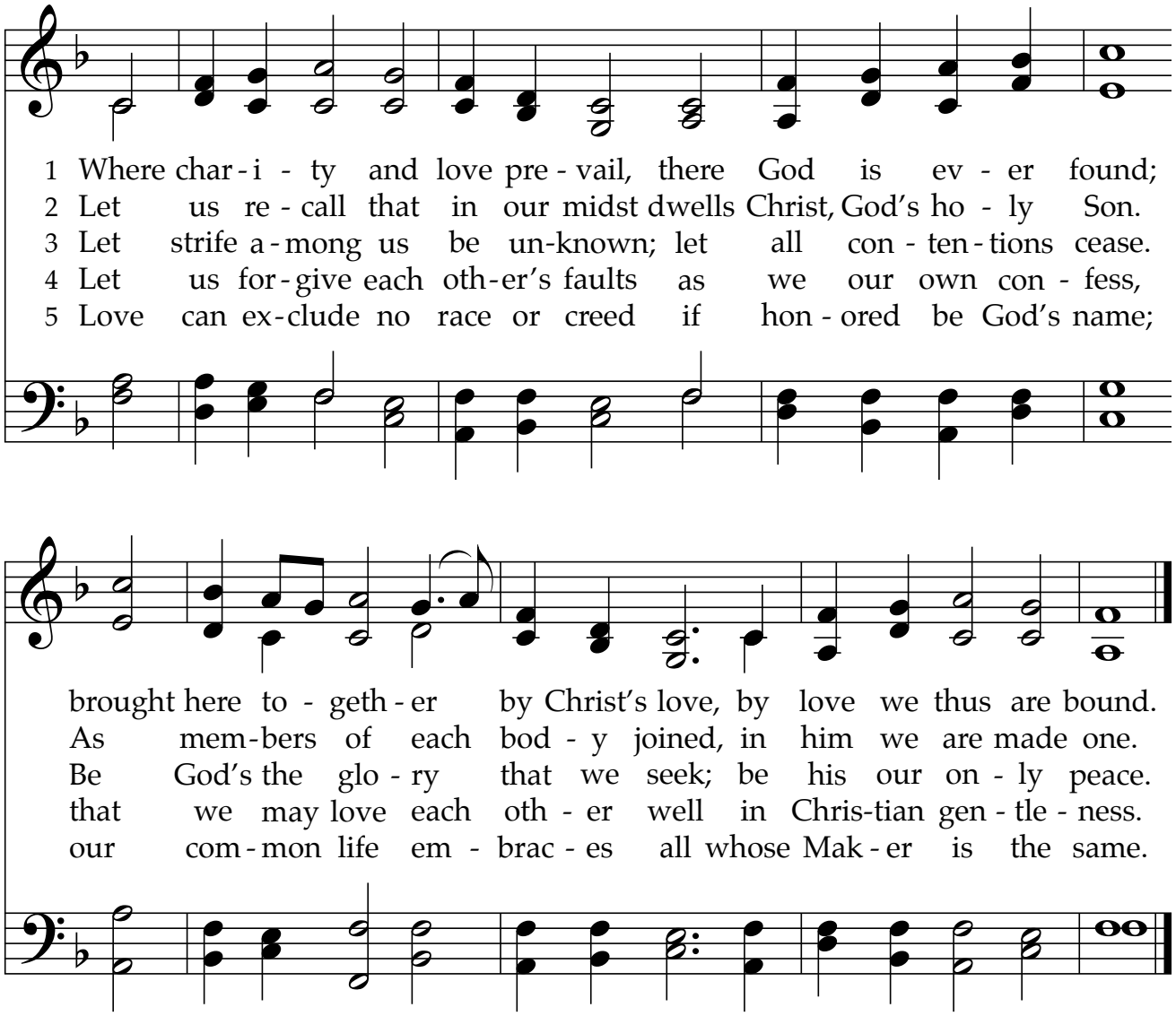
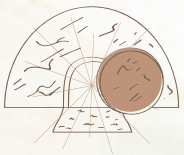


JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY
APR. 2
Worship
8:15 am & 10:30 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY
APR. 6
Servant Leadership Banquet
6:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY
APR. 7
Worship
7:00 pm



EASTER SUNDAY
APR. 9
Worship - 8:15 & 10:30 am
Egg Hunt - 9:45 am

Servant LEADERSHIP BANQUET

Just as Jesus washed his disciples' feet, he instructs us to lead with service. The recipient(s) of the Service Leadership Award are those among us that strive to imitate Jesus. Join us at 6:30 pm on the evening of Maundy Thursday (4/6) to recognize and celebrate them.
Tickets are $10, sign up via the Weekly Update.

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN OUR

SENSORY FRIENDLY
EASTER CELEBRATION

Hop on over and join us for a sensory friendly Easter celebration! All are welcome to attend this inclusive event.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

WORSHIP* 9 AM
EGG HUNT* 10 AM
*SENSORY FRIENDLY

14501 N. ROCKWELL AVE.

Details and RSVP in the WPC App

FEED MY SHEEP

EASTER BASKETS

Support the children in the Feed My Sheep program this Easter! We'll provide the Easter basket, you provide items to fill it!

Sign up to provide items at

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All announcements, more details, and signups are available on the Weekly Update page!

New Members Class

Have you been visiting and are you ready to make WPC your home? Our New Members class continues today! **If you haven't signed up and are interested in joining the church, simply join us in Room 104 after 10:30 am worship!**

Camp Westies

WPC believes all parents deserve a break, especially now after Spring Break! So, we have prepared a morning of fun for the kids on **March 25th!** Drop them off from **9:30 am - 12:30 pm** to enjoy snacks, crafts, and other activities! *The price is $25 per child with a $40 family max.* ***Our Weekly Update page has both a sign-up and more information.***

Family Friendly Hike

Join us on a leisurely hike around Stinchcomb Wildlife Refuge. **April 1st at 8:30 am.** Strollers and dogs on leashes are welcome! ***Check out the Weekly Update for more information and to sign up!***

Infant Crisis Services

WPC is collecting donations for ICS! Infant Crisis Services needs **wet wipes, sippy cups, and 8oz baby bottles.** Turn in those donations outside room 105. This drive runs almost all month, so get your items in **before March 26th!** ***Check the Weekly Update for a link to our team's amazon wishlist.***

Feed My Sheep - Easter

Feed My Sheep loves to support their families during holidays, and you can help! Donate $50 noting "Feed My Sheep - Easter" to provide a family with a beautiful Easter meal! **wpcokc.org/give**

Food Bank

The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma supplies food to those in need all across the state. Join us **Saturday, March 25th from 1:30 - 4:00 pm** to help them by either packing or sorting a seemingly small, but very important portion of that food. **Visit the website or sign-up via the Serve tab on the WPC App.**

WPC Water Stop

The OKC Memorial Marathon is **Sunday, April 30th,** and once again the route goes right down Shartel past Westminster! There is no worship that morning due to the race, instead we have an incredible service opportunity! Sign up for a shift at the WPC Water Stops to support the runners! **Details and volunteer sign up in the WPC App and on the Weekly Update!**

Donations Needed

Bring plastic eggs, prefilled eggs, individually wrapped candies, and/or prizes to church **by April 2nd** for the Easter Egg Hunt!

Lenten Sunday Vespers

Tonight we will worship in the Taizé (Taa-Zay) style. The Taizé Community is an ecumenical Christian monastic community in France founded in 1940, during the Second World War. Taizé worship is built around repetitive sung prayer, introducing simple, singable melodies that allow worshippers to meditate on God's truth. Dr. Melissa Plamann will guide a chamber ensemble to lead us in song.

MARCH / APRIL

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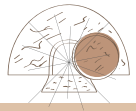
9 8:15 am Sanctuary Service 9:30 am Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 am Sanctuary Service  Easter Sunday	10 10:15 am Matins Ringers	11 7:30 am Men of Westminster	12 5:30 - 7:00 pm Youth Club 5:30 pm Worship & Music Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal WPC YOUTH CLUB	13 7:00 am Men's group 10:00 am Feed My Sheep Grocery Packing 6:00 pm Hannah Circle 	14 5:30 pm Parent's Night Out	15 7:30 am Feed My Sheep Grocery Packing / Delivery

- 3.19 • Lenten Sunday Vespers
- 3.20 • Dinah Circle - Parlor
- 3.21 • Mission Team Meeting
- 3.21 • Scotland Trip Meeting - Angry Scotsman
- 3.22 • Women's Glass Fusion Outing
- 3.23 • Esther Circle - Parlor
- 3.25 • Camp Westies
- 3.25 • Volunteer at Food Bank
- 3.26 • Lenten Sunday Vespers
- 3.26 • WPC Foundation Lunch - Room 103/104
- 3.30 • Knit N Pearls - Parlor
- 3.30 • March Session Meeting - Room 104
- 4.1 • Family Friendly Hike - Stinchcomb Wildlife Refuge
- 4.1 • Sensory Friendly Easter Celebration - Rockwell Campus
- 4.3 • Care Team Meeting - Parlor
- 4.6 • Maundy Thursday/Servant Leadership Banquet - Garden Court
- 4.7 • Good Friday Worship - Sanctuary
- 4.9 • Easter Sunday! *New Members & Confirmands Welcomed*
- 4.9 • Egg Hunt - Manor Lawn
- 4.13 • Feed My Sheep Grocery Packing
- 4.13 • Hannah Circle - the home of Kitty Champlin
- 4.14 • Parent's Night Out
- 4.15 • Feed My Sheep Grocery Packing / Delivery