

WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 5, AD 2026



*"THE GRASS WITHERS, THE FLOWER FADES, BUT THE WORD OF
OUR GOD WILL STAND FOREVER."*

- ISAIAH 40:8 -



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† *Those who are able, please stand.*

Morning Worship

Prelude

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Low in the Grave He Lay
(Hymn #367, arr. Berry)

He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus the Lord
(Walther)

Come Ye Faithful Raise the Strain
(Hymn #356, arr. Butler)

Thine Be the Glory
(Hymn #365)

Orchestra
Children's Choir (v. 1,2)
†Congregation (v. 3)

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing
#362 Trinity Psalter vs. 1 & 9

Text: Jean Tisserand, ca 1490, Tr. John Mason Neale, 1851

Tune: O FILI ET FILIAE, French melody, 17th century

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
over death today rose triumphing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days,
to God your hearts and voices raise
in laud and jubilee and praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

† Call to Worship

1 Peter 1:3-4; Revelation 1:17-18; 5:12

Leader: According to God's great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

All: Fear not! Jesus Christ is the first and the last, and the living one. He died, and behold he is alive forevermore, and has the keys of Death and Hades. To him be power and wealth, and wisdom and might, and honor and glory and blessing!

† Hymn of Adoration

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

#360

† The Invocation 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.

† Confession of Faith

The 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. 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.

**this refers to the realm of the dead, not the place of punishment*

***"catholic" means "universal" church, the true church in all times and places.*

† Gloria Patri

#572

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, amen.

Call to Repentance

Psalm 51:17, pg. 474

Silent Confession of Personal Sins

Corporate Confession of Sin

Gracious Father, please save us from ourselves. Save us from the deceits of our sin, from the treachery of our perverse nature, from denying your charge against our offenses, from a life of continual rebellion against you, from wrong principles, views, and ends. We know that all our thoughts, affections, desires, and pursuits are alienated from you. We thank you that Jesus Christ strides forth as the victor, conqueror of death, hell, and all opposing might. He bursts the bands of death, tramples the powers of darkness down, and lives forever. We thank you that the claims of justice are satisfied, that the devil's scepter is shattered, that his wrongful throne is leveled. Give us the assurance that in Christ we died, in him we rose, in his life we live, in his victory we triumph, and in his ascension, we shall be glorified. His death is our life, his resurrection our peace, his ascension our hope, his prayers our comfort. Amen. (Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*)

Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 15:55-57, pg. 962

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1-15, pg. 46

† **Psalm**

Preserve Me, O My God

#16A

Prayer of Intercession and Dedication

Mr. Joe Steele

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Orchestra &
Sanctuary Choir

And Can It Be?

(arr. Forrest)

And can it be, and can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?
And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's love?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou my God shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free! For O my God, it found out me.

And can it be, and can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own!
Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Joe Steele

“The Uniqueness and Reality of Resurrection Life”

Luke 20:27-40

pg. 880

† **Hymn of Response**

In Christ Alone

#265

† **Benediction**

† **Doxology**

#567

† Postlude

Orchestra &
Sanctuary Choir
† Congregation (v.4)

Crown Him!
(arr. Forrest)

Choir:

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne:
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as Thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love: behold His hands and side--
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified!
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Crown Him the Lord of life! Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save!

His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Congregation & Choir:

**Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, one with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.**

**To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified!**

Choir:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 3. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 4. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; *Al - le - lu - ia!*

sons of men and an - gels say; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 fought the fight, the bat - tle won; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 Christ hath burst the gates of hell; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 where, O death, is now thy sting? *Al - le - lu - ia!*

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 lo, the sun's e - clipse is o'er; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 death in vain for - bids him rise; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 Once he died, our souls to save; *Al - le - lu - ia!*

sing ye heav'ns and earth re - ply. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 lo, he sheds his blood no more. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 Christ hath o - pened par - a - dise. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? *Al - le - lu - ia!*

5. Soar we now where Christ hath led, *Alleluia!*
 foll'wing our exalted Head; *Alleluia!*
 made like him, like him we rise; *Alleluia!*
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies. *Alleluia!*

6. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!*
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia!*
 thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*
 hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!*

Preserve Me, O My God

16A

1. ¹Pre - serve me, O my God; you are my ref - uge true.
 2. ⁴Those seek - ing oth - er gods shall mul - ti - ply their pain;
 3. ⁶The lot that fell to me is beau - ti - ful and fair;
 4. ⁸I keep be - fore me still the LORD whom I have proved;
 5. ¹⁰For you will not for - sake my soul un - to the grave,

²I say, "You are my Lord. I have no good a - part from you."
 their gifts of blood I of - fer not; their gods I will not name.
 • the her - i - tage in which I dwell is good be - yond com - pare.
 at my right hand he guards from ill, and I shall not be moved.
 nor will you leave your Ho - ly One to see the tomb's de - cay.

³The saints through - out the earth— in them is my de - light,
⁵O LORD, you are to me my cup and por - tion sure;
 • ⁷I praise the LORD a - bove, whose coun - sel guides a - right.
⁹My heart is there - fore glad; my tongue with joy will sing.
¹¹Life's path - way you make known, full joy of bound - less store

for ex - cel - lent are they who live as ho - ly in your sight.
 the lot that you as - sign to me you guard and keep se - cure.
 • My heart in - structs me in his love in sea - sons of the night.
 My bod - y, too, will rest se - cure in hope un - wav - er - ing.
 is found with you; at your right hand are plea - sures ev - er - more.

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a - lone! Who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the world by dark - ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the pow'r of Christ in

song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
 babe! This gift of love and righ - teous - ness, scorned by the
 slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the
 me. From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com -

fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 ones he came to save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died,
 grave he rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to - ry,
 mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,

when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for -
 the wrath of God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry
 sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am
 can ev - er pluck me from his hand; 'til he re -

ter, my all in all— here in the love of Christ I stand.
 sin on him was laid— here in the death of Christ I live.
 his and he is mine— bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 turns or calls me home— here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Welcome guests! We are delighted that you have come to worship with us here at Westminster. We pray that God will bless you richly through the service and the welcome of our congregation and that you will worship with us again soon. For more information about the church, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Lobby.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Sunday School or Sunday Evening Today.

Wednesday Evening Activities: Make plans to join us on Wednesday evening, April 8, for food, fellowship, prayer, choir, youth group, and catechism classes for our children. The meal will be served in the Narthex beginning at 5:15 PM. The meal this week is **Corralejos**, and the cost is **\$6 per person, with a \$24 per-family cap**. Use the QR Code or Realm to register and pay (Paying online saves you time in line on Wednesday evening). Blue Sheet to register. Meals need to be ordered by Tuesday at 10 am.



Foster care & adoption support group: Our new support group will meet on Thursday, April 9, at 6 pm upstairs. The group is designed to offer support to those who have fostered or adopted, or to those seriously considering beginning the journey. Please RSVP with Pastor Duncan so we can get an accurate headcount for food and childcare.

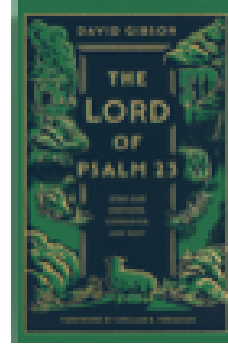
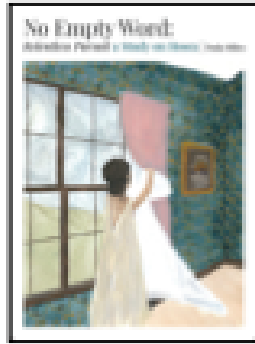
Family & Children's Game Night: Join us as we fellowship together and play our family's favorite games! All ages are welcome, but this is primarily a Family & Children's Fellowship Event, April 10, 5:30-7:30 in the Church Narthex. Bring your family's favorite dish (please register for the category you will bring). If your family is more than 4, please bring two things. You can register through Realm or use the QR code.



Men's Social Event: Who says men can't be social? All WPC Men are invited to enjoy some food and fellowship at Nat Causey's home on Saturday, 11 April at 6:00 p.m. An event not to be missed! Please RSVP to Nat Causey.

Help Needed: The Deacons would like to request volunteers to help with the setup and take-down of the sanctuary for the upcoming Women's Tea in April. The Deacons will begin stacking chairs on Thursday (04/16) at 4:30 pm. We will plan to reset the sanctuary right after the women's event on Saturday (04/18) at noon.

Lincoln Village Workday: The Outreach Team is holding a church-wide morning workday at Lincoln Village on April 25 at 8 am to support Lincoln's housing program and school. Attendees will need to be prepared to handle tasks such as cleaning, home maintenance, yard work, or demolition. Please RSVP with Christopher Thompson at Christopher.23thompson@gmail.com by Wednesday, April 22, and let him know if you have any questions.



WOMEN'S 2026 SUMMER STUDIES

Signup for study on Blue Sheet. Signup on Realm for Wed nursery.

Hosea, book & video series, Paula Miles (8 meetings/group)

- **Tue**, 7-8 pm, 6/9 thru 7/28, at Jennifer Murphree home in Madison, 12 max

Crazy Busy, Kevin DeYoung (4 meetings/group)

- **Wed**, 10 -11 am, 6/10, 6/24, 7/8, 7/22, in WPC Commons. 24 people max. Childcare (5 & under) available. See below to enroll for nursery.
- **Wed**, 7-8 pm, 6/17, 7/1, 7/15, 7/29 at Kathy Bradshaw home in Monrovia, 16 people max
- **Thur**, 10-11 am, 6/11, 6/25, 7/2, 7/16 at Jess Nuckols home in Harvest. 12 people max. Childcare (5-12 years old) available by contacting Jess Nuckols.

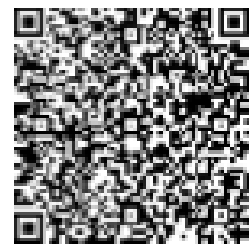
The Lord of Psalm 23, David Gibson (3 meetings/group)

- **Tue**, 7-8 pm, 6/9, 6/30, 7/14 at Hannah Smith home in Monrovia. 15 people max.
- **Wed**, 7-8 pm, 6/3, 6/17, 7/1, Jacqueline Bryant home in Toney/ Ardmore, 10 people max

Books are \$10, (scholarships available) & will be distributed in May after morning worship. Questions? Contact Frances Shipman, cell 256 566-9020, email fcshipman1@att.net

Nursery (5 yo & under) is available for the Wednesday morning Crazy Busy book study at the church. Enroll via QR code, Realm app, or Web address [https://onrealm.org/wpchsv/PublicRegistrations/Event?](https://onrealm.org/wpchsv/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=YTU5YzliYWltY2JiNi00Yzg3LTk1MmYtYjQxYTAXMDE2NmZm)

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**SEEK TO KNOW
AND WORSHIP
YOUR CREATOR
AND LORD**

**JOIN US ON OUR
SPACE MISSION:**

JUNE 2-5

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

**AGES 4 YEARS
THROUGH COMPLETED
5TH GRADE**

(age 4 by 09/01/2025)

**Child
Registration**



**Volunteer
Registration**



Nursery available for volunteers children

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

WPC's Age and Stage Adult Discipleship Classes are organized in age groupings to encourage relational connections among people experiencing similar life circumstances.

(Note: There is elevator access for second floor classes in the church and school buildings.)

College Age	Spiritual Disciplines Explore biblical habits that cultivate a deeper walk with God.	Eric Fulcher Meets in WCA 204 School Building
20s and 30s	Being God's Steward Biblical wisdom for money, possessions, and future plans in light of eternity.	Stacy Murphree Meets in WCA 104 School Building
40s and 50s	Atonement: Crucial and Controversial Christ's atonement: what it means, why it was necessary, and how it saves us.	Roy McDaniel Meets in the WPC Library Upstairs in the Church Building
60 Plus	Christian Contentment How the New Testament and the Puritans teach lasting contentment in Christ.	Stephen St John Meets in WPC Room 1 Upstairs in the Church Building

Other WPC Adult Discipleship Classes include a cross generational class that blends people from all stages of life and our own "seminary lite" BASIC Institute Class.

Cross Generational	1 & 2 Thess, 1 & 2 Tim, and Titus Encouragement in steadfast faith, sound doctrine, and godly leadership.	Robert Benton Meets in WPC Room 2 Upstairs in the Church Building
BASIC	OT 102: Prophets An overview of biblical Israel highlighting the message of the prophets.	Duncan Cantrell Meets in the WPC Commons Upstairs in the Church Building

2026 Upcoming Events

- April 10: Family & Children's Game Night @ WPC
- April 11: Men's Social @ The Causey's
- April 18: Women's Multigenerational Tea @ WPC
- April 25: Lincoln Village Church-wide Workday
- May 1-2: Men's Camping Trip
- June 2-5: VBS

Sunday School for Youth and Children

3-year-olds:	Nursery Pre-K	4 th Grade:	WCA 108
4-year-olds:	WCA 105	5 th -6 th Grade Girls:	WCA 210
Kindergarten:	WCA 100	5 th -6 th Grade Boys:	WCA 211
1 st Grade:	WCA 101	7 th -8 th Grade Girls:	WCA 207
2 nd Grade:	WCA 102	7 th -8 th Grade Boys:	WCA 209
3 rd Grade:	WCA 103	9 th – 12 th Grade:	WCA 206
Communicants:	WCA 110		

Sunday Servants

	This Week: 4/5/26	Next Week: 4/12/26
Coffee Fellowship	Paul D & Jan P	Michael & Mary L
Evening Prayer		Scott Lynn
Head Usher	Jay Lauderdale	Jason Rutledge
Nursery	AM: Francesca Finch, Diana Perrin, Tom Perrin, Angie Johnson, John McFadden	AM: Nikki Bush, Elizabeth Carter, Erin Creasy, Cassady Robey, Laine Oliver, Nicole Perrin, Sandy Myers SS: Julia Hammond, Scott Thibault, Kristen Thompson PM: Kaitlyn Carl, Karen Hodge, Sarah Rapp, Amanda Pettus, Jorden Grady
Sexton Counter	Josh Buhl	Christopher Thompson
Sound Booth	AM: James Pearce	AM: Bradley Davis PM: Michael Patterson



April 5 – April 12, 2026

Morning Worship: 9:30 AM

Sunday School: 11:10 AM

Evening Worship: 6:00 PM

Sunday, April 5, 2026

9:30 AM - Easter Service

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

7:00 AM - Men's Dead Theologians Society @ WPC

7:00 AM - Men's "Counterfeit Gods" Book Study @ Blue Plate Café

9:15 AM - Women's Intercessory Prayer Time @ WPC

10:00 AM - Women's Book Study @ WPC

12:00 PM - Men's Bible Study @ WPC

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

11:30 AM - Women's Bible Study @ WPC

5:30 PM - Meal served WPC Narthex

6:15 PM - Nursery Opens

6:15 PM - Youth Group

6:15 PM - Choir Practice

6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting WPC Narthex

7:30 PM - College & Career

6:30 PM - Choir Practice

Thursday, April 9, 2026

6:00 PM - Foster Care & Adoption Support Group @ WPC

Friday, April 10, 2026

6:30 AM - Men's James Bible Study @ Sunny Street Café

9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study @ WPC

5:30 PM - Children's Game Night

Saturday, April 11, 2026

6:00 PM - Men's Social Event @ Nat Causey's

Sunday, April 12, 2026

4:30 PM - Women's Ministry Team Meeting

4:30 PM - Adult Discipleship Team Meeting

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(*currently on sabbatical)