



# **A Warm Welcome to All!**

We seek to be an inclusive church,  
and to show love and compassion in many ways.  
If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us often  
and to consider joining our congregation.

Please look at our "Visitor's Guide to Worship"  
at the Welcome Center. We created it to help  
all be more familiar with our worship service.

If you'd like to become more connected, please contact  
Pastors Scott Paczkowski or Jan Scott at 274-1534.



## **Children in Worship**

All children are invited to be in worship.  
Childcare is available for infants and preschoolers  
in the Nursery (Room 204) from 8:45 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.  
During worship parents are welcome to take their kids to the  
Narthex to play and move around. Parents will be able to  
hear and participate in worship while in this "Wiggle Room."



## **Chancel Flowers**

The flowers today are given by Ruth Clark and Family  
in memory of Glenn Clark.



## **Meet the Pastor**

May 3 at 10:30 a.m., visitors are invited to join  
our pastors in Simmerman Lounge after worship.  
This reception is designed for visitors to meet our pastors  
and ask questions about our church.



\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Rom. 5)

Jan Scott

One: God is here, pouring love into our hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Let us open our hearts and minds to receive this love, as we share the peace of Christ with one another.**

*(Greet one another with the good news of peace in Jesus Christ.)*

\*SUNG RESPONSE #341

*Blessed Assurance*

Tune: ASSURANCE

*Refrain*

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:

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*(K-7th grades dismissed for Children's Worship.)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jan Scott

When the pastor says, "God of Mercy," please respond with, "Hear our 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.**

Dedicating Our Lives and Offerings

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

Jan Scott

OFFERTORY

*Song*

Music: Christopher Uehlein

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #591

*Doxology*

OLD 100TH

**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

Becky Miller

### Proclaiming God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7 (p. 56)

Becky Miller

ANTHEM

*This Is My Father's World*  
Westminster Handbell Choir

Arr. Sandra Eithun

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 5:1-11 (p. 917)

Scott Paczkowski

SERMON

"What, A Hobbit?"

Scott Paczkowski

### Sending the Faithful into God's World

\*CLOSING HYMN #361

*How Firm a Foundation*

Music: American Folk Melody

Text: Att. George Keith, 1787

\*BENEDICTION (Ex. 17, Rom. 5, Jn. 4)

Scott Paczkowski

One: Bathe in the river of God's love.

**All: Swim in the waters of Christ's baptism.**

One: Ride the currents of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Share God's living water with a thirsty world and feel the blessings of God well up within, into a spring of eternal life.**

One: Go with God.

\*CHORAL AMEN:

DANISH AMEN

(Westminster Chorale 1st time, Congregation 2nd time)

POSTLUDE

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

TUNE: ARISE

Arr. Edwin T. Childs

\* All who are able, please stand.

Please feel free to exit the Sanctuary during the postlude and use this time to meet our visitors and greet one another in the large room across the hall, known as The Commons.

**Participating in Worship this morning...**

Rev. Dr. Scott Paczkowski, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jan Scott, Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care

Aaron Schultz, Director of Music and Arts

Juli Bey, Piano and Organ

Becky Miller, Liturgist

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# Westminster Announcements

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**Kids' Worship** - During worship, children in grades K-7 are invited to be escorted to the Chapel for our Kids' Worship service. They will meet up with their parents after the service in The Commons. PK students are invited to play in the nursery.

## **Today's After Worship Hour is Connections:**

**Lenten Classes on the Book of Revelation, March 15 and 29 at 10:30 a.m. Westminster Hall** - Pastor Scott is leading a Lenten series of classes on the Book of Revelation. Come and experience the history, learn about the imagery and spirituality of the Bible's most complex and confusing book.

**Empty-Nesters** will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Library.

**GLSA Group (Gay-Lesbian-Straight Affirmation Group)** will meet today, at 10:30 a.m. in the Seminary Center. The group will finalize plans for the Governor's Safe Schools Conference, and continue to plan for Pride. All are welcome!

**Young Parents group** will meet in Simmerman Lounge at 10:30 a.m. today and discuss a different topic each month from the book, "Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home."

**Spirituality Center** - Located in the Music Room, the Spirituality Center, is available to everyone who is looking for contemplative practices to aid in your Lenten journey.

**Spring Break Schedule** - There will be no Wednesday night programming on March 18, and no Kids Worship and classes on Sunday, March 22.

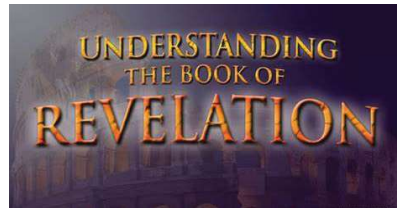
**Lactation Space Available** - Westminster has a semi-private lactation space available in The Commons on Sunday mornings for you to care for small children while listening to the worship service. Please contact Tiffany at [thays@westpres.org](mailto:thays@westpres.org) with questions or concerns.

**Our Family Promise Host Week** is March 29-April 5. If you can provide food, be a supper, evening or overnight host. Contact Linda Railey [raileyrl@msn.com](mailto:raileyrl@msn.com) with questions or to sign up. Or visit the Family Promise table in The Commons on Sunday. Help share God's love with our Family Promise guests.

**Palm Sunday Pancakes** - Save the date! Sunday, April 5, from 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. enjoy pancakes in Westminster Hall. Free-will contributions will be received to support the Youth Mission Trip to St. Louis this summer.



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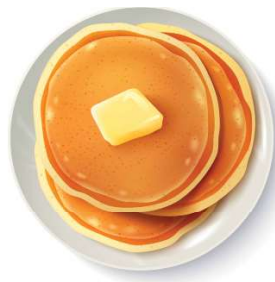
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Book of Revelation  
March 15 and 29  
after worship in Westminster Hall**



**Visit the Spirituality Center  
in the Music Room  
during the Lenten Season.**



**Monroe Elementary  
After-School Snacks  
Still Needed -  
Fruit snacks & Granola bars.  
If you can help, please bring  
snacks to the church office.**



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We Engage in Mission • We Raise 21st Century Disciples

**INCLUSIVITY STATEMENT**

We welcome all persons as participants in our congregation, regardless of age, race, gender, marital status, physical condition, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnic background, economic status, or any other human condition.