



Westminster

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

March 2021



NEWS

MISSION STATEMENT

*Our calling as believers in Jesus Christ is to love and live by His example,
to share God's Word and to find new ways to serve.*

VISION

Worship Prayer Community

From the Pastor's Study:

Wow, what a crazy couple of weeks we have had! We set record low temperatures, snow fall, power outages and water outages/boil requirements in Texas. We canceled in-person worship on February 14 and our Ash Wednesday service, due to weather rather than COVID this time. We haven't done that since our Christmas Eve service in 2009. Thanks to our forward-thinking Worship and Tech Teams, as well as our Staff, a contingency plan had been put into place for worship on the 14th. The service that was broadcast on Sunday, February 14, was recorded in pieces Wednesday February 10, some in the sanctuary and some from home, then spliced together and posted. The same thing happened with the Mid-Week Ministry for Ash Wednesday. For all who contributed, please know that I cannot praise you enough. We had members whose homes lost power and/or water, and the church lost power and had flooding in the sanctuary due to broken pipes. We also had members with power who did their best to help those in need. We postponed our congregational meeting and the Prayer Bear collection and blessing as we all stayed home to be safe and warm (as much as possible). And we saw God at work around and through us as we felt God's presence and reached out to neighbors to provide for needs – such as food, water, firewood or shelter.

We have now started the season of Lent, the forty weekdays between Ash Wednesday and Easter. It traditionally is a time of fasting and penitence commemorating Christ's forty days in the wilderness. For Protestants, it is a time specifically designed for us to reflect on how well we have put our faith into practice. As much as we have been challenged by the recent weather and by almost a full year of Covid restrictions, we still strive to find ways in which we may improve our faith walk, our connection with God and God's creations. This can be a time of lament, a passionate expression of grief and sorrow. Though lament has been associated with the loss of someone close or of a relationship, during Lent it can be about our loss of our relationship with God due to our own actions. We grieve that we have not done enough to keep our end of the covenant with God. In that lament we are to call on God to help us change our lives to be more in line with what God hopes for us. It is a time to "repent of our evil ways" as the prophet would say to us. Have we blocked our ability to see God in our lives by not "keeping God's commands" to love God with all that we are and our neighbor as ourselves? Lent is a time to start the process of change that can grow throughout our lives, the change to come back to God and recognize all that we have received. It is a look toward the Easter Resurrection and know that it was all for us. It is a time to celebrate new life in each of us as God's Spirit fills us with faith, love and a lifestyle that put God first.

I know that the last couple of weeks of weather and the last year of COVID have been hard on each of us, but God has seen us through. For those who have died and gone home to be with God, we praise God for their resurrection as we lament our losses. For the rest of us, we praise God for the things that we have received and live in the sure hope of new life, both here and in the life to come. For those of us who have not contracted the COVID-19 virus, we praise God for that blessing in our lives. For those who have survived the virus, we praise God for the healing work of the Spirit. For a vaccine [continued on next page]

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that provides some immunity to the virus, we praise God for the wisdom and the skill that has been given by the Spirit to those who created it. For those who have been able to help their family, friends and neighbors during the record breaking cold, we praise God for the opportunity to live out our faith. For those who were the ones in need, we praise God for the help and support that came our way.

I hope that you are seeing where I am going with all of this. This Lenten season we have numerous opportunities to “step up” our faith and live out the gift of life God gives to us. So take time to read a little more in the Bible, spend time in conversation/prayer with God and think more about what God wants from us than what we want. Celebrate all that God gives us and be penitent about the ways that we miss the mark with God.

Blessings,



Session Notes:

- Session extends sincere condolences to Betty Scoggins and all the family of Merle Scoggins.
- Session did discuss their concerns for our membership during our extremely inclement weather conditions. If anyone has any issues ongoing and would like some help, please contact any member of the session for help.
- Session extends their gratefulness for the congregation's response to our 2021 Pledge Drive, and the faithfulness of all members to continue to support the mission of Westminster.
- There are four tablets available for those who wish to participate in the Sunday worship and Wednesday mid-week ministries but do not have computer, tablet or other way to connect with our services online. Access through tablets is easily learned and there are tech people who can easily and quickly explain the process.
- Session thanks the continued commitment of the Worship team and volunteers/participants as well as the Tech Team involved to provide Sunday morning worship in several platforms for viewing.
- Please be in prayer as session and its Teams continue to discern God's will for Westminster, its mission and ministries.
- Please continue to join us in daily prayer at noon - or as close as possible - as we continue to lift our collective prayer for God's will for His church at Westminster, as well as prayers for our first responders and our country during this time of transition of power.
- Reminder: Session minutes are available, upon request, through the church office.
- A reminder: articles for the March newsletter will be due Wednesday, February 17.

2021 SESSION MEMBERS

Larry Bartlett (T)	Alex Seleny (T)
Becky Bittle	Barbara Wheeler (T)
Bob Bittle (T)	Rick Bargas
Alice Carter	Gordon Couch (T)
Kaye George	Mark Judice
Donna Christian	Barry Miller
Becky Earley	Chris Sullivan (T)
Susan Green	

2021 TEAMS and LEADERS

Building & Grounds	Bob Bittle
Christian Education	Alice Carter
Finance	Barbara Wheeler
Membership	Mark Judice
Outreach & Mission	Susan Green
Personnel	Alex Seleny
Worship	Chris Sullivan

Choirs Resume

Choirs are coming back!! After a year-long hiatus, we are bringing back socially distanced Chancel and Bell Choirs at their NEW times to prepare anthems for Easter!

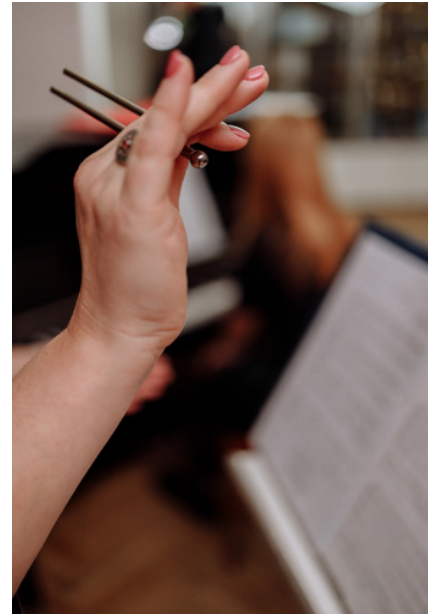
Our current focus is Easter Sunday, and we will continue to monitor COVID and congregational comfort levels for continued rehearsals after Easter Sunday.

- **Bell Choir - Sundays at 11:30am**
- **Chancel Choir - Thursdays at 7pm**

Anyone interested in singing or ringing bells are welcome to join us, whether you have been a part of either group before or not.

Thursday, March 4 will be the first **Chancel Choir** rehearsal and **Sunday, March 7** will be the first rehearsal for the **Bell Choir**.

If you have questions, please contact Samantha Logsdon, our Interim Music Director, at music@wpcfw.org.



**Wednesday,
March 17 is the
deadline
for the April
Newsletter
and Calendar**



We couldn't have done it without you.....

A big THANK YOU to all those who loaned us fans and/or participated in helping to dry out the carpeting in the Sanctuary following the water damage from the pipes bursting in the Sacristy.

We know that many of you had your own issues to deal with from the recent storm, so we really appreciate your care and support of Westminster.

Building and Grounds Team

We also want to thank our Tech Arts and our Tech Services Teams for all the work that was done to make sure that we were able to stream worship on February 21st. They also spent another several hours to make sure our computers and network systems were working after the power outages. We often take our technology for granted and don't realize all the work that goes on behind the scenes.

Staff and Congregation



March 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			6 PM Mid-Week Ministries	7 PM Choir		10 AM Tech Training
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Bell Choir  Third Sunday of Lent		7 PM Finance Meeting	6 PM Mid-Week Ministries	7 PM Choir		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Bell Choir  Fourth Sunday of Lent	11:30 AM Staff 7:00 PM Session		Newsletter and Calendar Deadline  St. Patrick's Day 6 PM Mid-Week Ministries	7 PM Choir		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Bell Choir  Fifth Sunday of Lent			6 PM Mid-Week Ministries	7 PM Choir		
28	29	30	31			
10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Bell Choir Palm Sunday  One Great Hour (Morning of Mission)				Please note: as of this writing, all events listed - except for Worship Services, Meals on Wheels, choir rehearsals & ELP Classes - are virtual events only		



March Birthdays

03/01 Sheri Meston
03/02 Donna Poe
03/05 Judy Campbell
03/12 Delight Atkinson
03/12 Jordan Butz

03/12 Jimmy Cartrette
03/13 Sharon Bernardez
03/15 Cory Tallman
03/16 Judy Ewald
03/17 Gordon Couch
03/18 Melinda Hogg
03/18 Ruth Kimbrough
03/19 Polly Pooler
03/21 Amy Cole
03/23 Jule White

03/23 Todd Winter
03/23 Wanda Slaton
03/24 Juanita Bargas
03/29 Rev. Dr. Don Hogg
03/29 Kyle Bunch
03/30 Becky Bittle
03/31 Lauren Toppel

Serving the Church

Sunday, March 7 - Communion / 3rd Sunday of Lent

Sermon: "The Folly We Preach"
Scriptures: John 2:13-22
I Corinthians 1:18-25
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg
Liturgist: Carol Lindsay
Usher Team: Robert Nance, Gordon Couch, Kathy Nance, Linda Moore, Susan Bennett
Greeters: Rosie Vela, Linda Moore
Elder on Call: Becky Bittle

Sunday, March 14 - 4th Sunday of Lent

Sermon: "Saved By Grace To Do Good Works"
Scriptures: John 3:14-21
Ephesians 2:1-10
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg
Liturgist: Barry Miller
Usher Team: Sandra Sullivan, Jimmy Cartrette, Chris Sullivan, Shar Werner
Greeters: Kathy Nance, Jimmy Cartrette
Elder on Call: Rick Bargas

Sunday, March 21 - 5th Sunday of Lent

Sermon: "The One About Covenants and Priesthood"
Scriptures: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:5-10
Preaching: Drew Southworth
Liturgist: Nancy Craig
Usher Team: Mickey Rigney, Susan Green, Lincoln Chin, Herman Wardlaw
Greeters: Teddy & Peggy Claus
Elder on Call: Gordon Couch

Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday

Sermon: "Humble Himself"
Scriptures: Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 11:1-11
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg
Liturgist: Alex Seleny
Usher Team: Robert Nance, Gordon Couch, Kathy Nance, Linda Moore, Susan Bennett
Greeters: Gordon & Linda Couch
Elder on Call: Mark Judice

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Main: (817) 292-1155
10:00 am Worship Service
9:00 & 11:15 am Christian Education

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