



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Do Justice · Love Kindness · Walk Humbly

Durham, North Carolina

February 11, 2024

Transfiguration of the Lord



“Transfiguration,” Cara B. Hochhalter (2019)

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

Fantasy & Fugue in C Minor (BWV 537)

Monica Umstaedt Rossman

J. S. Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Tuttle

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

HYMN 108, vs. 5

Divinum mysterium

**O ye heights of heaven, adore him. Angel hosts, his praises sing.
Powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent; every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore. Amen.**

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** *Adapted from Psalm 27*

Deanne Morgan [11:00am]

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

To behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple.

*** THE HYMN NO. 189** O WONDROUS SIGHT, O VISION FAIR

Deo Gracias

THE ACT OF CONFESSION

Cheryl Barton Henry

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 compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.

We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. 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

Jesse Cranford, Wolf Scout, Cub Scout Pack 451; Gabriel Almario, Eagle Scout, Scouts BSA Troop 451 [8:30am]

Dean Pusser, Arrow of Light Scout, Cub Scout Pack 451; Andrew Warren, Eagle Scout, Scouts BSA Troop 451 [11:00am]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of grace, sometimes you reveal yourself to us. Help us to see what is happening and to respond in care for all of your world. Amen.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:31-9:8

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Chris Tuttle

MOMENTS OF SILENCE

* THE HYMN NO. 630 FAIREST LORD JESUS

Crusaders' Hymn

* 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Alex Stayer-Brewington

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] Antiphon V: How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou

Marcel Dupré

[11:00am] Light Everlasting

Olaf C. Christiansen

O Light everlasting, O Love never failing, illumine our darkness, and draw us to thee.

May we from thy spirit receive inspiration, that brethren together thy wisdom may see.

Make known to all nations thy peace and salvation; and help us, O Father, thy temple to be.

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.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* THE HYMN NO. 377 I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

Houston

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* MUSICAL BLESSING

Hymn 673, vs. 1

Lauda anima

Jesus, light of joy, surround us; let your splendid glory shine:

Source of every earthly blessing, heaven's everlasting sign.

Alleluia, alleluia, we adore you, light divine.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Postludes on *Deo Gracias*

Healey Willan – David N. Johnson

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Today

8:30am Service

Ushers Scouts from Troop, Pack, and Crew 451,
and Troop 456

Offering Counter Betsy Ahern

11:00am Service

Welcome Station *Volunteer needed*

Ushers Scouts from Troop, Pack, and Crew 451,
and Troop 456

Lector Deanne Morgan

Offering Counters Tali Benignus, *Volunteer needed*

AV Technicians Wes Bolton, Devin Hatcher

February 18

8:30am Service

Ushers *Volunteers needed*

Lector *Volunteer needed*

Offering Counter Betsy Ahern

11:00am Service

Welcome Station Madison Rauscher

Ushers Trantham family, *Volunteers needed*

Lector Rachel Meyen

Offering Counters Rachel Chang, Bekah Perry

AV Technicians Mark Hill, Ryan Steck

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.



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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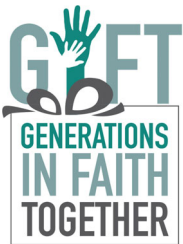
What's up at Westminster

OPPORTUNITIES TO
WORSHIP, GROW, CONNECT, SERVE

A purple poster for Ash Wednesday. On the left, the words "ASH WEDNESDAY" are written in large, white, outlined letters. A white cross is painted over the text. To the right of the cross, the date "February 14" is written in white. At the bottom left, the phrase "Lent Begins" is written in a cursive, light purple font. On the right side of the poster, there are three event listings in white text: "5:45pm Pancake Supper" with a suggested donation of \$5 per person and a link to RSVP; "6:15pm Ash Wednesday Gathering for Children & Their Families" with a sign-up link; and "7:00pm Jazz Vespers Service of Worship" with details about the imposition of ashes and the music.

Ash Wednesday Gathering for Children & Families: "Pancakes and Ashes"

Join us on Ash Wednesday for a delicious Pancake Dinner at 5:45pm, then make connections to the season of Lent and Easter. Children and at least one parent or grandparent are invited to the Parlor at 6:15pm to learn about what ashes have to do with Lent. Each household will also receive an Egg Activity Kit to take you all the way through Easter! At 6:35pm, we'll head to the Sanctuary so anyone who wishes may take part in the ritual of receiving the sign of the cross on your hand or forehead (*these "ashes to go" are offered to anyone of any age who is not able to attend the 7:00pm worship service*).



A GiFT for Lent

Sunday, February 18. 9:45 - 10:45am, Fellowship Hall

As we prepare to move into Lent as a congregation, as families, and as individuals, we will offer an opportunity to put together a dedicated space to practice and experience this season. Please join us as we create and explore what Lent means and how to participate more fully using prayer, spiritual renewal, and self-examination as we prepare for Easter. All ages (preschool and above) are invited!

Lenten Devotionals for Adults & Youth – Two Options, Your Choice!

Local Pilgrim A pilgrimage of any sort, whether to Alabama, Iona, or the Camino de Santiago, can transform a life. But what would happen if you could explore the very community you live in with the eyes and attention of a pilgrim? This daily Lent devotional from *Presbyterian Outlook* invites you to explore and observe new and familiar places in your community. What will God reveal to you when you pause, ponder and reflect? A cemetery, a bar, a library, an emergency waiting room: what do all these places have in common? Pick up a print copy of this daily devotional today!

Bless the Lent We Actually Have Kate Bowler, author of *Everything Happens for a Reason (and Other Lies I've Loved)*, is well-known and well-loved for her honest talk about embracing the life we are actually given. As she notes, Lent is a time when we all get a minute to tell the truth: Life is so beautiful, and life is so hard. Jesus will walk with us through whatever kind of Lenten day you are having. This daily devotional guide is designed to be used in conjunction with a new book of blessings, *The Lives We Actually Have: 100 Blessings for Imperfect Days*. But you can just use it by itself as well. It includes scriptures to read, discussion questions, and a place to reflect on the journey through Lent. Enjoy it on your own, or gather a group to discuss together! Pick up a print copy today or follow the link in last week's newsletter to download an interactive guide.

Lenten Faith @Home for Families: Lenten Activity Eggs

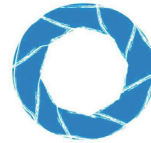
Spark faith in your families at home over Lent – pick up a set of Activity Eggs for your household or for your grandchildren! Each egg carton has twelve eggs that your family can open together throughout the seasons of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Each egg has a unique item that corresponds with a Bible story, a prayer, and an activity. Activity Eggs will be part of both our Ash Wednesday Gathering for Children and the Lenten GiFT event on February 18. We think you'll agree they're egg-cellent!

February Aperture: "Elder Fraud Wars"

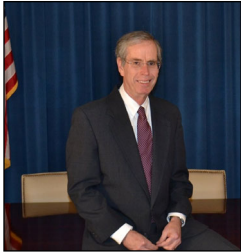
Wednesday, February 21, 7:00pm, Room 105/Zoom

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).

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** (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.



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).

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.

WESTMINSTER THIS WEEK

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
- Newcomers' Class – Room 205
- Elective: The Gospel of Mark – Room 105
- 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 Youth Group Lunch – Location TBA
- 12:15pm Mission X Team – Room 204
- 7:00pm Youth Group Lectio Divina – Youth Suite

Monday, February 12

- 9:30am Monday Morning Fellowship – Room 105
- 10:00am Mark Bible Study – Room 105
- 7:00pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal – Music Room
- 7:15pm Seekers – Room 208/Zoom
- Connections Committee – Zoom

Tuesday, February 13

- 10:00am WPC Staff Meeting – Room 105
- Birthday Committee – Library

Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday

- 2:00pm Emanuel Food Pantry Grocery Distribution
- Sign up:** <https://bit.ly/IglesiaPresEmanuel>
- Donate beans & rice:** <https://bit.ly/EFPbeans-rice>
- 5:45pm Pancake Supper – Fellowship Hall
- 6:15pm Gathering for Children & Families – Parlor
- 6:35pm "Ashes To-Go" – Sanctuary
- 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Jazz Vespers Service – Sanctuary

Thursday, February 15

- 9:30am Doorways – Parlor
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Music Room
- Men's Fellowship – Gizmo Brew Works

Sunday, February 18 – First Sunday in Lent

- 8:15am Nursery opens for infants and toddlers – Room G7
- 8:30am Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:45am Lenten GiFT – Fellowship Hall
- Church School for Adults – Mission Center
- Newcomers' Class – Room 205
- Elective: The Gospel of Mark – Room 105
- Confirmation Class – CityWell
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Music Room/Sanctuary
- 11:00am Worship – Sanctuary & YouTube
- Godly Play (4 yr - 1st grade) – Parlor
- 12:15pm Civil Rights Pilgrimage Meeting – Room 105
- Racial Equity Committee – Room 205
- 5:00pm Diaconate Meeting – Room 105
- 5:30pm WPC Youth Group – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00pm Youth Group Lectio Divina – Youth Suite



WPC Spring Blood Drive

Tuesday, March 12

11:00am – 4:00pm

Fellowship Hall

Scan to sign up



MARCH 24, 2024

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY
TO END HUNGER



Join or donate to team WPC Durham!