

April 2025

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN

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Being a Servant of Christ in this broken and fearful world gives our lives meaning. In Lent we take time to pray, fast, do acts of compassion and give generously. Our Lent theme is “Strengthening Servanthood.” These worship outlines give you an idea where we will travel together in worship. God has called each of us into a life of service. May this time in the church be helpful to you in strengthening your clarity and joy in service. May our lives together demonstrate our gratitude to God for all God’s grace.

## Lent Continues...

April 6	5th Sunday in Lent	The Ministry of Self-giving	John 12:1-8
April 13	Palm Sunday	The Servant King	John 18-19
April 17 @7pm	Maundy Thursday	The Sign of Service	John 13
April 18 @7pm	Good Friday	Requiem – John Rutter	John 18-19
April 20	Easter Sunday	The Servant’s Message	John 20:1-18

Strengthening Servanthood



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## *Help us prepare to call a new pastor!*

The Session invites you to a conversation about our mission and ministry as part of our preparation for calling a new pastor. We will be using the 2024 Westminster Self Study Overview as a way to see current challenges and opportunities that the church is facing. Our goal is to have honest and hopeful conversations toward a shared understanding of the priorities for Westminster.

## **Join us for a one hour conversation on:**

When: Sundays April 6, 13, 27, and May 4th immediately after worship

Where: the Yuma side of the narthex,

What: Conversations at round tables facilitated by the elders.

What is God preparing us to do in mission and ministry in the future? Let us begin to make plans for the journey.

# News and Announcements

## **Fellowship Announcement**

Dine with Nine groups shared a big potluck in Fellowship Hall last month, and newly formed groups are planning their next small group meals. Need more information, or didn't sign up? No problem--we welcome any who might wish to join a group. Please contact Juanita at [jjh71152@gmail.com](mailto:jjh71152@gmail.com), Sandra at [srcole30@gmail.com](mailto:srcole30@gmail.com) or call the church office.

## **It's rummage sale season!**

The annual sale will be Saturday April 5 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in fellowship hall. We need help setting up, working the sale, and clean up. Sign up today in the narthex after church or email Beth Swedeen at [bethswedeen@gmail.com](mailto:bethswedeen@gmail.com) We also can use clean, workable donations! Please no appliances, electronics, baby equipment or mattresses. St. Vinny's and the city do not accept these items and we have to pay to dispose of them.

## **Coins for a Cause April 2025**

April is the month for our first "Coins For A Cause" collection for 2025. All coins collected in the offering plates for the 4 Sundays in April will go to this endeavor. As we did in 2024, we are asking our youth, with Amy Poland's guidance, to use these monies to select gifts from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. So bring your spare change to church and drop those coins in the collection plate. Thanks in advance for any coins you may contribute to this worthwhile venture.

## **One Great Hour of Sharing**

One Great Hour of Sharing is an opportunity to participate in the work of Presbyterian Disaster Relief which continues to assist people devastated by hurricanes in North Carolina and fires in California. Programs to prevent hunger and poverty reach around the world and also assist refugees. The Self-Development of People program advocates for human rights in the US as well as abroad. Communities are more reliant than ever on church supported assistance. If you have one of the fish boxes at home the whole family can drop in coins that will also go to One Great Hour. When we all do a little it adds up to a lot. Please give generously.

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## God's Love Knows No Borders

Join communities of faith and conscience calling for an end to the Israeli attacks on Gaza and the West Bank, an end to the U.S. offensive weapons shipments to Israel, and the restoration of humanitarian aid to Gaza.

Public action of singing and prayer  
Saturday, April 12, 10-11AM at Dane County Farmers Market (corner of King St.)

This event is sponsored by Mennonite Action (co-sponsored by Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ) who gave a presentation at Westminster during a Sunday forum last year.

## Summer Book Study – We Need Your Input!

Help us shape our Summer Book Study! Whether you prefer a one-time discussion or a multi-session study, we'd love your input. We're also looking for book suggestions and hosts (discussions can be at a home or the church). Have a book idea or want to host? Let Erin know at [erin.e.nass@gmail.com](mailto:erin.e.nass@gmail.com)!

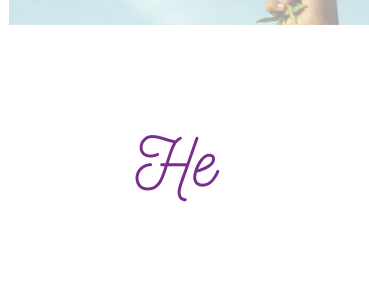


HOLY WEEK 2025  
**Palm Sunday**  
Service at 9:45am  
The Servant King  
John 18-19

A hand holding a palm frond against a light blue background.



*Hallelujah!*

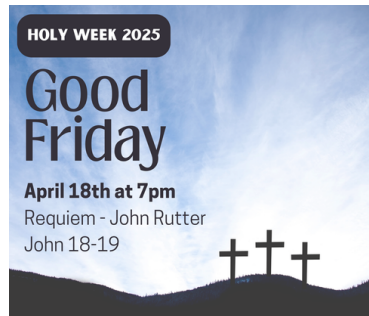


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HOLY WEEK 2025  
**Maundy Thursday**  
Service April 17th at 7pm  
The Sign of Service  
John 13

A chalice with wine and bread on a white surface.



HOLY WEEK 2025  
**Good Friday**  
April 18th at 7pm  
Requiem - John Rutter  
John 18-19

Three crosses on a hill against a blue sky.



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*Risen!*



HOLY WEEK 2025  
**Easter Sunday**  
Rejoice! He is Risen!  
Service at 9:45am  
The Servant's Message  
John 20:1-18

A bright light shining through a dark opening.



**WESTMINSTER  
EASTER  
EGG HUNT**

Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt after service on Easter Sunday, April 20th!

Three colorful Easter eggs on a grassy hill with flowers.

# A Note on Good Friday

## Good Friday Service

April 18, 2025 at 7pm

On Good Friday evening, we will gather in the sanctuary for a Service of Tenebrae in which we read Christ's Passion from scripture and hear Sir John Rutter's Requiem.

Tenebrae is a Latin word meaning shadows. It is the name given to a service of worship that dates back to eighth century Rome in which the death of Jesus Christ is commemorated. After each scripture reading, a candle is extinguished as we worship through music. As the light diminishes and the shadows lengthen, the symbolism points clearly to the physical and spiritual darkness and despair that accompanied the passion of our Lord. After the final reading, our worship does not end. Rather, we depart in silence to anticipate gathering together next on Easter morning.

2025 is the 40th anniversary of the first presentation of the Requiem in worship services held in Texas and California. Sir John Rutter (b. 1945) is an English composer and conductor who has made significant contributions choral music, including through his own ensemble (The Cambridge Singers). The Requiem is a seven-movement work in which five movements are based on the Latin Requiem Mass and the other movements are settings of Psalm 130 and Psalm 23. The work is sung in a mix of Latin and English. Rutter dedicated the work to his father, an industrial chemist who passed away the year before Rutter finished the work. The Requiem, which will be sung by the Chancel Choir and a soprano soloist, will be accompanied by an instrumental ensemble that includes organ, harp, cello, flute, and oboe. Each instrument features uniquely in specific movements as Rutter uses them to create melody and color that illuminates the text.

Please invite a friend to join you for Good Friday worship at Westminster to experience this meaningful Service of Tenebrae with the Rutter Requiem.

—Joe Chrisman, Minister of Music—



# Happenings at Westminster



The Thoreau Food Program continues every other week at Westminster.

This program provides food for over 50 Thoreau families.

We are so grateful for all of the volunteers that make this possible.

**THANK YOU!**

The Dine with Nine group met at Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano in Middleton last month! Interim Pastor Sara was happy to participate!



## PASTOR SARA TONJE'S CONTACT INFO

Pastor Sara's email is

[sara@westminstermadison.org](mailto:sara@westminstermadison.org).

The best way to get in touch with her immediately is by texting her cell phone at **402-541-4200**.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following in your prayers

*The families of  
Bob Foresberg,  
Lynn Chapman,  
Dick Zimmer and  
Bill & Sue Bridson*

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Roger Fletcher 04/01

Bill Tanke 04/08

Len Van Ess 04/09

Mary Tarr 04/11

Steve Scoville 04/16

Lisa Smith 04/18

Jean Loup 04/18

Annie Levihn 04/21

Gary Stephens 04/21

Dave Granquist 04/22

Evangeline Smith 04/23

Anjali Hayes 04/26

Sophie Hermsen 04/26

Francoise Godard (Johnson)

04/26

Paul Quin 04/26

Bob Binhammer 04/28

Erin DeMuth 04/28

Amy Poland 04/29

John Tarr 04/30

## LETS KEEP IN TOUCH!

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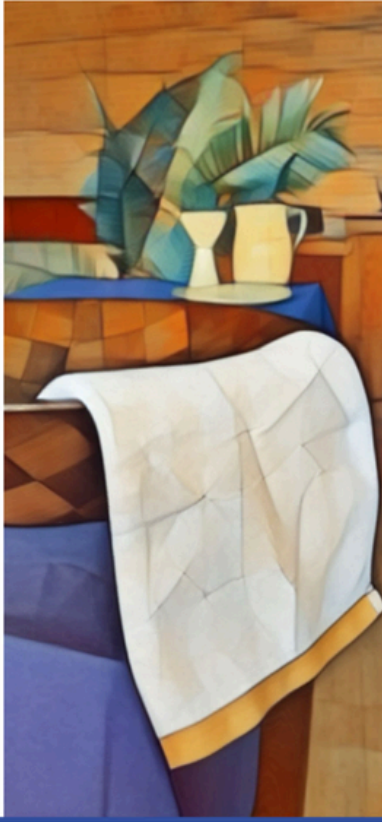
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# Maundy Thursday

April 17th  
7pm

Come  
celebrate  
the Last  
Supper  
together



# Good Friday

Worship God with us, April 18 at 7:00pm.

Sir John Rutter's Requiem

Recognizing the needs of our grieving world we sing with our ancestors the ancient Latin words, "Requiem Aeternum dona eis, Domine." We gather honoring those who have died, singing, "Grant them eternal rest O Lord." And we hear how Jesus' death made a way for hope. For a grieving world, the church offers rest, and hope.

Join us.



REJOICE!

# He is Risen

Easter  
at  
Westminster

Sunday  
April 20th  
9:45am

Annual Egg Hunt  
following Worship!



Strengthening Servanthood



We are  
happy to  
share our

**faith**

and  
trust in

**Jesus!**

Join us on  
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at 9:45am

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