


**WESTMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
JOHNSTOWN, PA.**



*Fourth Sunday  
of Lent*

LAETARE SUNDAY

REJOICE!

EASTER IS NEAR

**MISSION INTENTIONS TO BE:**

**Christ Centered**

**Biblically Based**

**Servant Led**

**Blessed to be a Blessing**



**ORDER OF SERVICE  
4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT  
BAPTISM SUNDAY**

**MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

**10:15 AM**

**PRELUDE**

**“Prelude in C Major”**

**J. S. Bach**

*(May the music of the prelude focus our attention on God’s kingdom)*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Welcome and Announcements is a time for hospitality and information dissemination)*

**INTROIT**

**“I Love You, Lord” – 1<sup>st</sup> Time Choir, 2<sup>nd</sup> Time All**

**I love you Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul, rejoice!**

**Take joy, my King, in what you hear; May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear**

*(Introit is a musical or choral piece that helps to transition worshipers from their personal contexts into a communal worship space)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Charlie Maciorowski**

*(The Call to Worship is an invitation for the congregation to shift their attention from the distractions of daily life and focus hearts and minds on God. We are reminded that our worship centers on God and not on ourselves)*

Liturgist: We gather together in the presence of God, our Shepherd, who calls us each by name, who restores our souls, who leads us in the way of righteousness, and whose goodness and love never stops pursuing us. This is the God we have come to worship!

**All: We gather together to worship God, the Shepherd of our souls. The one who has created us, who sustains us, who redeems us, who walks beside us in good times and bad, and who calls us to follow. This is our God! Let’s worship Him together!**

**\*HYMN #469**

**“Morning Has Broken”**

**BUNESSAN**

*(Most Hymns are scripturally based. John Calvin one of the founders of Presbyterianism saw the need to sing hymns as a form of prayer and praise to God.)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*(The prayer of confession challenges us to reflect on our spiritual lives and work toward a Christ centered hope of reconciliation with God and our neighbors)*

*L: As we seek to embody God’s love, we acknowledge the times we don’t get it right. Trusting in God’s promise to be with us, let us join in the prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession...*



**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name.**

(Time for Silent Confession)

*(This time provides us with an opportunity of personal reflection, allowing individuals to connect with the prayer on a deeper level.)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*(The assurance of pardon is a declaration of God's forgiveness and bountiful mercy on God's children)*

Friends, our Lord Jesus Christ personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By His wounds you are healed! Once you were like sheep who wandered away. But now you have returned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen**

**\*GLORIA PATRI: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*(Having been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ, we are invited to share signs of reconciliation and the peace of Christ)*

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

**Izzy Maciorowski**

**ANTHEM**

**"Come, All Believers"**

**Pepper Choplin**

**GOSPEL READING:**

**Luke 15: 1 – 10**

**Charlie Maciorowski**

**L: The Word of the Lord**

**P: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**

**Teen 1**

**Daniel Maciorowski**

**Teen 2**

**Praise K. Nti**

*(The sermon is the central part of Christian worship – It is an exposition of the scripture read)*

**\*APOSTLE'S CREED**



## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(It is a form of worship to God by giving a portion of the fruits of our labor)

### OFFERTORY

“Prayer for the Innocent”

George Macay

*\*DOXOLOGY 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 (unison)

(It is a prayer of gratitude for all the blessings received and a dedication of our gifts to God)

**Holy God of winter and spring, as we share our tithes and offerings with you, we are filled with hope. We begin this new year with expectation; we have left behind us a time of fear, isolation, and uncertainty; and we raise our heads because we know you have good things in store for us. May our gifts be dedicated to help heal the brokenness of our world and to help unite all people in mission and ministry. In Christ name we pray, Amen.**

## BAPTISM OF MAAME TIWAA APPIAH

(In this sacrament we are reminded of our birth in Christ.)

### \*HYMN #341

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!”

ASSURANCE

### \*CHARGE/BENEDICTION

(This is primarily seen as a summary of the worship, with the Postlude serving as a transition to fellowship hour.)

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

Lord, make us more Holy Lord, make us more holy

Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again. Holy, holy holy, until we meet again

### \*POSTLUDE

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

#### PASTOR

Rev. Bernard (Ben) Nti

#### DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUC'N

Brianna Lohr

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## SERVING THIS MORNING

Liturgist.....	Charlie Maciorowski
Acolyte.....	
Ushers.....	Christine Wiegman, Suzanne Langor, Josh Hinson, Karen Marsinko
Fellowship.....	The Appiah Family
Opener.....	Jim McCann
Chancel Flowers.....	Christine Wiegman
Children's Chat.....	Izzy Maciorowski
Nursery.....	
Audio/Video.....	Kevin Howell

*Chancel Flowers were donated by Christine Wiegman in honor of her son, Jason's, birthday. Happy Birthday & many, many more!*



\*\*\***THANK YOU IN ADVANCE** for signing the blue attendance sheets\*\*\*

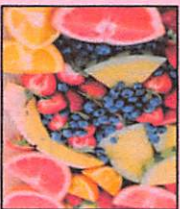
**FAMILY SOUP KITCHEN CONTINUES TO NEED OUR HELP!** *Thank you and may you be richly blessed for your ongoing generosity. A grocery cart is located on the lower floor. Please remember our less fortunate neighbors in your giving.*

### **BECOME CPR CERTIFIED**

Postponed until further notice.



### **STUDENT SNACKS FOR WESTMONT HILLTOP SCHOOL DISTRICT**



**The Deacons** are excited to announce a **new outreach ministry here on the hilltop**. Our congregation has been asked to help **supply snacks for students in the Westmont Hilltop School District**. **Students are dismissed early on Fridays, and some students are not provided lunch. These students are offered healthy snacks on these days to hold them over until they return home.**

If you would like to participate, please put your cash or check in an envelope **clearly marked "Students' Snacks,"** and we will do the shopping for you. Your donations can be placed in the regular offering plate. Thank you in advance for supporting our students at Westmont.



## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT March 30, 2025

*WE WELCOME ALL* who join us in worship day. We are a Presbyterian congregation in the reformed tradition, seeking to glorify God in our worship, our nurture and support of one another, and our service to the world, near and far. We are strengthened by your presence!

We invite all guests into our fellowship and ministry. Please sign and pass the Blue Ritual of Friendship pads located in the pew holders. We also have prayer cards in your pews. Please fill them out and place them in the offering bowl during offertory.

Those who wish to learn more about the church and/or are considering membership are encouraged to call the church office.

### Sunday, March 30

Adult Bible Study (K).....	9A
Worship (S).....Mock Youth Sunday Service.....	10:15A
Youth Sunday School.....	10:30A
Fellowship Hour (F).....	11:30A

### Monday, March 31

Prayers and Squares.....	9A
Prayer Group (C).....	11A
Bridge Club (K).....	11:30A

### Tuesday, April 01

Spiritual Direction (P).....	10A
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### Wednesday, April 02

Men's Breakfast @ Jax.....	7:30A
THREAD Assembly.....	9A
Noon Recital (S).....	12N
Pot Luck Dinner.....	5:30P
WAW Service.....	6:30P

### Thursday, April 03

Staff Meeting (K).....	1P
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### Friday, April 04

Egg Hunt Setup (F).....	1P
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### Saturday, April 05

Easter Egg Hunt.....	7P
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**\*\*\*To ensure that announcements are published correctly, please be mindful of the Wednesday 12N deadline and be sure to clearly indicate Who, What, Where, When, in your submission so we don't omit any information. Thank You\*\*\***

### **LENTEN POTLUCK SIGN UP in KOINONIA ROOM!**

**When:** Wednesdays; began **Ash Wednesday** and runs to and including April 09.

**Where:** Fellowship Hall

**Time:** 5:30P with service following at 6:30P.

Please make plans to join us and bring your favorite dish!!!

### **PRAYERS & Squares...Can you touch a prayer? YOU CAN!!!**

... if it is tied into a prayer quilt made by our **Prayers & Squares** group.

Know someone in need of prayer support who would like a prayer quilt?

Please contact:

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Linda Capp 814.241.6963

[lcapp@atlanticbb.net](mailto:lcapp@atlanticbb.net)

### **SPRING CLEAN UP**

**An outdoor workday is scheduled for April 12.** We would like to "spruce up" the grounds in preparation for the Palm Sunday Cantata and Holy Week.

Bring gloves, rakes, brooms and wheelbarrows! The starting gate opens at 8A. Have your bets ready!!! Thank you in advance for helping!



**THE FERNDALE GOOD NEWS CLUB** invites you to take a look at our **Gallery of Kids** displayed in Fellowship Hall. The students outlined each other on big sheets of paper, and then they colored them to match their clothes. Next they wrote ways they can put God first in their lives. They were very creative and expressed wonderful ways to share God's love. *Please take a minute or two and enjoy seeing the love of Jesus through the eyes of our children.*

**\*\*\* You are welcome to make copies of the sign up sheets from the Koinonia Room but please return & repost the sign ups when you are finished. Thank You\*\*\***



## ATTENTION WPC BOOK WORMS!!

### WPC Book Club Meeting Dates:

**When:** Monday April 28, 2025

**Book:** "Christ the Lord; Out of Egypt" by Ann Rice

**Time:** 7P

**Where:** Parlor

**When:** Monday May 19, 2025

**Book:** "James" by Percival Everett

**Time:** 7P

**Where:** Parlor



**PRAYER BOARD:** Lyn G., Linda and Holly, Cindy C., Marianne R, Sue G., Teens, Ted & Diane, Linda B, Pastor Ben, Session, Deacons, Church Staff, Rev. Carole, John & Joyce, Anna A., Shut-ins, Kirkstadt's, Good News Club, Brian M., Chris S., Katie Ahlers, James, Angela B.

### PLEASE KEEP ALL THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES IN YOUR PRAYERS.

If you know of an active-duty person to be included in the list, call the church office with name, rank, address and, if appropriate, an e-mail address.

We remember that some of these people are in a war zone and may not be available for regular communication. The following person is on assignment without a current address:  
SPC Andrew Medley.



#### S. Sgt. Mitch Stein

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\*\*\*Date: March 23, 2025

Attendance: 102

Offerings: \$4542\*\*\*