

WESTMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH JOHNSTOWN, PA.



MISSIONAL INTENTIONS TO BE:

Christ Centered
Biblically Based
Servant Led
Blessed To Be A Blessing

ORDER OF SERVICE
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOODNEWS CLUB MINISTRATION

APRIL 14TH, 2024

10:15 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good morning and welcome to Westmont Presbyterian Church. A special welcome to all those worshipping with us for the first time and those worshipping with us online and on cable vision. Please sign and pass the Blue Ritual of Friendship pads located in the pew holders. We also have prayer cards in your pews. Please fill them and put them in the offering bowl during the offertory time.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jen Priest

CHORAL PRELUDE **“With Songs of Rejoicing”**

J.S. Bach

May the music of the prelude focus our attention on God’s kingdom.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Suppes

Liturgist: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to God.

All: We shall come into your presence with thanksgiving and sing praises to God.

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!

All: For we are God’s people, the flock of His pasture. Together, let us worship!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Greg Suppes

O Lord, God of all creation, Your works are amazing and Your character is just. All of creation worship Your majesty. The celestial spectacle of the solar eclipse that traversed North America this past week, vividly demonstrates the grandeur of Your creation. Gazing at the sky, reminded us of the magnificent work of Your hands. Open our inner eyes, as the sun casts new light upon the earth. Restore justice and freedom, as a mighty stream, running continuously day and night. Through Jesus Christ Your son, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #115**

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

ST. KEVIN

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Greg Suppes

Leader: God calls us to repent of our sins.

People: There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.

Leader: God calls us to pursue what is good, what is right, and what is true.

People: For the work of salvation is to bear the fruit of righteousness.

Leader: God sees, God hears, God appears.

People: May Christ give us the light, that we may awaken to His truth.

(Time for Silent Confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Greg Suppes

Our assurance of pardon is in Jesus, “who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave . . . and became obedient to the point of death . . . on a cross.” Through His obedience we are freed from whatever bondage which enslaves us. Friends believe the Good news. In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN’S CHAT

Carrie Curry

SPECIAL MUSIC/MINISTRY

THE GOOD NEWS CLUB MINISTRY

Song: “Jesus is The Good News” (See insert)

Presentation – Theresa Wolf

Song: “Good God Almighty” (See insert)

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3: 12 - 19, (pg.113)

Greg Suppes

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24: 36b – 48 (pg.85)

SERMON

“WHEN JESUS APPEARS...”

Rev. Bernard Nti

***APOSTLE'S CREED**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Plainsong”

Thomas Aquinas

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

Generous God, we can only humbly bring You that which You have already so abundantly given to us. Accept our gifts of praise and thanksgiving and be pleased with these tokens from our hearts and hands. We pray that they will be used to further the ways of your kingdom here on earth. In Christ name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #276**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

***CHARGE/BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Three-Fold Amen”

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

PASTOR

Rev. Bernard Nti

CHILDREN'S MUSIC DIR/MUSIC ASSOC.

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SERVING THIS MORNING

Liturgist(s).....	Greg Suppes
Acolyte.....	Daphne Rehm
Ushers.....	Joan Rush, Jen Priest, Gabby Riffle, Adam Curry
Fellowship.....	Good News Club
Opener.....	Ron Good
Children's Chat.....	Carrie Curry
Audio/Video.....	Kevin Howell
Chancel Flowers.....	Thomsons

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Given by Dave, Linda and Molly Thomson to God's Glory and in remembrance of Emma's birthday on April 6th.

THE KOINONIA COMMITTEE

Thanks to everyone who attended our Family Game Night. We had about 35 people in Fellowship Hall ranging in age from three to 80+ years old. The games were fun, the snacks were delicious, and the fellowship was enjoyed by all. This is a great way to get to know our church family and enjoy each other's company. Please mark your calendars for our next event: Walking tacos and live music on the garth for Cinco de Mayo! More details will be in the bulletin as we get closer to May 5.

THE DEACONS will be sponsoring another AED/CPR class on Saturday, April 20 from 8:00-11:00 AM. The class will be taught by Misty Stephens, assisted by Drs. Josh and Melissa Hinson. There is a small fee to receive your certification. Please contact Misty at (814) 233-2486 to sign up or for more information.

LAY READER TRAINING

Will meet on April 24th at 6:30 p.m. Volunteers for Liturgist and Children's Chat. If you are interested in leading as a Liturgist or leading Children's Chat you are welcome, too.

HEALTH SUNDAY SERVICE

April 28th, Joint service with Westmont, Trinity and First Presbyterian churches. The theme is on depression and the speaker will be Dan Hale.

SUNDAY, April 14th 2024

WE WELCOME ALL who join us in worship today. We are a Presbyterian congregation in the reformed tradition, seeking to glorify God in our worship, our nurture and support of one another, and our service to the world, near and far. We are strengthened by your presence! We invite all guests into our fellowship and ministry.

Sunday, April 14th

9:00 a.m.....No Adult Sunday School – (K)
10:15 a.m.....Worship w/ Good News (S)
10:30 a.m..... Sunday School K-4, 5&6, – (UL3, UL4)
11:15 a.m..... Fellowship Hour – (F)
11:30 a.m.....Sound System Committee – (K)

Monday, April 15th

9:00 a.m.....Prayers and Squares
11:00 a.m.....Prayer Group (C)
7:00 p.m.....Cable Broadcast, Channel 9

Tuesday, April 16th

10:00 a.m.....Spiritual Direction – (P)
6:30 p.m..... Prayer Meeting – (K)

Wednesday, April 17th

7:30 a.m.....Men's Breakfast – Jax
7:00 p.m.....Session Mtg – (K)

Thursday, April 18th

1:30 p.m..... Staff Meeting – (K)
4:00 p.m.....Worship and Music – (K)
6:30 p.m.....Bible Study – (K)

Saturday, April 20th

8:00 a.m.....CPR & AED Training – (F)

Sunday, April 21st

9:00 a.m..... Adult Sunday School – (K)
10:15 a.m.....Worship – (S)
10:30 a.m.....Sunday School K-4, 5&6, - (UL3,UL4)
11:15 a.m.....Fellowship Hour- (F)

S-Sanctuary F-Fellowship Hall K-Koinonia Room

C-Chapel P-Parlor MR-Music Room

All services can be viewed on our Church's Website – www.westmontpc.org

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DR. DAN HALE

will be our guest speaker April 28th in the forenoon service, and following in Fellowship Hall with a Q&A Symposium on Congregational Depression awareness.

Dr. Hale is an Assistant Professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences where he serves as co-Director of the Congregational Depression Awareness Program. He is the co-author of Building Healthy Communities through Medical-Religious Partnerships, published by the Johns Hopkins University Press and now in its third edition (2018), and Healing Bodies and Souls: A Practical Guide for Congregations (Fortress Press, 2003). His most recent book is Depression – Out of the Darkness and into the Light (Gatekeeper Press, 2020). Dr. Hale is the recipient of numerous awards, including the NAMI Metropolitan Baltimore award for the Mental Health Professional of the Year (2016), the Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award for Excellence in Education and Inspirational Leadership (2016), and the Maryland Foundation for Psychiatry Anti-Stigma Advocacy Prize (2018).

ON APRIL 28TH, during our Health Sunday service, Edna Nti will be presenting a minute for mission on "Increasing Nutrition Awareness" with a follow-up health fair on May 18th at 10 am.

BIBLE STUDIES

Bible Studies will begin on April 18th at 6.30pm in the Koinonia room. Thanks to all those who completed my Questionnaire on "Exploring the WPC liturgy and its theological meaning and its impact on our Christian Practice." If you did complete the questionnaire please come and listen to the collated feedback assembled. Thank you and hope to see you there.

THE FAMILY SOUP KITCHEN

"...blessed is he (or she) who is generous to the poor." Proverbs 14:21 (ESV)

The Family Soup Kitchen needs help from all of us. Please put your contributions in the grocery cart outside the elevator on the lower floor. They can primarily use non-perishable foods and healthy snacks. The Deacons thank you.

TUESDAY PRAYER MEETING

Come join us to pray for WPC, our community and country on Tuesdays at 6.30pm in the small chapel. Contact Jen Priest or the office for more information. Thank you.

Prayer Board: Gary and Deb, Lyn, Linda and Holly, Cindy C., Marianne R, Sue G., Teens, Ted & Diane, Linda B, 2024 Graduates, Pastor Ben, Session, Deacons, Rev Standish, Church Staff, Rev Carole, John & Joyce, Anna A., Shut-ins, Kirkstadts, Good News Club, & Brian M.

PLEASE KEEP ALL THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES IN YOUR PRAYERS.

If you know of an active-duty person to be included in the list, call the church office with name, rank, address and, if appropriate, an e-mail address. We remember that some of these people are in a war zone and may not be available for regular communication. The following person is on assignment without a current address: SPC Andrew Medley.

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