



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Do Justice · Love Kindness · Walk Humbly

Durham, North Carolina

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany – Communion Sunday



“Come and See” by Lauren Wright Pittman

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

Prelude & Fugue in G Major

Monica Umstaedt Rossman

Felix Mendelssohn

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Tuttle

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Hymn 501, vs. 1 & 2

Feed Us

Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the broken bread, be revealed again.

Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.

Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirsty ground, may your love flow down.

Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.

* CALL TO WORSHIP *Adapted from Psalm 147*

David Anderson [11:00am]

Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God, for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

You are great, our Lord, and abundant in power; your understanding is beyond measure.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

You, O Lord, take pleasure in those who fear you, in those who hope in your steadfast love.

Praise the Lord!

* THE HYMN NO. 459 O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE

Munich

THE ACT OF CONFESSION

Thankam Rangala

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.

God of creation, you created us for a purpose, with a plan for good. You call us to yourself, you offer us a life filled with hope, love, and the promise of your constant presence with us. We succumb to the voices that tell us we cannot be who you claim us to be. We embrace those things that promise an easier journey through our world. We shut our eyes and ears to those who call for justice and mercy. We choose to forget that nothing is impossible for you. Forgive us, O Lord, our Savior and Redeemer, cleanse our hearts and strengthen us to go forth into the world and live as you would have us do. 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

Marietta Wynands

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

Ash Wednesday Jazz Vespers

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Christ who calls, you equip us for the journey, and you send us out! Bearing your word is a weighty task. By your spirit please, please, give us strength. Amen.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:1-6

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Chris Tuttle

MOMENTS OF SILENCE

* THE HYMN NO. 718 TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, THE SAVIOR SAID

Bourbon

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

[8:30am] Communion (from *Mass for a Medieval Saint*)

Malcolm Williamson

[11:00am] Arise, Shine, for Thy Light is Come

Healey Willan; Text from Isaiah 60:1;
The Epistle for Epiphany; & Psalm 117

Arise, shine, for thy Light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Alleluia!

Oh, praise the Lord, all ye nations, and laud him, all ye people!

For his merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Alleluia!

The Chancel Choir

* 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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We observe Communion by intinction. You are invited to come forward via the center aisle to receive the bread, then dip it into one of the cups. Our communion bread is gluten-free. The cups nearest the pastors contain grape juice; the cups on the outside contain wine; use the element most meaningful to you. Please return to your seat by the outside aisle. If you are unable to come forward, please signal the pastor circulating during the serving of communion.

The Invitation

Alex Stayer-Brewington, Cheryl Barton Henry

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayers of the People and 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.

Consecration of the Elements

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

[11:00am] Music during Communion: O Carpenter, Why Leave the Bench See Hymn 162; Music by William Billings;

Text by Richard Leach

The Chancel Choir

The Prayer After Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* THE HYMN NO. 734 HOPE OF THE WORLD

Donne Secours

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* MUSICAL BLESSING

Hymn 547, vs. 3

Ar Hyd Y Nos

“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Toccata in D Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

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“It is not necessarily at home that we best encounter our true selves. The furniture insists that we cannot change because it does not; the domestic setting keeps us tethered to the person we are in ordinary life, but who may not be who we essentially are.” – Wendell Berry

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Today

8:30am Service

Ushers *Volunteers needed*

Offering Counters Betsy Ahern

11:00am Service

Welcome Station Rebekah Perry

Ushers Patterson family

Lector David Anderson

Offering Counters Barb & Bill Burig

AV Technicians Mark Hill, Jeremy Trantham

February 11

8:30am Service

Ushers Scouts

Lector *Volunteer needed*

Offering Counters Betsy Ahern

11:00am Service

Welcome Station *Volunteer needed*

Ushers Scouts

Lector *Volunteer needed*

Offering Counters *Volunteers needed*

AV Technicians *Volunteers needed*

Love worship? Love your church? Join the Worship Team!

Sign up to serve at <https://bit.ly/WPCworshipvolunteers>, or scan the code with your phone.



What's up at Westminster

OPPORTUNITIES TO
WORSHIP, GROW, CONNECT, SERVE

TODAY: Newcomers' Class Begins, 9:45-10:45am, Room 205

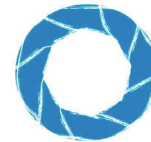
Are you interested in taking your Christian discipleship to the next level? Come learn more about joining our Westminster Church family as a member. Our next Newcomer's Class begins today and continues through February 25. You'll have time with our pastors, program staff, and WPC members as we learn together. At the class's end, you can decide to join the church, or wait to make that decision. Join us in Room 205 at 9:45am—All are welcome!



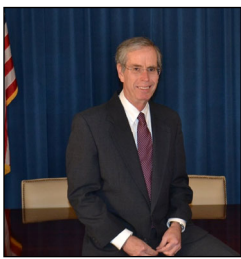
February Aperture: "Elder Fraud Wars"

Wednesday, February 21, 7:00pm, Room 105/Zoom

Come learn about and then join the battle against elder fraud with David N. Kirkman, retired NC Special Deputy Attorney General. David will discuss frauds and scams that target older adults, the vulnerabilities the criminals are looking for, and the techniques they employ to exploit those vulnerabilities and steal people's life savings. He will also discuss ways to recognize and foil those criminals. Register today at <https://bit.ly/feb21aperture>



ap·er·ture: a space through which light enters



David N. Kirkman is a retired Special Deputy Attorney General for the State of North Carolina. During most of his three decades in the NC Attorney General's Office, he was a national leader in fighting the rapidly growing elder fraud industry. Those efforts are chronicled in his book [Elder Fraud Wars](#). Since his retirement, David has continued to fight the elder fraud industry, both as a public speaker and as an elder fraud and consumer protection consultant for AARP of North Carolina. He grew up in Chapel Hill, graduated from Davidson College, and obtained his law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Retirement Celebration for Monica Rossman, Sunday, February 25

Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 25, as we celebrate Monica Rossman, who will be retiring at the end of this month after 30 years on Westminster's staff. We'll celebrate Monica during worship and with a reception following the 11:00am service (there will be no 8:30am service on this date). You'll have opportunities to thank her, including signing a hymnal for Monica to cherish from her years with the WPC family!

Westminster's Session has approved a retirement love offering to be given to Monica with our deep gratitude. If you would like to contribute, you may give online at www.wpcdurham.org/give (choose "Love offering—M. Rossman" from the funds menu) or text the words WPCDURHAM MONICA and your donation amount to [73256](tel:73256) (standard text message rates may apply). You may also give by check (make checks payable to WPC with "love offering—Monica" in the memo line). Please note that gifts to the love offering are not tax-deductible.



Nominations for Elders and Deacons

The Nominating Committee is on its annual quest to identify new elders and new deacons. Elders compose the Session, the main governing body in the Presbyterian Church, and are responsible for worship, programs, finances, and facilities. The Diaconate guides WPC's mission life and the way we care for each other. Both work in partnership with the staff to discern and lead the mission and ministries of the church as we seek to follow Christ together. This is an important opportunity to serve the church in meaningful ways and be part of God's vision for Westminster. Individuals who have an interest in serving are invited to self-nominate, and the congregation is invited to submit nominations; please email them to nominations@wpcdurham.org.



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).



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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14

5:45pm
Pancake Supper

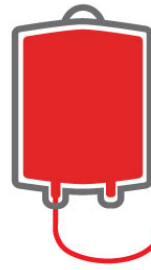
*Suggested donation of \$5 per person
Children 5 years and under eat free*

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/ashweds-wpc>

6:15pm
**Ash Wednesday Gathering
for Children & Their Families**
Sign up: <https://bit.ly/ashweds-wpc>

7:00pm
Jazz Vespers Service of Worship
*Imposition of ashes
Music by the Jim Ketch Swingtet*

Lent Begins



donate *blood*
DONATE LIFE

Save the Date!

WPC Spring Blood Drive

Tuesday, March 12

11:00am – 4:00pm

Fellowship Hall



**American
Red Cross**



50th Annual Durham CROP Hunger Walk
On Palm Sunday, March 24, 1:30pm at Duke Chapel

Lace up your sneakers and invite your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to join us for the 50th year of the Durham CROP Hunger Walk, a fun, family-friendly 5k walk with music and educational activities for all ages. Long a WPC tradition, Westminster family and friends have helped raise \$10,000+ each year for hunger relief and earned the church CROP Walk's "silver sneaker" award many times!

Join or donate to team **WPC Durham** at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/wpc-durham>, or scan the QR code with your phone. It's a wonderful way to spend Palm Sunday! T-shirts are available for \$5 at St. Paul's Church (1200 W. Cornwallis Rd) on Saturdays, 10:00am-12:00 noon, February 17-March 23. Questions? Please contact Blair Chesnut (blair.chesnut@gmail.com).



Get Delish CSA Veggies Via WPC's Earth Care Ministry

Are you curious about those boxes of vegetables that are stacked along the window wall of our church's Terrace on Sunday mornings? The popular CSA veggie subscription program has returned for the Winter season. The CSA Boxes are delivered by farmer Changhe Zhou from his Huanong Eco-Organic Farm in nearby Hurdle Mills. He grows more than 60 varieties of Asian vegetables year-round in hoop houses. Vegetables are grown pesticide-free and are farmed at a higher standard than grocery store organic. You can join the CSA program at any time!

Want to learn more? Contact our WPC Earth Care Team Co-Leaders, Diana Monroe (DianaLMonroe@gmail.com) and Peggy Force (pegforce2022@gmail.com).



WESTMINSTER THIS WEEK

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
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
- 12:15pm Fellowship Committee – Parlor
Youth Council – Youth Suite
- 5:30pm Youth Group – Fellowship Hall/Youth Suite
- 7:00pm Youth Group Lectio Divina – Youth Suite

Monday, February 5

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

Tuesday, February 6

- 10:00am WPC Staff Meeting – Room 105
- 7:00pm Congregational Care Committee – Zoom
Prayer Shawl Ministry – Parlor

Wednesday, February 7

- 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
- 5:30pm Property Management Committee – Room Zoom
- 7:00pm Children's & Youth Christian Education – Zoom
Global Missions Committee – Zoom

Thursday, February 8

- 9:30am Doorways – Parlor
- 6:00pm Music Ministry Staffing Team – Room 105
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Music Room

Sunday, February 11 – Transfiguration of the Lord

Scout Sunday (with S'mores!)

- 8:15am Nursery opens for infants and toddlers – Room G7
- 8:30am Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:45am Church School for All Ages – Mission Center
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Godly Play (4 yr - 1st grade) – Parlor
- 12:00pm Youth Group Lunch – Location TBA
- 7:00pm Youth Group Lectio Divina – Youth Suite

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