

**4th Sunday of Lent**  
**Welcoming New Members**  
**March 30, 2025**

**Prayer of Preparation**

Ruth Harms Calkin, Pakistan

*One unforgettable day, dear God, you reached down where I was and lifted me up to where you are, and we have been inseparable from that moment on.*

**Gathering in the Presence of God**

*\*Stand in Body or Spirit*

**Gathering Music**

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

Will Thompson

**Welcome & Life in the Church**

Pastor Eddie

**\*Call to Worship** (responsively)

Do you feel it? God's kingdom is beneath our feet.

**We live in the new creation shaped by God out of our brokenness.**

Do you know it? God's reconciling love in Christ has shattered our ways of viewing people.

**No longer do we label our sisters and brothers; we welcome them with open arms.**

Do you believe it? God has made everything, including us, new,  
**and sends us forth to share this good news with everyone!**

**\*Hymn**

*My Life Flows On*

GTG 821

How Can I Keep from Singing?

**\*Confessing our Separation from God** (unison)

Liturgist

On this very day, Waiting God, we admit all the lengths to which we go so we might avoid you. You offer us that kingdom of joy and wonder, yet we would hide in places where temptation waits. You invite us to feast on your grace and peace, but we stubbornly refuse, because you also welcome those we call



## We Respond to God's Word

### Reception of New Members

Silvia Ritchie &  
Karen Palermo, Clerk of Session

*New members gather in the front as their names are called.*

1. Do you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? And do you trust him?

**New members: I do.**

2. Do you promise to be faithful and obey to the best of your abilities Christ's word? **New members: I do.**

3. Will you bring into the ministry at Westminster PC of Rehoboth Beach the talents and gifts God has given you and commit yourself to growing toward spiritual maturity and witness not only by your words.

**New members: I will.**

**\*Song of Affirmation of Faith** *I Believe in Jesus*

Marc Nelson

**Prayers of the People of God –  
Joys and Hopes and the Lord's Prayer**

Pastor Eddie

**The Act of Gratitude**

**Offertory:** *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table*

GTG 770

**\*Lenten Doxology**

G.W. Shepherd

*Tune: Old Hundredth*

Praise God through-out these forty days.  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.  
And praise the Spirit who imparts  
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison)

Liturgist

Loving God, as we offer these gifts, we are reminded of your boundless love and mercy, exemplified in the parable of the prodigal son. Just as you welcome us home with open arms, may these offerings reflect our desire to serve others

and bring them closer to your embrace. Bless these gifts, that they may help reconcile, heal, and restore lives, bringing glory to your name. Amen.

## **We Follow God's Word into the World**

**\*Hymn**

*Amazing Grace*

GTG 649

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

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**Next Week's Liturgist:** Connie Paulson

### **WORSHIP TEAM**

Pastor Eddie Jusino

Liturgist: Chris Hayes

Ushers: Lois Ford and Karen Palermo

Music: David Libby

Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

The Westminster Choir

A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

**Where's Eddie?** Pastor Eddie and Ms. Pam will be on vacation from April 4-6 to celebrate their grandson's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Please welcome Rev. Marjorie Egger**  
back to our worship and pulpit on April 6. Rev. Egger will be also available for pastoral emergencies by contacting her at (219)-869-0671

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY, MARCH 30 @ 10am – SUNDAY SERVICE and WELCOMING of New Members.** Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following the service for light refreshments, sponsored by the Worship Committee. Upcoming fellowship sponsors:

- April 6: Soup Sunday - Fellowship Committee

**Let's give MABLE GRANKE a Special Birthday!** She is celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 30. All are invited to bring a Happy Birthday card on Sunday, March 30. A basket with the cards and chocolates will be part of a worship service with her family. Pastor Eddie and Pam will deliver the basket.

### **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING, MARCH 5 – APRIL 20, 2025**

Westminster PC's annual support of the PC/USA's "One Great Hour of Sharing" benefits our worldwide neighbors in need by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. To learn more about how your gift makes a difference and how to contribute, a Minute for Mission will be shared on April 6.

**IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!**

### **2025 LENTEN STUDY**

Come and join Pastor Eddie each Wednesday through April 9<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall starting at 10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Remember, you are welcome and encouraged to bake and share your favorite treat.

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

"Pray without ceasing"

1st Thessalonians 5:17

Prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."

- St. Therese of Lisieux, French Carmelite Nun

### Surgery/Post Surgery:

**Marylea Franz** – a reverse colonoscopy schedule for mid-April.

**Paul Russer** – knee replacement (Rita Russer's spouse. Friends of the church)

**Bonnie Ekas**- heart procedure to place a small permanent device (heart watchman implant) to help prevent blood clots. Surgery scheduled for April 1.

### Ailing:

**Phyllis Fulton** - end of life (Mike Quinn's sister)

**Dee Austin** - medical tests and relocating to Newark at end of March

**Leah Christenson** – liver cancer, old friend of Charlotte Jacobs and John Stills

**Katerina & Stephen Conrad** - at home recovering from RSV (respiratory) virus. Their new home address is: 247 Lakeside Dr., Lewes 19958.

### Grieving/Mourning

On March 24, **Ms. Eleanor Marchmon** moved from this life to More Life after a long battle with heart/liver complications.

**Theresa Altvater**, grandmother to Sarah Altvater, moved from this life to More Life on March 25.

### Legacy Members/Aging with Grace:

**Betty Carnahan, Mable Granke, Hull McLean & Barbara Miller, Joe & Barbara Morgan, John & Pat Mossel, Bob & Jane Nicholson, Esther Lebegern, Sarah Ortolani and Mimi Peters.**

**WPC's Session has voted to approve the adoption of the  
New Castle Presbytery's holiday schedule as follows:**

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
- Presidents' Day
- Easter Holiday (Good Friday and Easter Monday)
- Memorial Day
- Juneteenth
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Thanksgiving Holiday
- Christmas Holiday (Christmas Eve and Christmas Day)

For the remainder of 2025, the church office will be closed on the following dates:

Easter Holiday (Good Friday and Easter Monday)	Friday, April 18* and Monday April 21
Memorial Day	Monday, May 26
Juneteenth	Thursday, June 19
Independence Day	Friday, July 4*
Labor Day	Monday, September 1
Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day	Monday, October 13
Thanksgiving Holiday	Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28*
Christmas Holiday (Christmas Eve and Christmas Day)	Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 24 and 25

\*The church office is closed on Fridays on a regular basis.