

**Westminster Presbyterian  
Church**

**April 20, 2025 @ 10:00a.m.**

**Easter-Resurrection Day  
Holy Communion**



**Prayer of Preparation**

Rupp/Osdieck

*Spirit of God, revive my silent hope. Roll back the stone of my indifference.  
Unwrap the deadness in my spiritual life. Help me to forgive, to bear with, to cry  
when my neighbor cries. Let me seek the newness of Christ – gentleness,  
kindness,  
patience, love, joy, peace and humility.  
Let Christ make Easter in me.*

**Gathering in the Presence of God**

*\*Please stand, in body or in spirit*

**Gathering Music**

*Spring*

Herman Beeftink

David Libby, Piano & Janelle Gillespie, Flute

**Dramatic Reading**

**Opening Scene**

Based on: John: 20:1-9

**\*Processional Hymn & *Jesus Christ is Risen Today***

GTG 232

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

*(Sanctuary lights are switched on.)*

**Welcome**

**\*Easter Acclamation**

**Removal of the Stone**

Liturgist

The stone which sealed the tomb was rolled away. Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

**Congregation: Christ is Risen indeed!**

Darkness gives way to light.

**Christ is risen!**

Violence gives way to love.

**Christ is risen!**

Despair gives way to hope.

**Christ is risen!**

Death gives way to life  
**Christ is risen!**

**\*Congregational Response 664**      *Morning Has Broken (v.1)*

Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

**\*Confessing Our Separation from God**

Faithful God, there are times when we are afraid, times when we do not want to hear good; times when we find it too hard to believe that there is reason to hope, to have faith or to trust in your goodness. There are times too, when we refuse to believe that your love has no limits. Forgive us! Transform us! Roll away the stones from our hearts! Open us to be Easter people, loving you, and sharing your love with ALL people.

**\*Congregational Response 664**      *Morning Has Broken (v.2 & 3)*

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

**We Hear God's Word**

**Removal of the Crown**

Liturgist

Heavens laughs now for this crown was found inadequate to kill love.

Alleluia,

Christ is Risen!

**Congregation: Christ is Risen indeed!**

**Mindfulness Prayer**

Liturgist

**Anthem**

*Fall on Me*

Ian Axel, Chad King

Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

**Dramatic Reading**

**Scene Two**

John 20:10-18

**Reflection**

The Stone is Rolled Away

Pastor Eddie

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*  
*(Refrain and v. 1&2)*

GTG 240

**[Refrain]** Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

(v. 1) Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation. **[Refrain]**

(v.2) Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen. **[Refrain]**

**Circle of Gratitude/Prayers of the People**

*Choose a word or phrase that you are especially grateful for*

**The Act of Gratitude/**

**Offertory:**

*My Lord! What a Morning*

Chancel Choir

**\*Easter Doxology**

GTG 609

*Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise Him, all creatures here below:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost;

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia!

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

Gracious God, we gather today, filled with the joy of Easter, remembering the Mary, Peter, and John who first saw the empty tomb and proclaimed the good news of the Risen Christ. Just as they were transformed by their experience, may our hearts be moved to new life and new hope.

As we bring our gifts, may they be a symbol of our gratitude for the gift of your Son, Jesus. May these offerings be used to share the life-giving message of the resurrection with all and may we all be moved by the Spirit of Christ to serve your kingdom. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Hymn of Invitation**

*Sanctuary*

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with  
Thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

Pastor Eddie

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving  
& the Lord's Prayer**

Liturgist

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

It is right to give thanks and praise...Great is the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Lord, we have received nothing that we asked for or wanted. And yet, we received everything that we needed. For this, we pray the way your son, our Lord and Savior taught us to pray... "Our Father..."

**The Words of Institution**

Pastor Eddie

**Sharing the Bread & the Cup**

**Communion Prayer** (unison)

Pastor Eddie

Holy, gracious, God, here at this table your promise of life is made tangible.  
We have rested in the depth of your love; we have tasted your nourishing,

nurturing presence; we accept you into our bodies, into our lives. Together, at this table, you have offered us life. Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer. And we give you thanks. Amen.

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

### **The Truth of the Cross**

Liturgist

The cross you see is an empty cross, Jesus is not dead. Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

### **Congregation: Christ is Risen indeed!**

#### **\*Hymn**

*The Day of Resurrection*

GtG 233

#### **\*Benediction**

Pastor Eddie

#### **Postlude**

David Libby

A heartfelt appreciation to all those who participated  
in the Dramatic Reading of Scripture.

Narrator, Fred Paleen  
Mary of Magdala, Pam Jusino  
Peter the Disciple, Al Cybart  
John the Disciple, Chris Hayes  
Angel One, Marge Egger  
Angel Two, Harrison Hayes  
Jesus, Pastor Eddie

### **WORSHIP TEAM**

Pastor Eddie Jusino  
Liturgist: Fred Paleen  
Ushers: Greg Estes and Jim Miller  
Music: David Libby  
Flute: Janelle Gillespie,  
Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento  
A/V: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Today is the final donation collection for 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

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27 - @ 10am – SUNDAY SERVICE WITH FELLOWSHIP –** immediately after the service, refreshments and home-made treats will be available in the Fellowship Hall.

### SUNDAY, MAY 4 @ 4:00pm - CAPITAL RINGERS CONCERT

Our spring concert season, *Bach to the Future*, will transport you through time, much like the 1980s movie. But lucky for us, we do not all have to cram into a DeLorean to hear iconic works from the 17th . . . 20th and 21st centuries. From a Bach fugue to the Beatles and "Stairway to Heaven," *Bach to the Future* is a fun and exciting trip through musical time. For tickets visit [capitalringers.org](http://capitalringers.org)

### THANK YOU, MEMBERS AND FRIENDS, FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO KEEP OUR BROTHERS IN CHRIST WARM AND FED!

The Georgetown PC Shelter/Code Purple ran from December 1, 2024 – March 15, 2025 from 8pm to 7am. We were open every night and averaged 14 male guests and one volunteer each night. WPC provided guests with heavy socks, gloves, and hats. It was noted that they were the nicest quality we have ever received. A huge shout out to WPC's money/food/sock drive! We were blessed with incredible generosity. Thank you! Elder Linda C. Wolfe, GPC

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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** –at home recovering from a colostomy.

**Rev. Tom Euston** (pastor at Rock Church) - He is at Christiana Hospital after a cardiac event and is asking for prayers as he undergoes a heart catheterization and defibrillator April 14. His home address is 125 Piano Drive, Newark, DE 19713.

**Sarah Altvater's** father is having pace maker surgery.

**Larry Fontaine**, Mable Granke's son-in-law, had emergency surgery and is still in the hospital. He'll need rehab before he can be released.

*Ailing:*

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

**Don Foracker, Jr.** – vertigo episodes

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

*Grieving/Mourning:*

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

**Eleanor Marchtmon** moved from this life to More Life after a long battle with heart/liver complications.

**Chris Coyle** – first anniversary of his tragic loss (friend of Jim Miller.)

*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**