



# WESTMINSTER CHURCH OF DETROIT



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March 28, 2024  
7:00PM  
Maundy Thursday

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

The Holy City  
Cynthia Norris, Soprano

Stephen Adams

*Welcome to all – especially to our guests.*

*Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.*

*Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)*

*Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.”

**Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.**

Beloved people of God: This is the day when Christ, our Passover Lamb, surrendered himself to those who would kill him, setting us free from sin and death forever.

**This is the day when Christ, our Teacher and Lord, knelt down to wash the disciples' feet, showing us how to love and serve one another.**

This is the day when Christ, the bread of heaven, shared a holy meal with his followers, offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all.

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you.**

**In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.**

### **Declaration of God's Forgiveness**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.  
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

### **Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

*(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")*

**\*Response GTG #792**      There Is a Balm in Gilead

**There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. (Refrain)  
Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.  
(Refrain)**

### **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

**First Reading**                      Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading**                      John 13:1-17, 31b-35

## Message

### **WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

#### **Affirmation of Faith (The Apostle's Creed)**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come  
to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Hymn GTG #203**

**Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love**

#### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**INVITATION**

**GREETING**

**The Lord be with you.**

**And also with you.**

**Lift up your hearts.**

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**It is right to give your thanks and praise.**

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

CLOSING PRAYER

**Call to Offering**

**Invitation to Offering**

*The offering plates will be passed this evening.*

**Offertory Anthem**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

arr. Albert Travis

Chancel Choir

Bobbi Adams, violin obbligato

**\*Doxology GTG #606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
**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**

**WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Hymn AAHH #133**

Be Still, God Will Fight Your Battles

**\*Benediction**

## Postlude

My Lord, What a Morning

arr. Ralph Simpson

*The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshipping.*

### **Worship Leaders:**

The Rev. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff

Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist

David Johnson, Liturgist

\* Please stand as you are able.

Visit [www.wcodetroit.org](http://www.wcodetroit.org) for the link to view our Sunday morning worship services on YouTube.



**Just open your camera on your mobile device and scan the QR code to access our website.**

The parament on the communion table this evening is a gift from the family of Tema Pefok-Zama. The cloth belonged to Tema's Mother in Cameroon and was displayed on the bookcase with her favorite Bibles. With appreciation, we thank Tema and her family.

### **Tonight's Anthem**

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand; the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land, a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day. Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see the very dying form of one who suffered there for me. And from my smitten heart, with tears, two wonders I confess: the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness. I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross!

## Westminster Church of Detroit News

### Berkho Scholarship for College Students

WCOD is pleased to offer at least four (4) scholarships each in the amount of \$2,500 to support expenses related to the attainment of postsecondary education. Eligible applicants must be a member or attend WCOD or live in the WCOD neighborhood. Contact the church office or [WCODScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:WCODScholarship@gmail.com) to request an application packet. The deadline to submit an application is Monday, April 15, 2024.

### Requesting Readers for the Berko Scholarships

No experience is necessary, just a joyful spirit and a willingness to help with this important ministry for our young people. Volunteer readers will meet on April 14<sup>th</sup> for approximately 35 minutes following worship. The total time commitment is approximately 4 hours to read and score the applicant essays. Interested? Please leave your name at the church office.

### Women's History Month at Westminster – *Stories of Faith Women*

March is Women's History month. It is an interesting historical intersection because there are many biblical examples of how women were faithful to Christ.

Our theme for Women's History month this year is ***Faithful Women***. There are many role models of ***Faithful Women*** in our lives. We would like to honor them by sharing their photos on the bulletin board near the main office. If you would like to add their photo, please write your name on the back of photo and leave it in the folder on the volunteer desk in the church office. We will start to build the display beginning, Sunday, March 3rd and grow it through the month. The photos will be returned to you by April 21<sup>st</sup>. Questions? Please call the church office at 313-341-2697.

### Jennie Dean Auxiliary Offering Plates

Throughout the month of March, Women's History Month, we will use the offering plates given to Westminster Church by the Jennie Dean Auxiliary. At present, we have little information about this auxiliary, other than it was an active part of our church and preceded the formation of the Circles. You will notice on the rim of every plate, that the auxiliary presented each plate in memory of a woman, possibly a member of the auxiliary.

### **Wednesday Adult Bible Study**

The Rev. Beth Downs leads this weekly Adult Bible study. This group meets faithfully every Wednesday from noon to 1:00pm, studying and discerning God's word. All are welcome to come and participate, either in person or by Zoom. The Zoom link can be found on the WCOD website: [wcodetroit.org](http://wcodetroit.org).

### **Westminster Church of Detroit Sewing Ministry Team**

The Sewing Team Ministry is open to everyone, whether you have sewing skills or not; we can teach you if you are interested in learning. Or if you want to just help with sorting fabric or cutting pieces for others to sew or iron for others, there are always small tasks that need to be completed. We are a friendly group with good listening ears, and we have a lot of fun just enjoying each other's company. Stop by and meet some new friends. We always meet on the 2nd and Fourth Thursdays of the month from 10:00am - 2:30pm; lunch is at 12:00 if you want share lunch with us. Come on by and see what we are creating to donate to others in need. Meeting dates for April 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Children and youth are invited to an Easter egg hunt immediately following worship on Easter Sunday. Participants are asked to bring their own basket or container to collect the eggs. Weather permitting, the egg hunt will take place outside.

### **Camp Westminster News**

#### **A Call to Action: Send A Kid to Camp**

This is a call to action.

It's a challenge to our community.

Find one child who would benefit from attending Camp Westminster.

It could be your child, a grandchild, a niece, or nephew. Maybe you've got a neighborhood full of kids and there's one kid that stands out to you. That's it. Let's get them to camp!

How else can you help? Pay for their camp fees. Make sure they have a sleeping bag and the appropriate clothes. Just get them in touch with us and we'll take



care of the rest. By actively recruiting children to Camp Westminster, you not only support the camp, but you also become part of the mission:

*Through the wonder of creation, the rich abundance of inclusiveness, and the challenge of adventure, Camp Westminster on Higgins Lake creates community and extends hospitality where all people experience the love of God.*

**21 Century Skills**

Camp isn't just about fun and games.  
It's so much more!

[www.campwestminster.com](http://www.campwestminster.com)

## Family Coffee Hour Schedule

March 31st	Family Group 4	Elder – Louis Fisher Deacon – Elizabeth Cooper
April 7th	Family Group 5	Elder – Gwen Matthews Deacon – Lucille Towns
April 14th	Family Group 6	Elder – Tammy Brown Deacon – Wanda Robinson
April 21st	Family Group 7	Elder – Jacqueline Humphries Deacon – Duane Sturgis

## Westminster Calendar

<p><b>Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup></b> 12Noon Good Friday Service</p> <p><b>Sunday, March 31st</b> 10:00am Worship 11:00am Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p><b>Monday, April 1st</b> Building Closed</p> <p><b>Wednesday, April 3rd</b> 12Noon Adult Bible Study 3:00pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm NA Meeting</p>	<p><b>Sunday, April 7th</b> 10:00am Worship 11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 11:30am Deacon Meeting</p> <p><b>Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup></b> 7:00pm NA Meeting</p> <p><b>Wednesday, April 10th</b> 12Noon Adult Bible Study 3:00pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm NA Meeting</p> <p><b>Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am Ministry Sewing Team</p> <p><b>Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup></b> 8:30am ARK</p>
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## Pastoral Care

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## Prayer Concerns

<b>Family #</b>	<b>Family #</b>
1 Catherine Lewis	8 Rosa Armstrong
1 Gladys Stephen	8 Faye Baker
2 Prince Ella Cunningham & Family	8 Dorn Fair
2 Sandy Gross	8 Dianna White (Deborah Fair's sister-in-law)
3 Margaret Clay	10 Derek Barns
4 Virginia Fields and Family	10 Edda Dickerson
4 Heide Lewis and Family	10 Sandra Lamb
5 Doris Greer	11 Jamez James (Victor & Janet Jackson's son)
5 Julie Handel & Family	12 Ann Gourlay
5 Zoe Henry (Doris Greer's Niece)	12 The Henderson Family (Heide's Sister)
6 Elizabeth Galloway	12 Ruth Wallace Robertson (Sharon Wallace's mother)
6 Carol Lewis	
6 Lela Norris (Eddie & Cynthia Norris's sister-in-law)	
7 Talana Brandenburg (Merlton & Patricia Brandenburg's daughter)	Rev. Bill Furstenau

# Holy Week Schedule

**March 28th - Maundy Thursday**  
**7:00PM Worship with Communion**  
**In-person and Livestream**

**March 29th - Good Friday**  
**12Noon Worship in the Chapel**  
**In-person only**

**March 31st - Easter Sunday**  
**10:00AM Worship**  
**In-person and Livestream**

