

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Nacogdoches, Texas

## The Service for the Lord's Day



*“The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, ‘Take these things out of here!...’ His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’ The Jews said to him, ‘What sign can you show us for doing this?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ ....After he was raised from the dead, the disciples remembered that he had said this.” --John 2:13-22a*

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

**March 14, 2021 11:00 a.m.**

**ASSEMBLING IN SPIRIT VIA INTERNET**

**Facebook.com/westpresnac or www.westpreschurch.com**

PRELUDE

Dr. James Pitts, organist

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said: I am the light of the world.

**All: Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.**

Leader: Jesus said: Follow me.

**All: We will follow Jesus.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

## HYMN

# 402 How Lovely, Lord

(Psalm 84)

1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place;  
 2 In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day  
 3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High;

my soul is long-ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace.  
 is bet - ter than a thou - sand if I from you should stray.  
 you show - er us with bless - ings; no good will you de - ny.

The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest;  
 I'd rath - er keep the en - trance and claim you as my Lord  
 The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,

and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.  
 than rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford.  
 and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ing o - ver - flow.

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

If we claim to be sinless we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth. If we confess our sins, God, who is merciful, may be trusted to forgive us. Let us therefore come to God in humility and confidence to confess our sins. Let us pray...

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of Mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. ....Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. AMEN. (Continue in silent prayer...)**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Leader:** Jesus said, "Let whoever is without sin cast the first stone." He is still saying that. He also said, "Your sins are forgiven." He is still saying that. Believe the Good News! In Christ we are forgiven!

**All:** In Christ we are forgiven and free, to live in love and mercy, forgiving others. We give God thanks for freedom to live. Alleluia! Amen.

## OFFERING REFLECTIONS

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 2:13-22

## SOLO

**"Incline Thine Ear"**  
Kaleb Hook, tenor

Ernest Charles

Incline, incline thine ear and come unto me.  
Hear and thy soul shall live.

O everyone that thirsteth,  
Come ye to the water.  
And he that hath no money  
Come ye buy and eat.

Book of Isaiah

## SERMON

**"The Sacred"**

Rev. Howard Reed

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Apostles' Creed***(Ecumenical version)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**GIVING THANKS TO GOD**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.**

## HYMN

JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH

## My Song Is Love Unknown 209



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from heav - en's throne sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times we strew his way, and his sweet prais - es  
 4 Un - heed - ing, we will have our dear Lord made a -  
 5 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly  
 stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior  
 sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to our  
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to  
 vine: nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like

be. O who am I that for my sake my  
 know. But O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who  
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and  
 slay. Yet stead - fast he to suf - fer goes, that  
 thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I

Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
 at my need his life did spend!  
 for his death we thirst and cry.  
 he his foes from thence might free.  
 all my days could glad - ly spend.

The opening line here could equally well have been a courtier's lament for a secret affair, but it soon becomes a path into a vivid and poignant reflection on Christ's Passion. This 17th-century text is beautifully embraced by its sensitive and lyrical 20th-century tune.

TEXT: Samuel Crossman, 1664, alt.  
 MUSIC: John Ireland, 1918  
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LOVE UNKNOWN  
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## WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*As always, we are grateful to James Pitts, Kevin Helmer, Whitney Frazier for faithfully sharing worship with many others via the internet.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY MARILYN TUTWILER IN MEMORY OF HER HUSBAND DAVID PRINCE***

### ***ALL CONGREGATION HYMN SING, SATURDAY, APRIL 3, IN PARKING LOT***

Our congregation (and friends!—invite others!) will celebrate new life in Christ because of his resurrection, with an outdoor congregational hymn sing in the church parking lot on Saturday afternoon, April 3, at 2:00 p.m. (Rain date will be the following day, Easter Sunday, at 4:00 pm.) This event is an expression of our thanks to God for the resurrection of Christ and for bringing us through the pandemic troubles of the past year.

Accompaniment for singing will be provided by Dr. James Pitts from the organ/piano inside the sanctuary and broadcast via our FM broadcast system to the parking lot, where our car radios will receive the music for singing. We will have instructions on your arrival for creating a large circle of car speakers and singers. Hymnals handed out on the day will provide words and music for singers.

All hymns will come from our hymnal, *Glory to God*. The congregation is invited to submit requests for singing and the staff will have a drawing for inclusion of about 20 hymns, in addition to some that staff members will choose. Please submit only one request per person by email or mail to the church office by Sunday, March 21, and please title or indicate in writing in email subject: "Hymn Sing." (Prior experience with similar events shows that very often several of any one person's favorite hymns will be chosen by others for inclusion, a happy circumstance.)

Dr. Dalton has suggested that she will try to organize the choir to sing several familiar choral pieces, too, probably *a capella*, due to the complicated logistics of having remote accompaniment from inside the sanctuary.

Since most of you do not have a hymnal in your home, please feel free to come and borrow a copy, or spend a few minutes at church perusing the hymnal to make your choice. Or, look back over the past year of Sunday worship to prompt your memory.

The hymn sing will be fully "programmed" in advance, just as music concerts are programmed, in order to provide Dr. Pitts a clear plan for the approximate one-hour of music. We will not be able to accommodate on the spot requests.

Our church staff is so grateful to the congregation for so much faithfulness and support through the pandemic. Let us all rejoice and lift up our voices on Saturday, April 3 at 2:00.

**THE INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP** at Westminster Church is always open to persons who wish to join us in witness and service to Jesus Christ. If you are interested in church membership or desire more information about this congregation, please indicate on the Friendship Pad or speak to the pastor, or one of the elders following the service.

## **WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** (PCUSA)

**Westminster Presbyterian Church exists to declare God's love for all through Jesus Christ, to nurture and encourage spiritual growth, to maintain the integrity of divine worship, and to share the love and joy found in Christ by giving ourselves to our community and to the world.**

### **THE SESSION**

#### Class of 2021

Deborah Dalton  
Charles Gavin  
Kevin Helmer  
Lynnae Perdue  
Lisa Thompson

#### Class of 2022

Sue Johnson  
Tony Thompson  
Stephanie Petti  
Bruce McNellie  
Robin Moore

#### Class of 2023

Bobbie Ann Anderson  
Jill Ivy  
Vance Rogers  
Ray Taylor  
Katie Tracey

### **MINISTERS:**

All the Members of the Congregation

### **CHURCH STAFF**

Interim Pastor	Rev. Howard Reed
Director of Music	Deborah Dalton
Organist	James Pitts
Director of Christian Education	Whitney Frazier
Nursery Coordinator	Myra McNellie
Presbyterian Women Moderator	Lisa Thompson
Treasurer	Sue Atkins
Secretary	Angelea Richardson
Handbell Choir Director	Myra McNellie
Newsletter Editor	Angelea Richardson
Clerk of Session	Robin Moore

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## EASTER LILIES

*If you would like to purchase an Easter lily to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please fill out the following information. The cost is \$30.00 each. The names will be listed on a bulletin insert, and you can take the flowers following the Easter service.*

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