



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026
PALM SUNDAY



Leading In Worship

Preacher

Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Senior Pastor

Liturgists

Catherine McDaniel

Elder Kim Mitchell, Pastor of Care and Connection (Frederickson Hall)

Musicians

Jan McDaniel, Co-Director of Worship and the Arts

Kevin Wilkinson, Co-Director of Worship and the Arts

Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

Lisa Hart, carillon

Brianna Holt, Director of Children's Music (Frederickson Hall)

Dr. Sallie Pollack, piano (Frederickson Hall)

WORSHIP ORDER

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

Prelude

Cortège (A Solemn Processional)

Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

Chiming the Hour

Preparing for Worship

Introit

Finlandia

Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)
arr. Kristina Langlois (b. 1956)

*Call to Worship

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

We will wave our palms and sing our praises.

But the road ahead leads through the storm.

Through wind and wave, through trial and loss.

Take heart. The God who calms the sea is with us still.

We will not be afraid. We will follow where Christ leads.

*Hymn of Praise (No. 196)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault; by what we have done and by what we have failed to do.

We have praised you in the sunshine and abandoned you in the storm, trusting your power only when the seas are calm.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We confess to you all our past unfaithfulness. Especially today, we confess that our faith falters the moment the wind picks up and the waves rise around us.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Prayer of Confession (cont.)

Accept our repentance for the wrongs we have done. For shouting Hosanna with our lips while hedging our commitments with our lives, for following Christ only as far as the road feels safe, and for forgetting that you are sovereign even over the storm,

accept our repentance, O God.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

VICTIMAE PASCHALI LAUDES

Kyrie Eleison



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son; Chri - ste e - le - i - son; Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son;

Sacred Space

The children are invited to gather on the front steps for a lesson.

*Passing of the Peace

Children Age 4 to 3rd Grade will now be dismissed to Children's Chapel.

In Chapel the children are learning all about Palm Sunday.

Grownups, if you have a child joining Children's Chapel today, please stop by the kiosk near the worship bags to sign them in. Please pick up children attending chapel in the children's ministry area upstairs on the 2nd floor after worship.

*Song of Community

PASSION CHORALE

O Sacred Head Now Wounded



What lan - guage shall we bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?



O make us thine for - ev - er; and should we faint - ing be.



Lord, let us nev - er, nev - er out - live our love to thee.

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Luke 8:22-25, p. 51

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalter

Psalm 118 (19-26)

Hal H. Hopson (1933-2025)



Bless-ed, yes, bless-ed is the One who now comes. Bless-ed, yes, bless-ed is the One who now comes.

Lilly Cherney, cantor

Second Reading

Acts 27:13-26, p. 113

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!

Sermon

Rev. Landon Whitsitt

Through the Storm

Anthem

"Benedictus, Hosanna" from *Missa Romanica*

James Mulholland (b. 1935)

Chancel Choir; Audrey Pottkotter, conductor

Dr. Sallie Pollack, piano

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,**

and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

***Affirmation of Faith** (continued)

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Announcements and Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Riding On the Road to Jerusalem

arr. Herb Frombach (b. 1940)
and Ashley Brooke

Chapel Singers; Brianna Holt, conductor
Dr. Sallie Pollack, piano

***Doxology (No. 607)**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all peo-ple here be - low;
praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev - er - more; praise Tri-une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

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

Communion is received via intinction with gluten-free wafers and grape juice.

***Hymn of Sending (No. 819)**

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

***Blessings, Charge, and Benediction**

Postlude

Agincourt Hymn

John Dunstable (1390-1453)

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

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The Apostles' Creed (ca. AD 180-750)

Developed between the second and ninth centuries as a baptismal creed for the new Christians, this is the most popular creed used in worship by Western Christians. Its central doctrines are those of the Trinity and God the Creator. Banner: Color Brown: The difficulty and rigor of early Christianity under persecution; Purple Arches: Entrances to caves or catacombs where early Christians met in secret; The Anchor Cross: Security in Christ, as found by the apostles, some of whom were fishermen; The Fish: An ancient symbol for the Christian faith; The Chalice: The Lord's Supper; The Upside-Down Cross: Peter, who in legend is said to have been crucified upside down because he thought himself unworthy of a death like his Master's.



ECO-PALM SUNDAY

They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel!"
John 12 : 12-13

Today in celebration of Palm Sunday, our congregation has partnered with the Presbyterian Hunger Program to use Eco-Palms - A branch truly worthy of celebration.

Eco-Palms are harvested in a sustainable manner. Harvesters are trained to gather only quality palm fronds in a way that allows the plant to keep growing. The palms are then brought to a community processing building, where the palms are processed and packaged for export.

By contrast, in conventional harvesting, workers are paid based on volume. The more fronds they cut, the more income they generate, encouraging over-harvesting and threatening the rainforest. Middlemen then transport the palms out of communities for processing, where more than 50% of the palms are discarded because of poor quality.

Eco-Palm communities process the palms themselves, capturing more of the profits, improving local communities' standard of living, and ensuring that the money paid for the palms benefit those who labor. They have built a processing building to improve working conditions, provided scholarships to students, paid a teacher's salary, and supported elderly members of the community.

As we raise our branches today, we play an important role in protecting forests, local jobs, and sustainable livelihoods in harvesting communities.

To learn more, visit pcusa.org/ecopalms.

THANKS TO COMMERCIALIZING ECO-PALMS

821
new jobs
for men

346
new jobs
for women

53
technical
coaching

34
training +
workshops

5
learning
exchanges

HOW YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT THROUGH ECO-PALMS HAS TRANSFORMED OUR COMMUNITIES:



Healthcare & access to medication



Workers Comp: prevention + safety



Education + scholarships for children



Food Safety



Trainings + continuing education



Improvement of work conditions



Quality control certification



Support for the church

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Light My Path: Sponsor a Pew Bible

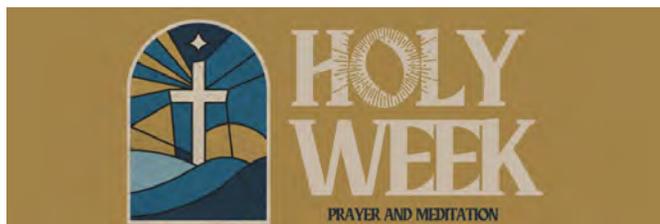
We are updating our pew Bibles to the NRSVue, a scholarly edition built on 30+ years of biblical research and over 20,000 textual refinements. Help us place 300 new Bibles in our pews by sponsoring one for \$35 — dedications in honor or memory of a loved one are welcome. Bibles can be sponsored by scanning the QR code or in person on Sunday mornings.



Rooted in Service Dinner

CANCELED

~~Preceding the Maundy Thursday service, we invite you to the Rooted in Service Dinner, where we would like to take this opportunity to thank ALL who serve in the church. Dinner is \$10.~~



Holy Week Prayer and Meditation

March 30 - April 3 | 10:30am-3:00pm | Chapel

During Holy Week, the Chapel will be open each day for prayer and meditation. There will be prayer prompts, prayer candles and prayer beads available to guide you if needed.



Sensory Friendly Easter Egg Hunt

April 4 | 10:00am | Playground

Join us for our sensory-friendly Easter egg hunt on our 44th St playground. This event is designed to be inclusive and enjoyable for everyone.



Easter Egg Hunt

April 5 | 9:30am | Playground

Join us for a delightful Easter egg hunt at our 44th St playground. This event is perfect for families looking to celebrate together in an exciting and engaging way. This event is split into two groups: ages 0-4 and ages 4+.



The Big Gither: 80th Anniversary Celebration

April 10 | 6:00-9:00pm | Will Rogers Theatre

A FREE event that will include appetizers, wine, beer, and soft drinks. Attire is black and white casual. This event is for ages 15 and up. Childcare is available for infants through 3rd grade at \$25 per child with a \$40 family maximum. RSVP by April 1.



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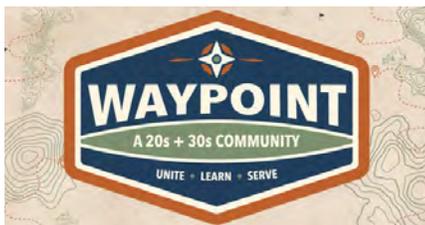
80th Anniversary Service Project **April 11 | 9:00am-12:00pm**

As part of our 80th Anniversary weekend, join us for a morning of serving together as we care for our church home. We'll be cleaning up around the property and planting flowers at the 44th Street entrance. Come for as long as you're able and help us prepare our campus for this special celebration.



80th Anniversary Worship & Lunch **April 12 | 10:30am Worship** **Lunch at 12:00pm in the Garden Court**

We will gather for one unified worship service at 10:30am and continue the celebration with an Anniversary Lunch. Tickets: \$20 per adult and \$10 for ages 12 and under. RSVP by April 1.



Waypoint **April 19 | 6:00pm | Parlor**

Waypoint is a new monthly gathering for adults in their 20s and 30s. Join us for Hideaway Pizza, thoughtful conversation, and time in Scripture as we build community and grow together. Whether you grew up in church or you are exploring faith in a fresh way, you belong here.



OKC Marathon Water Stop Volunteers **April 26 | 6:00am | Manor Lawn**

Join us in serving the runners in the OKC Memorial Marathon by handing out water and gatorade! This is a great way to get involved in the community and share Jesus' love. It is an early morning but will be SO much fun. Sign up through our website! THERE WILL BE NO WORSHIP SERVICES THAT MORNING.



Youth Summer Mission Trip **June 8-12 | Broken Bow**

It's time to head to Broken Bow for fun, fellowship, sun, and service! Registration will be open to all 9th-12th graders and cost will be \$350/person. Spots are limited to 15, so please don't wait to register! Our house has been booked. Scott, Maggie, and Amber can't wait!!



This Week I Learned

Curious about what your child is learning in Children's Ministry today? Scan the QR code to explore this Sunday's lesson, activities, and announcements!



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SERVE OUR
Community
THIS EASTER



**EASTER
MEALS**

Help provide meals through our church and local partners:

- Donate \$75 to sponsor a meal.
- Sign up to help cook.
- Volunteer to deliver or serve.



**EASTER
BASKETS**

Feed My Sheep

Fill an Easter basket for a Feed My Sheep child:

- Register for a basket via the QR code.
- We provide the baskets and wrapping.
- Fill with snacks and small gifts.
- Label the bag with the child's name.
- Return to the pantry by March 29.





HOLY WEEK

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



PALM
SUNDAY

March 29
**Worship
Services**
8:15 am +
10:30 am



MAUNDY
THURSDAY

APRIL 2
**Worship
Service**
Communion
7:00 pm



GOOD
FRIDAY

APRIL 3
**Worship
Service**
7:30 pm



EASTER
SUNDAY

APRIL 5
**Worship
Services in
Sanctuary**
8:15 am +
10:30 am
Egg Hunt
9:30 am



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH/APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>29 8:15am Worship: Chapel 9:30am Christian Education 10:30am Worship: Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall 5:00pm Dinner at City Care Night Shelter</p> <p>Return Easter Baskets Palm Sunday Holy Week Begins</p>	<p>30 10:15 am Matins Ringers Rehearsal 10:30am-3:00pm Prayer and Meditation: Chapel</p>	<p>31 7:30am Men of Westminster 10:30am-3:00pm Prayer and Meditation: Chapel</p>	<p>1 9:00am Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study 10:30am-3:00pm Prayer and Meditation: Chapel 5:00pm Dinner at SISU 6:00pm Youth Night 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>2 7:00am Men's Bible Study 10:30am-3:00pm Prayer and Meditation: Chapel 5:45pm Rooted in Service Dinner 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service</p> <p>Maundy Thursday Communion</p>	<p>3 10:30am-3:00pm Prayer and Meditation: Chapel 7:30pm Good Friday Worship Service</p> <p>Good Friday</p>	<p>4 10:00am Sensory Friendly Easter Egg Hunt 11:00am Lunch at SISU</p>
<p>5 No CE 8:15am Worship: Sanctuary 9:30am Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am Worship: Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall</p> <p>Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord</p>	<p>6 10:15 am Matins Ringers Rehearsal 1:00pm Caregivers Support Group 5:00pm Operations</p>	<p>7 7:30am Men of Westminster</p>	<p>8 9:00am Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study 12:00pm 80th Anniversary Committee Meeting</p>	<p>9 7:00am Men's Bible Study 5:30pm Session</p>	<p>10 6:00pm 80th Anniversary: The Big Gither at Will Rogers Theatre</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 8:15am Worship: Chapel 9:30am Christian Education 10:30am Worship: Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall 11:30am 80th Anniversary Luncheon 1:30pm PSO Education Meeting: 105</p> <p>2nd Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>13 10:15am Matin Ringers Rehearsal</p>	<p>14 7:30am Men of Westminster 6:00pm Membership and Hospitality Meeting</p>	<p>15 9:00am Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>16 7:00am Men's Bible Study 11:30am Mary's Circle 7:00pm Priscilla's Circle</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 8:15am Worship: Chapel 9:30am Christian Education 10:30am Worship: Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall 11:30am Care Team Meeting: 104 11:30am Children's Team Meeting: Library 6:00pm Waypoint: Parlor 3rd Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>20 11:30am Dinah Circle 1:00pm Caregivers Support Group 4:00pm Foundation Meeting</p>	<p>21 7:30am Men of Westminster 11:30am Missions Team Meeting</p>	<p>22 9:00am Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm Spiritual Formation</p>	<p>23 7:00am Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 7:30pm Oklahoma Baroque Orchestra Concert</p>



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