

WESTMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH JOHNSTOWN, PA.



MISSIONAL INTENTIONS TO BE:

Christ Centered
Biblically Based
Servant Led
Blessed To Be A Blessing

ORDER OF SERVICE

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 17TH, 2024

10:15 AM

PRELUDE

“At the Name of Jesus”

Ralph Vaughn Williams

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

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.

INTROIT

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kevin Priest

Liturgist: The one who parted the waters to save Israel will set our feet on dry land.

People: We will walk forward in faith.

Liturgist: The one who raised Jesus from the dead will do a new thing in our lives.

People: We will rest in the peace of Christ. Together, let us worship the God of our salvation.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Kevin Priest

God of embracing love, gather us under the wings of Your love, even as Jesus longed to gather Jerusalem into the arms of His love. Send your Holy Spirit into our worship this day, that we may be strengthened for the times ahead, as we seek to walk faithfully with Christ all the way to the cross. Be our light and our salvation, that we may live in Your presence and walk in Your ways all the days of our lives. Amen.

***HYMN #423**

“Jesus Shall Reign”

DUKE STREET

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Loving God, we come before You, knowing that You love us completely. With this knowledge, we confess to You our wrongdoings. Forgive us, Holy One, when we stray from Your ways, when we hurt one another, when we ignore the needs of others, when we resist Your guidance in our lives. Gracious God, accept our prayers and hold us in Your love, that we may be the people You call us to be. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

(Time for Silent Confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Kevin Priest

This is how God showed His love among us. God sent His only Son into the world that we might live through Him. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

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**

ANTHEM

“Savior, More Than Life to Me”

Stan Pethel

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34, (pg. 691)

Kevin Priest

GOSPEL READING

John 12: 20 – 33, (pg. 100)

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“KNOWING YOUR MISSION”

Rev. Bernard Nti

***APOSTLE’S CREED**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“He Came Down”

John Bell

***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)

There are no limits to the gifts You have given us, gracious Lord. Now we return thanks to You for these gifts and we bring these token to You, asking for Your blessing on givers and gifts. Help these gifts and givers to be Your witnesses throughout the world.

*HYMN #92

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

ST. CHRISTOPHER

*CHARGE/BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“ Jesus, Remember Me”

*Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your Kingdom.
Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your Kingdom.*

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).....	Kevin Priest
Acolyte.....	Florence Appiah
Ushers.....	Jeanne Strunk, Monica Black, Tom Apetz
Fellowship.....	Monica, Jen and Jeanne
Opener.....	Ron Good
Children’s Chat.....	Betsy Suppes
Audio/Video.....	Kevin Howell

WEDNESDAYS AT WESTMONT NOON RECITALS

Come and enjoy the beautiful music. Our recitalist for this coming Wednesday at noon 3/20/24 is Jeff Jones. Jeff is the Organist/Minister of Music First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, PA.

EASTER CANDY

The Christian Education Committee is asking for donations of Easter Candy for our little ones Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop off your sweet donations in the church office. Anyone wishing to help with the Easter Egg Hunt on March 23 can sign up in the Koinonia room. We need 20 more pounds of candy. This is a community event.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering will be received through Easter Sunday (March 31). OGHS is one of four annual special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA). OGHS, which Presbyterians have given to for 75 years, supports ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. Contributions are split between the Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%), Self-Development of People (32%) and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%). Please give generously by using the designated OGHS envelope in your envelope packet or in the pew rack, or simply mark your donation “OGHS.”

SUNDAY, March 17th , 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, March 17th

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

Monday, March 18th

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

Tuesday, March 19th

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

Wednesday, March 20th

7:30 a.m.....Men's Breakfast – Jax
12:00 p.m.....Wednesdays at Westmont Noon Recital – (S)
7:00 p.m.....Session Mtg – (K)

Thursday, March 21st

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

Friday, March 22nd

All day.....Thread Deadline

Saturday, March 23rd

8:30 a.m.....Men's Fellowship Breakfast – (F)
6:30 p.m.....Easter Egg Hunt – (F) and outside

Sunday, March 24th

9:00 a.m.....Adult Sunday School – (K)
10:15 a.m.....Worship, Palm Sunday (S)
10:30 a.m.....No Sunday School K-4, 5&6, – UL3, UL4
11:15 a.m.....Fellowship Hour (F)
6:00 p.m.....Teen Group (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

OFFICE HOURS Mon.-Fri. 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. Telephone: 814-536-0796

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REMINDER - Our Sanctuary is equipped with an assisted listening system for the benefit of the hearing impaired. We are presently researching improvements to our sound system and training our presenters in microphone techniques, however no system can compensate for hearing loss. Please see the ushers if you would like to use a receiver and headphones.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING FISH BANKS will be collected Sunday March 24 during the Children's Chat. There will be a fisherman on hand to collect them so don't forget to bring them to church.

NEW TEEN GOUP A group of our teens have been meeting once a month for music, prayer and fellowship. If you're in 7th grade and older join us April 7th from 6:00-7:00 and bring a friend. All are welcome. The meeting for March 24th has been rescheduled.

KITCHEN CLEAN UP - Please check the kitchen for any personal items you may have left behind. Spring kitchen clean up (i.e. clean out) is next week. Thank you.

Holy Week Activities

- **Palm Sunday, March 24** (Children will parade with palms)
- **Holy Week Wednesday, March 27 at 6:00** (Sanctuary)
- **Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 7:00** (Communion)
- **Good Friday Cantata, March 29 at 7:30**
- **Easter Sunday, March 31st at 8:30 am and 10:15 am** (2 services)
- **Early Sunrise service at Price Field**



Need to Request a Prayer Quilt? Interested in Quilting? Just call or text Linda Capp at 814-241-6963/home 535-3263 or email at lcapp@atlanticbb.net or Joyce Norris at 814-243-2659 and joyceanorris@gmail.com. Check out the new PRAYERS AND SQUARES photo album on the www.westmontpc.org website!

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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