



**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

—— April 20, 2025 ——

helping people find hope, freedom & purpose in Jesus

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**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us today as we meet with God to celebrate the victory of life over death through our savior, Jesus.

We pray that when you leave our services, you do so with resurrection hope that leads you to enjoy and extend to others the love of Jesus.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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April 20, 2025    7:00 Sunrise Service

## Welcome

Rev. Jonathan Taylor  
Director of Missions and Discipleship

## \* Call To Worship

Pastor:                      Christ is risen!

Congregation:            Christ is risen indeed!

All:                            Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
                                 sing the glory of His name;  
                                 give to him glorious praise!  
                                 Come and see what God has done:  
                                 He is awesome in His deeds  
                                 toward the children of man.  
                                 Bless our God, O peoples;  
                                 let the sound of His praise be heard!

## \* Invocation

### *\* Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say: "Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!  
Sing ye heavens, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

***\* Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (cont.)***

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

## **Corporate Confession Of Faith**

From New City Catechism

Pastor:           What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?

**All:               Christ triumphed over sin and death by being  
physically resurrected, so that all who trust in  
him are raised to new life in this world and to  
everlasting life in the world to come. Just as  
we will one day be resurrected, so this world  
will one day be restored.**

**\* *The Day of Resurrection***

The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
Good news of endless gladness,  
The love and power of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
From earth unto the sky,  
Our Christ has brought us over  
With hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,  
That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal  
Of resurrection light;  
And, listening to His accents,  
May hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful!  
Let earth her song begin!  
The round resound in triumph,  
And all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen  
Their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord is risen,  
Our Joy that has no end.

## **Scripture Reading** (1 Corinthians 15:12-22)

Pastor: Now, if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. If the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

**All: But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead!**

Pastor: The first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam, all die...

**All: So also in Christ shall all be made alive!**

## **Prayer For Christ's Church And The World**

***\* Before the Throne of God Above***

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong and perfect plea:  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands.  
My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heav'n He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart;  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died  
My sinful soul is counted free.  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me;  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb!  
My perfect spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of Glory and of Grace.  
One with Himself I cannot die;  
My soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God;  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.



# Sermon

*TBD*

Luke 24:1-12

Rev. JT Hoover

Assistant Pastor of Children and Families

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup> And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?

<sup>6</sup> He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup> And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

<sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup> but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

***\* In Christ Alone***

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease;  
My Comforter, my All in All;  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay;  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ!

***\* In Christ Alone (con't)***

No guilt in life, no fear in death;  
This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Could ever pluck me from His hand;  
Til He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I stand!

**\* Benediction**

Sermon Notes:

# Our Mission at Westminster

We are finding hope, freedom, and purpose in Jesus at Westminster by worshipping, growing, and serving together.

- \* **WORSHIP** - 9am Traditional Service and 11am Modern Service
- \* **GROW** - Numerous discipleship group options for all ages currently meet weekly. Let us help you get connected.
- \* **SERVE** - We are partnering with God in his mission to make all things new. We look forward to helping you find ways to use your talents to serve others.

Let's connect! Scan the QR code and fill out our quick form. A staff member will then reach out to help you get plugged-in.



## Upcoming Dates to Save

**JUN 9-12:** Vacation Bible School

Days filled with games, worship, and truths from the Bible for elementary-aged kids.

**JUN 21-25:** The Edge Conference

A five-day middle school youth camp in Lookout Mountain, GA.

**JUL 14-19:** Project Sweat

A four-day local mission project and two-day adventure trip for high school students.

**JUN 19-24:** Mission Trip in Athens, Greece

**JUL 5-12:** Mission Trip in Cartagena, Columbia

**AUG 3-9:** Mission Trip in Anchorage, Alaska

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