



**WESTMINSTER**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Do Justice · Love Kindness · Walk Humbly

Durham, North Carolina

January 28, 2024

*Fourth Sunday of Epiphany – Birthday Sunday*



A view of the “Magdala Chapel of Encounter” in Israel, featuring a mural of Jesus’ encounter with the hemorrhaging woman.

# The Service of Worship

*\* Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able.*

*Please observe silence and turn off mobile devices during the preludes.*

*Large print Bibles and hymnals and assistive listening devices are available upon request. Please see an usher.*

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

### ORGAN PRELUDE

Largo (from Trio Sonata No. 5)

Monica Umstaedt Rossman

J.S. Bach

### GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alex Stayer-Brewington

### MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

HYMN 399 *Sung three times*

Themba Amen

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;**

**God's love is strong and it never ends.**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP** *From the Iona Community*

Mark Foskey [11:00am]

Among the poor, among the proud, among the persecuted, among the privileged,

**Christ is coming to make all things new.**

In the private house, in the public place, in the wedding feast, in the judgment hall,

**Christ is coming to make all things new.**

With a gentle touch, with an angry word, with a clear conscience, with burning love,

**Christ is coming to make all things new.**

That the kingdom might come, that the world might believe,

That the powerful might stumble, that the hidden might be seen.

**Christ is coming to make all things new.**

**\* THE HYMN NO. 796** WE COME TO YOU FOR HEALING, LORD

Land of Rest

### THE ACT OF CONFESSION

Chris Tuttle

Why do we confess our sin?

**Because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

But why do we do this together?

**Because we are a community, a covenant people.**

Then let us confess our sin.

**Christ the healer, we know we need you. We know we need you in so many ways: to bind our wounds, to support us in our grief, to help us be free from who we have been to be who you have made us to be. We know this. But we are afraid. We are afraid to ask for help, even from you. We are too content with trying to do it all on our own. Forgive us. Forgive us. Give us the courage to ask for the deep healing only you can provide. Give us the strength to hold onto it, that we might live and love with joy that new life is coming. Amen.**

### A TIME OF PERSONAL SILENT CONFESSION

### KYRIE ELEISON

arr. David N. Johnson

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\* THE GLORIA PATRI** No. 581

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Following the Children's Message during the 11:00am service, children 4 yrs-1st grade are invited to Godly Play in the Church Parlor. Younger children may join the nursery in Mission Center Room G7.*

### SHARING OUR MISSION

Spring Women's Retreat – Sheri Sky [8:30am], Carol Mansfield [11:00am]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Spirit of the Living God, teach us to hear that we might be made whole. Amen.**

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Mark 5:21-43

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

Alex Stayer-Brewington

MOMENTS OF SILENCE

\* THE HYMN NO. 178 THE WOMAN HIDING IN THE CROWD

Simmons

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*From "A Declaration of Faith"*

**We believe that God sends us to tell all nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience. We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death. We are to offer them in Christ's name fullness of life now and forever. We must not distort the gospel by weakening its promises or demands, by identifying it with oppressive structures, by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ. We must not restrict our proclamation to persons just like ourselves. We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers. We urge them to join us in telling others the good news and in struggling for justice, compassion, and peace.**

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Cheryl Barton Henry

**O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Birthday Hymn

African-American spiritual

**I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S 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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*If you would like to give your offering online, please visit <https://www.wpcdurham.org/give>.*

OFFERTORY

[8:30am] Prelude in C Major

David N. Johnson

[11:00am] Love, Joy, and Peace

Music by Jane Marshall; text by Fred Pratt Green

*The Chancel Choir & Congregation*

*The Congregation is asked to join in singing the final portion, as indicated on the next page.*

\* DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* THE HYMN NO. 320 THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN EVERY AGE

Wareham

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* MUSICAL BLESSING

Hymn 45, vs. 3 & 4

Dundee

**Your faithful keeper is the Lord, your shelter and your shade.**

**'Neath sun or moon, by day or night, you shall not be afraid.**

From evil God will keep you safe, provide for all you need.  
Your going out, your coming in, God will forever lead.

ORGAN POSTLUDES

Finale Jubilante

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

Healey Willan

George Dyson (on a tune by Orlando Gibbons)

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The congregation is invited to attend the dedication of WPC's new Picnic Shelter after the 11:00am service.

*For Liz Tigelaar and the Confirmation Class, 1989  
Northaven United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas*

## Love, Joy, and Peace

**Choir:** Of all the Spirit's gifts to me, I pray that I may never cease  
to take and treasure most these three: love, joy and peace.  
The Spirit shows me love's the root of every gift sent from above,  
of every flower, of every fruit, that God is love.  
The Spirit shows if I possess a love no evil can destroy,  
however great is my distress, then this is joy.  
Though what's ahead is mystery, and life itself is ours on lease,  
each day the Spirit says to me, "Go forth in peace."

**Congregation and choir:**

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, 3/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first four staves end with a fermata, and the fifth staff ends with a double bar line and a '4' above it, indicating a four-measure rest. The lyrics are: 'We go in peace, but made a -', 'ware that in a need - y world like', 'this, our clear - est pur - pose is to', 'share love, joy,', and 'and peace.'.

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ware that in a need - y world like

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share love, joy,

and peace.

Text: Fred Pratt Green

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# What's up at Westminster

OPPORTUNITIES TO  
WORSHIP, GROW, CONNECT, SERVE

## January is WPC's Month of Service Share Your Heart for Missions!

As our January is WPC's Month of Service draws to an end, we thank you for joining us in the spiritual practice of having a heart for service. We hope this is not the end of that practice but an important step toward strengthening your resolve. This Sunday, we invite you to fill out one more heart (using the sample photo) and place it in the offering plate today. As you do so, keep close to your heart all the ways you can still get involved:

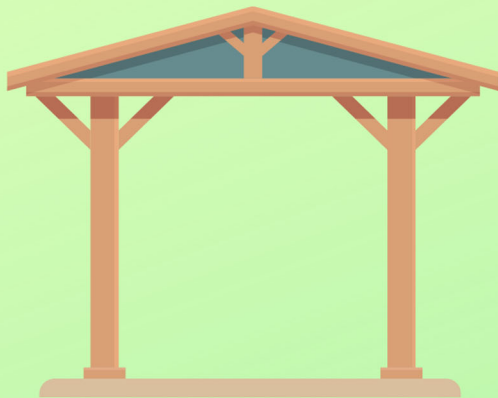
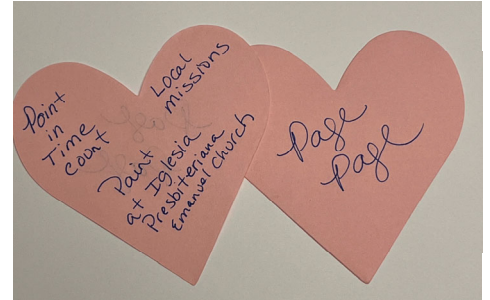
Our month of service is not over! Here are a few more opportunities for you:

**Regular Weekly and Monthly WPC Service:** Emanuel Food Pantry offers its Weekly Wednesday Grocery Distribution to 600 households. Sign up now at <https://bit.ly/IglesiaPresEmanuel>.

Urban Ministries Durham serves three meals each day to an average of 150 people. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/wpc-umd>.

Help Families Moving Forward support parents and children experiencing the crisis of temporary homelessness by providing an entrée, salad, or dessert to feed 18-20 persons. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/wpc-fmf>.

WPC's 20+ **Mission Partners** all have service opportunities available! Explore them at <https://www.wpcdurham.org/local>.



## Dedication of the Picnic Shelter & Playfield

Today after 11:00am Worship  
Prayers, cider, doughnuts!



## New Year, New Opportunities for Friendship!

The start of a new year is a great time to make new friends! Come on out and enjoy some fellowship with your WPC fam!

### All Women's Fellowship Gathering

Wednesday, January 31, 6:00pm

Roots Guatemalan Grill & Bar

4810 Hope Valley Rd, #101

No sign-up needed – Just show up!

Contacts: Carol Mansfield ([carol.anne.mansfield@gmail.com](mailto:carol.anne.mansfield@gmail.com))  
and Hannah Overholt ([heoverholt@gmail.com](mailto:heoverholt@gmail.com))



## **TODAY: New Series in Faithful Families: “Making a Home for Faith”** **Seven-Part Sunday Morning Series, 9:50 -10:45am, Parlor**

For a Christian parent, some battles aren’t worth fighting - like whether your three-year-old can wear her plastic tiara to church. But other questions are tougher to answer, such as “How can I help my kids trust God when they’re worried (and so am I)?” or “How do I explain things like death and divorce?” In this seven-part series, we’ll talk about how we can make a home where faith can grow, both our own faith as well as our children’s. We’ll use the book *Home Grown: Handbook for Christian Parenting* as a general guide, but like always, we’ll rely on each other to share wisdom from the realities of our own lives. Even if you’ve never been to the Faithful Families group, you are very welcome!

## **FRIDAY and SATURDAY: Mission Stitches’ Work Days and Learn-to-Sew Event, 10:00am-4:00pm**

Come to church on Friday and/or Saturday to help sew pillowcases for children’s hospitals and reusable fabric shopping bags. We have kits cut and ready to be sewn. Bring your sewing machine if you can, or use one of ours. If you would like to try your hand at sewing or refresh your skills, we are ready to assist you – these are great projects for beginners! For more information, please contact Helen Harrison ([helen.harrison@alumni.duke.edu](mailto:helen.harrison@alumni.duke.edu), 919-768-3595).



## **NEXT SUNDAY: Newcomers’ Class Begins, 9:45-10:45am, Room 205**

Are you interested in taking your Christian discipleship to the next level? Come learn more about joining our Westminster Church family as a member. Our next Newcomer’s Class will begin Sunday, February 4, during the Church School hour and continue through February 25. You’ll have time with our pastors, program staff, and WPC members as we learn together. At the class’s end, you can decide to join the church, or wait to make that decision. Please contact Cherrie Barton Henry ([cherrie@wpcdurham.org](mailto:cherrie@wpcdurham.org)) to sign up.



## **2023 Christmas Offering – Thank You for Your Generosity!**

Thanks to your generous gifts, WPC raised a total of **\$26,922.38** for Emanuel Food Pantry – that’s awesome! Here’s a note of thanks from our EFP friends, Margaret and Miguel Rubiera:

Dear Westminster,

You know how to knock our socks off, and take our breath away! We are beyond grateful for your extraordinary Christmas donation to the Emanuel Food Pantry. Your amazing generosity will ensure that our food pantry can continue to provide good quality, healthy food to 600 families every week. We have all become acutely aware that food insecurity is a heartbreaking challenge for far too many people in our community. Your gift alone will provide fresh vegetables, fruit, and other nutritious food to **2,600 families!**

What a beautiful partnership we have with you! Thank you, thank you, thank you, and may God shower each of you with abundant blessings.

Margaret and Miguel Rubiera  
Emanuel Food Pantry



## **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

### **Today**

#### **8:30am Service**

**Ushers** John & Suzanne Graham

**Offering Counters** Jessica Buono

#### **11:00am Service**

**Welcome Station** *Volunteer needed*

**Ushers** Rayner England, Meath family

**Lector** Mark Foskey

**Offering Counters** Anne Wolf, *Volunteer needed*

**AV Technicians** Mark Hill, Ryan Steck

### **February 4**

#### **8:30am Service**

**Ushers** *Volunteers needed*

**Lector** *Volunteer needed*

**Offering Counters** Betsy Ahern

#### **11:00am Service**

**Welcome Station** Rebekah Perry

**Ushers** *Volunteers needed*

**Lector** David Anderson

**Offering Counters** Barb & Bill Burig

**AV Technicians** Mark Hill, Jeremy Trantham

# 2024 SPRING WOMEN'S RETREAT

DATE & PLACE:

**FEBRUARY 23-25**

WITH REV. MICHELLE  
THOMAS-BUSH



LAUREL RIDGE CONFERENCE CENTER,  
LAUREL SPRINGS, NC

*Carpooling available!*

**PLEASE REGISTER BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

Love One Another. Love is at the core of our faith, and it takes work to love well and to receive love. Over our lives, motivational patterns have emerged as strategies to thrive and cope with the world around us. The enneagram takes a look at these patterns and helps guide us to love ourselves, love others, and love God. Our motivational patterns have a profound influence on how we approach relationships and how we love.

In the fall, we took a day to understand the Enneagram personality tool and how our Enneagram number affects our relationships and how we view the world. In this next retreat, we will dig deeper into faith practices for each type, develop goals, and explore ways to support each other. We will also have a lot of fun together!

You do **not** have to take a test prior to coming to the weekend; attendance at the Fall Retreat is not required for participation.

**Cost:** \$250, which includes lodging (shared room), program, and five meals.

\$200 Discounted Rate – Please select the amount that makes the most sense for your circumstances.

Arrive Friday at 3:00pm and depart either early Sunday morning or at 11:00am. A detailed schedule will be included in the confirmation email to registered participants.

**Scan the code to register now  
or visit <https://bit.ly/24springretreat>**



**Questions? Please contact Mary Todd Peters ([mt@thepeters.org](mailto:mt@thepeters.org)).**



Michelle Thomas-Bush is the associate pastor of youth and their families at Myers Park Presbyterian Church. As an ICF certified coach, Michelle has been coaching individuals and groups as they work on personal and professional growth. Michelle is also a certified enneagram coach, coaching teams, and individuals. Michelle and her husband Dave have two college students, Violet and Camden and are enjoying being empty nesters.

## WESTMINSTER THIS WEEK

### Sunday, January 28 – Fourth Sunday After Epiphany,

#### Birthday Sunday

- 8:15am Nursery opens for infants and toddlers – Room G7
- 8:30am Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:45am Church School for All Ages – Mission Center  
Elective: The Gospel of Mark – Room 105  
Elective: “Imperfect Parenting” – Room 204  
Confirmation Class – Fellowship Hall
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Music Room/Sanctuary
- 11:00am Worship – Sanctuary & YouTube  
Godly Play (4 yr - 1st grade) – Parlor
- 12:00pm Picnic Shelter Dedication – Playfield (behind Garage)
- 5:30pm Youth Group – Fellowship Hall/Youth Suite
- 7:00pm Youth Group Lectio Divina – Youth Suite

### Monday, January 29

- 9:30am Monday Morning Fellowship – Room 105
- 10:00am Mark Bible Study – Room 105
- 7:00pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal – Music Room

### Tuesday, January 30

- 10:00am WPC Staff Meeting – Room 105

### Wednesday, January 31

- 2:00pm Emanuel Food Pantry Grocery Distribution  
**Sign up:** <https://bit.ly/IglesiaPresEmanuel>  
**Donate beans & rice:** <https://bit.ly/EFPbeans-rice>
- 3:45pm M&Ms (Grades 1-3) – Playground/Calhoon Cabin
- 6:00pm All Women’s Fellowship Gathering – Roots  
Guatemalan Grill & Bar

### Thursday, February 1

- 9:30am Doorways – Parlor
- 1:30pm Earth Care Committee – Room 105
- 3:45pm M&Ms S’Mores (Gr 4-5) – Playground/Room 205
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Music Room

### Friday, February 2

- 10:00am Mission Stitches Sewing Event – Rooms 203-205
- 6:00pm Game Night supper Club – Parlor/Room 105

### Saturday, February 3

- 10:00am Mission Stitches Sewing Event – Rooms 203-205

### Sunday, February 4 – Fifth Sunday After Epiphany,

#### Communion Sunday

- 8:15am Nursery opens for infants and toddlers – Room G7
- 8:30am Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:45am Church School for All Ages – Mission Center  
Newcomers’ Class – Room 205  
Elective: The Gospel of Mark – Room 105  
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- 11:00am Worship – Sanctuary & YouTube  
Godly Play (4 yr - 1st grade) – Parlor
- 12:15pm Fellowship Committee – Parlor  
Youth Council – Youth Suite
- 5:30pm Youth Group – Fellowship Hall/Youth Suite
- 7:00pm Youth Group Lectio Divina – Youth Suite

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## WESTMINSTER LEADERSHIP

### SESSION

**Pastor Moderator:** Chris Tuttle **Clerk:** Sally Keener

**Pastor Members:** Cheryl Barton Henry, Alex Stayer-Brewington

**2024 Class:** Rayner England, Michelle Ferguson, Mark Hill, Helen Tharrington

**2025 Class:** Mary DuBard, Gray King, Logan Toms, Laurel Trantham

**2026 Class:** Elizabeth Aldridge, Andy Dunk, Mike Page, Kevin Rosemond

### DIACONATE

**Moderator:** Ashley Barnes **Clerk:** Wes Bolton

**2024 Class:** Shannon Allee, Charlie Atwater, Ashley Barnes, Sam Bryan Jr, Suzanne Graham, Sarah Reuning

**2025 Class:** Melissa Katrincic, Page Page, Madison Rauscher, Bill Stokes, Nathan Swiggett, Kaitie Yeoman

**2026 Class:** Wes Bolton, Ryan Craig, John High, Tracey Holsinger, Hannah Overholt, Bekah Perry, Matt Warren

### TREASURER

Amy Simonson

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