



Palm Sunday

The Order of Worship

March 29, 2026
9:00 and 11:00am

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRELUDE Humbly I Adore You arr. Shawn Gingrich
CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)** Mary Sophia Hawks

- One: Will you follow?
Will you lay down your coat?
Will you lay down something important?
Will you shout "Hosanna"?
Will you join the parade?
Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse?
Will you cut down a palm branch?
Will you wave it in the air?
Will you follow the one riding on a donkey?
Will you let this good news inspire you to act?

All: **We will. We will sing. We will pay close attention.
We will worship. We will follow.**

One: Hosanna in the highest!

All: **Hosanna in the highest!**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 196 All Glory, Laud and Honor
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Jesus of Nazareth,
we know that you spent your days teaching and healing.
You marched through the streets and walked on water.
You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at crowded dinner tables.
Your good news was not confined to conversation.
It was not confined to the Temple.

Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world.
Holy God, we long for a faith like that.
Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith
to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon.
Inspire us to love as you loved.
Inspire us to act.
With hope for tomorrow we pray, amen.

*RESPONSE Lord Have Mercy Healey Willan

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)**

One: Church family,
whether or not you wave your palm branch,
whether or not you live out your faith,
whether or not you allow this good news to inspire your actions,
God will never stop loving you.
Jesus will never stop marching for you.
The Spirit will never stop listening to you.

All: **We are claimed, loved, and held in grace.
What good, good news. Amen!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*RESPONSE Live in Charity UBI CARITAS

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

ANTHEM (11:00) What Wondrous Love is This arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

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A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Kathy Parsons

Children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:1-11

SERMON "Trading Certainty With Faithfulness"

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

*HYMN NO. 264 At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.

It sounds like welcome

and feels like home.

It sounds like laughter

and feels like mercy.

It sounds like love

and feels like a seat at the table,

so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.

I have seen it alive in the world.

And even when my heart aches,

even when wars rage,

even when mercy feels out of reach,

I remember the one who

welcomed the children

and led with nonviolence.

I remember the one who

cared for the vulnerable

and inspired those around him.

I remember that the good news really is good news,

for I have seen it alive in the world.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. Your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) What Wondrous Love is This arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

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(11:00) Hosanna to the Son of David Healey Willan

Healey Willan

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
O King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here
below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord's Prayer**

During the Prayers of the People there will be a time of silence. You are invited to use this time for personal reflection, confession, thanksgiving, and 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.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO.** 197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** My Jesus, Who has Called Me

Johannes Brahms

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Kathryn Oakes and Richard Ward

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Lana Daverman and Susan

McKeehan

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE: (11:00) Adelina Lewis

GREETERS: (11:00) Kathleen and Bill Farnham

LITURGIST: Mary Sophia Hawks

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Handbell Choir, (11:00) Chancel Choir, Katy Gawne, Violin

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Larry Tragesser

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

USHERS: (9:00) Reed Ellis and Stephanie Lynch-Wright

(11:00) Lindsey Williford, Mark Potocik, LoAnn Price, Barbara Froula, Bonny

Naugher

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in celebration of the birthdays of Lila

Ruth Brewington (1/25), and her grandmother, Ruthie Carey (3/31). Due to snow in

January, we joyously honor them together today. Thanks be to God!

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit today in celebration of Luke being born March 15 to Sam

and Maggie Phillips. Proud grandmother is Deborah Phillips.

PRAYER LIST (Please keep the following names in your prayers this week)

Sonja Jones, Judy and Joseph Moon, Lalla Phillips, Kitty Rasa, Doris Solomon, Vicki

Chapman, Barbara McNew, Breeze Blankenship, Lucinda Albiston, Cile Mathews,

Betty Collins, Byron Morginen, Dixie Rury (friend of Mary Sophia Hawks), Gloria

Borum's brother Mike, Charlie Mercer, Donna Davis, the Manrod family, Fay

Adams, Melani Rogers.

YOUTH NEWS There will be a youth parent listening session after church TODAY.

Lunch will be provided. It is important that you try to attend. Thank you! Youth

Fellowship will meet tonight at 5:00-7:00pm.

Reminder, please let Amanda know if your child is attending Montreat or the Middle

School Maryville Retreat this summer! We still need chaperones for both!!

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER

During 10:00 Hour - Nursery available for children ages 0-3 years old

Sunday School for Preschool through 5th grade

During 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old

Children's Church for children Preschool through 5th grade

Children will be walked to Children's Church classes following the Time with

Children during the 11:00 worship service.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (10:00am)

Adult Bible Study: Reading the Book of Acts. (Adult/Handbell Room next to the Prayer Room)

Feasting on the Word: Studies scriptures used in Worship (McKinnon)

The Wired Word: Discusses current events with a theological eye (Library)

WPC HIKE Our next WPC hike will occur on River Bluff Trail in the Norris watershed on Monday, April 6. River Bluff is revered as one of the best wildflower trails in the area! Rain date will be Tuesday, April 7. We'll gather at the Karm parking lot (140 North Forest Park Blvd in Bearden--formerly Earth Fare) at 8:30am to organize carpools-- or meet at the Lenoir Museum, 2121 Norris Freeway, at 9:10am to pack cars before proceeding to the trailhead. Bring water, poncho, lunch, and wear sturdy shoes or boots. Hike distance is ~3 miles round trip with some short climbs.

JUSTICE KNOX NEWS: We need your help!

On Monday, April 13 at 7:00pm we need to pack the

Knoxville Civic Auditorium with 2,026 people to push

for real change. Come join us and help fix problems like housing, homelessness, and

transportation. More people means more change.



WE ARE HOSTING another "RISE AGAINST HUNGER"

Meal Packaging Event here at Westminster on Sunday,

May 17 at 12:45pm. The event lasts approximately two

hours. Several years ago, we had this and it was a huge

success and so rewarding in many ways! As a reminder,

all who plan to attend our event should register using this

event page:

<https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/register/?id=701Pj00000sbgXW>

While there - check out the amazing video they share. There is no money required

from participants because this has already been budgeted through our Mission

Ministry team. Please try your best to come to this event ... ask anyone who did the

last one - it is an amazing experience! We need many volunteers and there will be

options for set up and clean up as well as the actual packaging. Also, let me know if

you helped with the last one and can give us any thoughts or recollections on how to

make this one as great as the last time!



OFFERING: You are welcome to give during the offering as the

plates are shared, or you may contribute online through our

secure giving page: www.wpcknox.org/donate-options/.

Offerings can also be made by scanning this QR code.



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Benjamin Dockter, Worship Tech

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 29

PALM SUNDAY

9:00am - Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship

Noon - Associate Pastor Nominating

Committee Meeting

Noon - Youth Parent Listening Session

3:45pm - Treble Choir

5:00pm - Youth Fellowship

5:00pm - Abbey deadline

Tuesday, March 31

10:00am - Staff Meeting

11:00pm - Program Staff

4:30pm - Brass Choir

Wednesday, April 1

4:30pm - Companions

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 2

10:30am - Women's Bible Study (McK)

6:00pm - Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 3

8:00pm - Good Friday Service

THE SESSION

Class of 2026

Bill Farnham

Lee Ingram

Lucy Johnson

Kathryn Oakes

Richard Ward

Youth Elder: Bobby Powell

Class of 2027

George Barber

Mary Boyd

Allie Brewington

Emily Gustafson

Ken Hughes

Class of 2028

Amanda Fox

Mary Jo Mann

Tim Ryan

Ginger Williams

Michael Yates

Clerk of Session: Bitsy Ingram

TRUSTEES

John Smartt

Larry Tragesser

Bill West



MAUNDY THURSDAY Starting at 6:00pm, April 2 we will have a soup dinner and worship in the Lisa Kaufman Hall. Together, through Scripture, liturgy, communion, and song, we will tell of Christ's final meal with his disciples. The format of this service is accessible for all ages, and the Treble Choir will sing *A Prayer for Humility*.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE On April 3 at 8:00pm we will have a service of Tenebrae, complete with a homily from Rev. Gradye Parsons. The Chancel Choir will sing anthems by Barry Rose, William Byrd, Tomás Luis de Victoria, and *Were You There* arranged by Harry Burleigh.

EASTER WORSHIP We will celebrate Christ's resurrection with two identical services at 9:00 and 11:00am including Communion. The Chancel Choir and Treble Choir will sing festive anthems. Joyful hymns will be accompanied by Westminster's Brass Choir and Organ.

EASTER BREAKFAST The annual Easter Breakfast is April 5th! The buffet will begin in the Schilling Gallery as soon as the 9:00am service ends. We need your help - please scan the QR code to bring a dish to share. Some ideas are: casseroles, meats, sweets, fruit, etc. Items need to be ready to serve. The serving tables in the Schilling Gallery will have labels identifying where to place your contributions. Thank you so much for your help!



CALLING ALL EASTER BUNNIES! Join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am April 5th in the courtyard off the Schilling Gallery. For kids 0-10 years old (big kids are welcome to help set up), kids are asked to stop after collecting 10 eggs.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees — serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Typically received during the season of Lent, this Offering helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations.

**ROOTED IN LOVE
SUMMER CAMP
JULY 20-24**

AGES PRE-K -8TH GRADE

ACTIVITIES

- Bible Verses & Stories
- Crafts
- Singing
- hand chimes
- music theory games
- water play and more!

- 9am-2pm
- \$125 payable online
- All lunches and snacks provided
- Deadline April 30
- Aftercare available 2-5pm @\$10/hour

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For more details, visit [Westminster Presbyterian Church](#)

PLEASE HELP THE FLOWER GUILD as they adorn the sanctuary in celebration of Easter. Donations of any amount are welcome and can be made payable to Westminster Flower Guild in honor or memory of loved ones. These names will be included in both the Easter Sunday bulletin and the following *Abbey* after Easter. The deadline to make the donation is **TODAY**. Thank you for supporting this beautiful annual tradition.

\$_____ In memory of / honor of (circle one):

Given by:

