

WESTMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH JOHNSTOWN, PA.



MISSIONAL INTENTIONS TO BE:

Christ Centered
Biblically Based
Servant Led
Blessed To Be A Blessing

ORDER OF SERVICE
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21st , 2024

10:15 AM

PRELUDE

“Jesus Calls Us”

arr. by T. Sterret

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Carole Corey

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

John Norris

INTROIT

“In This Very Room”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Melissa Hinson

Liturgist: Lord, Our God, You are our Father.

P: We were created for Your glory.

Leader: All of us are the work of Your hands, the sheep of Your pasture.

P: In Your path we will follow.

All: Let us join together with one heart to worship You.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Melissa Hinson

How majestic are Your works O Lord, that spring forth from Your love. When we look at the nighttime sky with its billions of stars mysteriously burning brightly, we are astounded! When we ponder Your majesty, we wonder what are human beings that you are mindful of us? Yet You sent Your precious only Son to live and die for us that we might live with You now and forever. We long to follow in His path that we might bring You Praise and Glory and Honor! Send Your Holy Spirit in great abundance that it might be so. Amen

***HYMN #487**

“When Morning Guilds the Skies”

LAUDES DOMINI

***CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)**

Gracious and Wonderful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not loved You with our whole heart. At times our thoughts are far from You. By words and speech we proclaim You as Lord in our lives and yet our actions say otherwise. When challenges come, we do not trust You to help solve our problems. When You bless us with healing we forget to offer our words of gratitude. When we are asked to serve others, we resist. We forget to express Your love in tangible ways. Heal us gracious God. Strengthen our faith. Build our trust in Your grace. We ask these things for the sake of the One who revealed Your love to us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(Time for Silent Confession) AMEN

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Melissa Hinson

L: Friends believe the Good News and be assured in your hearts. By the Blood of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and free.

A: Amen! 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

Brittain Silver

ANTHEM

“From All That Dwell”

G. Young

SCRIPTURE READING

1st John 3:16 – 24 (pg.226)

Melissa Hinson

GOSPEL READING

John 10:11 – 18 (pgs.97, 98)

SERMON

“Following the Good Shepherd”

Rev. Carole Isley Corey

***HYMN #170**

“The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want”

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***APOSTLE'S CREED**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "They'll Know We Are Christians"

***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 #447** "Lead On, O King Eternal" LANCASHIRE

***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).....Melissa Hinson
Acolyte.....Macee Stephens
Ushers.....Joan Rush, Jen Priest, Gabby Riffle, Adam Curry
Fellowship.....Yeagers & Nancy Miller
Opener.....
Children's Chat.....Brittain Silver
Audio/Video.....Kevin Howell
Chancel Flowers..... The Howell Family

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers on the Chancel Table are presented in memory of Louise Howell, who entered into eternal life on April 14, 2024, peacefully at home surrounded by family. Thanks to all those who expressed prayers and sympathies with special mention to Pastor Ben and Edna, Barney and Lana Custer, Bill Harris, and the Board of Deacons. The Howell family.

DIVERSITY SUNDAY is May 19. If you would like to share your favorite food from your heritage, call Joyce Norris at 814-243-2659.

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.

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

SUNDAY, April 21st 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 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)

Monday, April 22nd

9:00 – 1:00 p.m.....Garden Club – (F)
9:00 a.m.....Prayers and Squares
11:00 a.m.....Prayer Group (C)
7:00 p.m.....Cable Broadcast, Channel 9

Tuesday, April 23rd

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

Wednesday, April 24th

7:30 a.m.....Men's Breakfast – Jax
6:30 p.m.....Lay Reader & Children's Chat Training – (K)

Thursday, April 25th

1:30 p.m.....Staff Meeting – (K)
6:30 p.m.....Bible Study – (K)

Friday, April 26th

8:00 a.m.....Women's Breakfast – Dunkin' Donuts

Sunday, April 28th

9:00 a.m.....Adult Sunday School – (K)
10:15 a.m.....Worship, Congregational Depression w/ Dr. Hale – (S)
10:30 a.m.....Sunday School K-4, 5&6, - (UL3,UL4)
11:15 a.m.....Fellowship Hour, Symposium - (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

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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 25th 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.

BOOK CLUB

"Mostly What God Does" by Savannah Guthrie. Will meet April 29 @ 7:00p

PLEASE JOIN THE KOINONIA COMMITTEE on Sunday May 5th from 3 PM to 5 PM at the church for a day of live music, food (walking tacos), and fellowship. We will have pinatas for the children, divided up into age groups. Come and join our church family and the community as we celebrate God's love and faithfulness to us.

PS bring your favorite lawn chair!

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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