



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Warm Welcome to All!

We seek to be an inclusive church,
and to show love and compassion in many ways.

If you'd like to become more connected, please contact
Pastors Scott Paczkowski or Meghan Davis-Brass at 515-274-1534.



Livestream Camera Reminder

Please know, if you are seated in the pews on the first floor
there is a possibility that you will be seen by the cameras.

If you'd prefer to stay off-screen, please sit in the
Balcony or the back two pews of the Sanctuary.



Internet Access

Domain: Westminster Presbyterian Church

Password: Westminster

Order of Worship

GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 29TH, 2024

Gathering the Community of Faith

PRELUDE

Deep Were His Wounds
Juli Bey - Piano

Music: Leland B. Sateren
Arr. Thomas Keesecker

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scott Paczkowski

Please let us know you are worshiping with us!

In-Person: Please fill out the pew Attendance Pad and pass it to others in your pew.

On-line: Please complete the "Attendance Form," on the livestream page.

Celebrating God's Presence

CALL TO WORSHIP

Scott Paczkowski

One: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,

All: who redeems us from sin and death.

One: For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

One: Merciful God, you gave your son to suffer the shame of the cross.
Save us from hardness of heart, that seeing him who died for us,
we may repent, confess our sin, and receive your overwhelming
love, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #93

(Music on pg. 8 of worship bulletin.)

Ah, Holy Jesus
(vs. 1-3)

Music: Johann Cruger
Text: Johann Heermann

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Meghan Davis-Brass

SPECIAL MUSIC

Prayer
Marti Steinblums - Violin; Juli Bey - Piano

Music: Willard Zirk

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 53:7-12

Meghan Davis-Brass

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter

and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

By a perversion of justice he was taken away.

Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.
They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with affliction.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.
Out of his anguish he shall see;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out himself to death
and was numbered with the transgressors,
yet he bore the sin of many
and made intercession for the transgressors.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Violin Partita No. 1 in B Minor,
BWV 1002: V. Serebando
Marti Steinblums - Violin*

By: Johann Sebastian Bach

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 10:16-25

Meghan Davis-Brass

"This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,"

he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their
lawless deeds no more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there
is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Crucifixus
Choral Scholars

Gabriel Faure

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

Meghan Davis-Brass

**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.**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 19:13-27

Scott Paczkowski

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover, and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross by himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

"They divided my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Lamb of God/ What Wondrous Love</i>	Music: Gabriel Faure
Aaron Schultz - Tenor; Maddy Langlitz - Mezzo-Soprano		Arr. Allan Robert Petker
Juli Bey - Piano; Marti Steinblums - Violin		Text: Russel A. Kane & Allan Robert Petker

GOSPLE LESSON	John 19:28-37	Scott Paczkowski
---------------	---------------	------------------

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the Sabbath, especially because that Sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth, so that you also may continue to believe.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

SERMON	"Away With Him"	Scott Paczkowski
--------	-----------------	------------------

NAILING JESUS TO THE CROSS

(When instructed: come forward and hammer a nail into the cross. Hit it long and hard enough so the nail stands alone. Please do not hammer the nail all the way into the cross.)

*CLOSING HYMN #97
(Music on pg 9 of worship bulletin)

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Music: Richard Redhead
Text: James Montgomery

*BENEDICTION

Scott Paczkowski

One: Behold the cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

All: Holy God, holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.

One: May peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet
as a sign of my love, but you draw the sword to strike in my name and
seek high places in my kingdom. I offered you my body and blood,
but you scatter and deny and abandon me, and you have prepared a cross
for your Savior.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Please depart the sanctuary in silence.

Participating in Worship this Evening:

Rev. Dr. Scott Paczkowski, Senior Pastor
Rev. Meghan Davis-Brass, Associate Pastor
Aaron Schultz, Director of Music and Art
Juli Bey, Organist
Maddy Langlitz, Mezzo-Soprano
Marti Steinblums, Violin
Choral Scholars

Scott@westpres.org
Meghan@westpres.org
Aschultz@westpres.org
Juli@westpres.org

Production Crew:

Drew Robertson and Laura Walsh

Church Music/Streaming Licenses:
CCLI: #11161622 CCS: #12829

Sermon Notes

WE ARE WESTMINSTER...

We Worship with Tradition • We Connect as a Church Family
We Engage in Mission • We Raise 21st Century Disciples

INCLUSIVITY STATEMENT

We welcome all persons as participants in our congregation, regardless of age, race, gender, marital status, physical condition, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnic background, economic status, or any other human condition.

Westminster Announcements

Prayer Requests- If you have a prayer request that you'd like to share with your church family, please select the Prayer Request button on the website's livestream worship page or contact Susan Denton at sdenton@westpres.org.

Holy Week Services - Services for Easter Sunday will take place at 8:45 and 11 a.m.

SUMMIT Summer Internship-Each summer, our SUMMIT interns work at local social service agencies to help people in need in our community. All applicants must be high school graduates and pursuing higher education. Application forms are available in the church office or on-line. Contact Susan at sdenton@westpres.org with questions. Forms must be received by April 23rd.

Pastor Scott's Daily Devotions- Looking to get more from your church? You can sign up to receive Pastor Scott's Daily Devotion! Go online to www.westpres.org/daily-devotions to read the archive of devotions and sign up at the bottom of each post.

Year of Gratitude- a Gratitude Wall has been set up in The Commons. Everyone – of all ages - is invited to add something that they are grateful for onto the wall. Sticky notes are available. You can write as many and as often as you wish.

Foundation Sunday -Foundation Sunday will be May 5th this year. We will be celebrating the Foundation's 50th Anniversary. That calls for a festivity. The entire congregation is invited to a meal and program following the service on the 5th. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!.

Bedtime Bible Podcast - Help your children prepare for bed with our prayer and relaxation podcast. Each podcast will feature calming music, scripture and prayers to help children unwind from their day. Stories and prayers are geared toward younger children but are loved by all ages. You can stream them anywhere you get your podcasts.

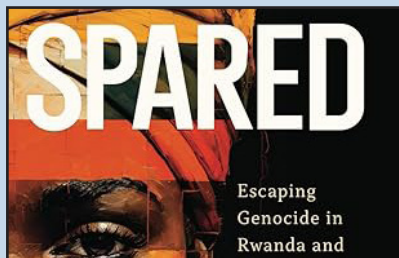
Jazz Sunday and Deacon's Breakfast- On April 7th, Jazz Sunday returns. Come join and hear jazz classics during the service, then stay for the Deacon's Pancake Breakfast after the service.

How Can I Contribute My Offering or Pay My Pledge When Not at Church?

- **Online** - At <https://www.westpres.org/howtogive>
- **Mail** - Westminster Church, 4114 Allison Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310-3398
- **Text** - WPCDSM to 73256
- **Call the Church Office** - 515-274-1534 for credit card or ACH contribution.

Prayer Requests

Please fill out prayer card in the pew and place in the offering plate or e-mail sdenton@westpres.org



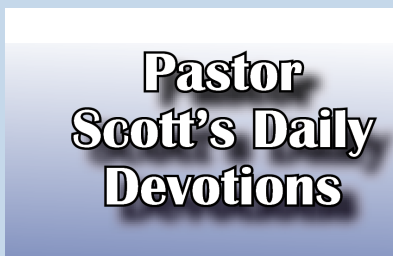
Copies of Dr. Clementine Msengi's memoir are available in the Westminster Office



Jazz Sunday and Deacon's Pancake Breakfast at Westminster on April 7th



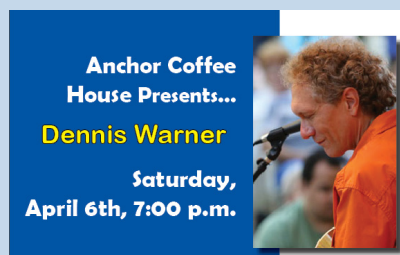
Loose Coin Donations will be donated to CROSS this month.



Find the Daily Devotions on our website, westpres.org



Listen to the Bedtime Bible Children's Podcast wherever you stream your podcasts.



Anchor Coffee House presents Dennis Warner Saturday, April 6th.



Purchase a table for CROSS Outreach Trivia and Silent Auction.



Purchase Chancel Flowers for worship by contacting the office during regular office hours.

Weekly Newsletter

Learn all about the announcements in the bulletin in our weekly newsletter. Sign-up to receive it via e-mail or paper mailing by contacting Simon at Simon@westpres.org or call 515-274-1534.