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**HOLY WEEK AT WESTMINSTER**



**March 28, 2021 | 10:00 AM**

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. This service commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. [RSVP HERE](#)



**April 1, 2021 | 7:00 PM**

Maundy Thursday marks the first of the holiest days of the church year, known as the Triduum. The Triduum begins on the evening of Maundy Thursday and continues through Good Friday, the Easter Vigil of Saturday, and Easter. [RSVP HERE](#)



**April 2, 2021 | 12:00 PM**

Good Friday marks the crucifixion of Christ. This solemn service includes the reading of the Passion narrative, interposed between hymns and music solos. [RSVP HERE](#)



**April 4, 2021 | 10:00 AM**

Easter Sunday - Join us at the 10 am worship service celebrating Christ's Resurrection. The service includes thrilling Easter hymns, several stirring anthems sung by the Westminster Quartet, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. [RSVP HERE](#)

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## MINISTRY UPDATES

### LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

**Thursdays | April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 1:00 PM**

*Mary Lee*

Join us as we dig deeper into the meaning of the scripture for Sundays. Scriptures for this month are below, including those for Holy Week. These can be read on your own time, as they will not be included in the Bible study.

Bible study is on Thursdays at 1 p.m., via Zoom. We take an in-depth look at the scriptures for that Sunday. All are welcome to join us either at 1 p.m. via Zoom or those who can not make it at the scheduled time can watch at our website: <https://westminsterpeoria.org/worship/bible-study/> These are usually available within a week of the study.

To join Zoom Bible Study: <https://zoom.us/j/9867320322>

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### REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS FOR HOLY WEEK AND SUNDAYS

*Please note that not all scriptures will be read during the service, but are included for your personal reading.*

**Thursday, April 1, 2021, Maundy Thursday**

**First Reading** [Exodus 12:1-4 \(5-10\) 11-14](#)

**Psalm** [116:1-2, 12-19](#)

**Second Reading** [1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#)

**Gospel** [John 13:1-17, 31b-35](#) and [Mark 14:12-28](#)

**Friday, April 2, 2021, Good Friday**

**First Reading** [Isaiah 52:13-53:12](#)

**Psalm** [22:1-31](#)

**Second Reading** [Hebrews 10:16-25](#)

**Or alternate Second Reading** [Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9](#)

**Gospel** [John 18:1-19:42](#)

**Saturday, April 3, 2021, the Easter Vigil (First Service of Easter)**

**First Reading** [Genesis 1:1-2:4a](#)

**Response** [Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26](#)

**Second Reading** [Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13](#)

**Response** [Psalm 46:1-11](#)

**Third Reading** [Genesis 22:1-18](#)

**Response** [Psalm 16:1-11](#)

**Fourth Reading** [Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21](#)

**Response** [Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18](#)

**Fifth Reading** [Isaiah 55:1-11](#)

**Response** [Isaiah 12:2-6](#)

**Sixth Reading** [Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6](#)

**Response** [Psalm 19:1-14](#)

# MINISTRY UPDATES

## CAMPUS CLEAN-UP

Mary Lee

The spring church clean-up day is April 24 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. This is a great time to come out in fellowship with others to 'shine up' the church and make it a more welcoming place for all.

There are many jobs large and small. We plan to rake and remove leaves, debris, and limbs that have fallen and lay down mulch. Please bring your gloves, leaf blowers, rakes, branch clippers, other gardening tools. We will provide the donuts and coffee. Don't forget your masks! We will observe social distancing.

Remember, many hands make light work! Please volunteer your time and talents, if possible. Hope to see everyone.

## SESSION NOTES



Jim Burnham, Clerk of Session

*Notes from the Session Meeting  
that was held on  
March 9, 2021*



The Westminster Session held its regular monthly meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, March 9. For the most part, Session meetings consist of reports from individuals and committees that are charged with conducting the business of the church.

The Session keeps track of our membership statistics, our financial situation, the condition of our buildings and property, the various missions that we engage in and support, as well as other details of church life. Worship services need to be scheduled and planned, equipment has to be updated, and bills need to be paid.

The Session makes decisions large and small ranging from who can sign checks to when can the church reopen for in-person services.

Details from the last meeting include:

- The session reaffirmed the decision to reopen the church for in-person services on Palm Sunday.

## LECTIONARY READINGS CONTINUED...

[Seventh Reading Ezekiel 36:24-28](#)

[Response Psalm 42:1-11 and 43:1-5](#)

[Eighth Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14](#)

[Response Psalm 143:1-12](#)

[Ninth Reading Zephaniah 3:14-20](#)

[Response Psalm 98:1-9](#)

[Tenth Reading Romans 6:3-11](#)

[Response Psalm 114:1-8](#)

[Gospel Mark 16:1-8](#)

Sunday, April 4, 2021, the Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Day)

[Easter Day Readings:](#)

[First Reading Acts 10:34-43](#)

[Or alternate First Reading Isaiah 25:6-9](#)

[Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#)

[Second Reading I Corinthians 15:1-11](#)

[Or alternate Second Reading Acts 10:34-43](#)

[Gospel John 20:1-18](#)

[Or alternate Gospel Mark 16:1-8](#)

[Easter Evening Readings:](#)

[First Reading Isaiah 25:6-9](#)

[Psalm 114:1-8](#)

[Second Reading I Corinthians 5:6b-8](#)

[Gospel Luke 24:13-49](#)

Sunday, April 11, 2021, the Second Sunday of Easter

[First Reading Acts 4:32-35](#)

[Psalm 133:1-3](#)

[Second Reading I John 1:1-2:2](#)

[Gospel John 20:19-31](#)

Sunday, April 18, 2021, the Third Sunday of Easter

[First Reading Acts 3:12-19](#)

[Psalm 4:1-8](#)

[Second Reading I John 3:1-7](#)

[Gospel Luke 24:36b-48](#)

Sunday, April 25, 2021, the Fourth Sunday of Easter

[First Reading Acts 4:5-12](#)

[Psalm 23:1-6](#)



## WESTMINSTER SESSION

Clerk of Session .....	Jim Burnham Class of 2021
Christian Education .....	Peggy Bragg Class of 2021
Church Life .....	Open
Finance.....	Brian Hakes Class of 2022
Membership.....	Kim Mitchell Class of 2022
Missions/Outreach.....	Jan Leonard Class of 2022
Personnel .....	Larry Hicks Class of 2022
Properties .....	John Jackson Class of 2021
Worship.....	Open

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Sue Burnham.....	Class of 2021
Alice Nash .....	Class of 2022
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Marge Willadsen .....	Class of 2021
Laura Van Riper .....	Class of 2021

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- 17** Gina O'Neill-Hawkins
- 22** Morgan Kupper
- 24** Mark Matuszak
- 26** Ben Willadsen

- It was decided to continue online services even after live services resume.
- The Latchkey Program for Whittier School students has ended since District 150 has resumed its regular schedule.
- The food pantry served 521 individuals representing 143 families during the month of February. This lower-than-expected number is probably due to bad weather.
- On April 24 (tentative date) the Bradley Homeowners Association will hold a neighborhood cleanup day. The church will allow a large dumpster to be placed on our parking lot for use on that day. We will try to schedule a cleanup day for ourselves at the same time. It may be possible to enlist the help of Bradley student volunteers.
- Elder Brian Hakes is researching the possibility of having a historical marker placed at the church.

The next Session meeting will be Wednesday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/93839120143?pwd=YksvbFhQS080bWFxZ01GWfZCZkdHUT09>

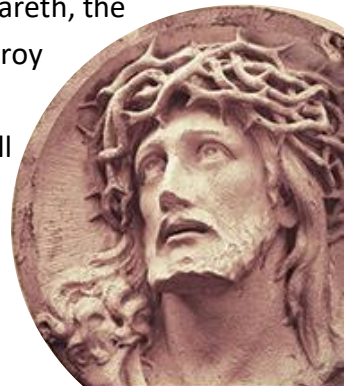
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THE *Hour*  
HAS *Come*

### FAILED ATTEMPTS

Jesus told his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, where he would be killed and on the third day rise. There had been previous attempts on his life. At less than two years of age, the Saviour escaped death at the hands of King Herod (Matthew 2:13). When Jesus revealed himself as Messiah in Nazareth, the townspeople tried unsuccessfully to destroy him (Luke 4:29-30). As Jesus' popularity increased, the religious leaders plotted all the more seriously to put him to death. "So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come" (John 7:30).



# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

**You shall  
be called  
repairers  
of the  
breach**

— ISAIAH 58



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**- Isaiah 58 -**

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your donation online.

## NOTABLE NUMBERS FOR FEBRUARY 2021

	February	Year to date	
		Actual	Budgeted
Receipts	\$ 12,986	\$ 66,149	\$ 31,509
WDF	\$ 30,175	\$ 30,200	\$ 43,697
Total	\$ 43,161	\$ 96,349	\$ 75,206
Expenses	\$ 44,452	\$ 71,120	\$ 75,228

## CONTRIBUTIONS

*Mary Lee*

In response to God's blessings, we appreciate your continuing support of the church and her mission. You may donate through the button below or mail your payment to the church.

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*Wishing you a Blessed Easter!*



## REGISTER FOR WORSHIP

Mary Lee

Please register for each worship service that you plan on attending.

We are excited to be able to welcome in-person worshippers in a safe and sacredly-distanced capacity beginning Sunday, March 28, which is also Palm Sunday.

The CDC says once vaccinated, a person cannot pass the disease to another. So we are returning to worship in the Sanctuary on Palm Sunday, [pre-registrations required](#), while still being very careful.

With your masks on, you will enter the church doors from Malvern Lane. Once in the Narthex you'll need to stop and check in, give your offering and gather your communion, all in the Narthex. Then there will be an usher to greet you at the Sanctuary doors to help you to your pew.

Once in the socially distanced Sanctuary, we will have a live worship experience including masked singing. We will continue to live-stream the service for those who wish to continue to join us online on [YouTube](#) or the [Westminster website](#).

If you are comfortable joining us in-person, come on in, but remember **register first**. We are excited to see everyone. But if you aren't ready, or are unable to attend worship in-person, that is okay too; join us in spirit online.

This has been a long trying time, but hopefully things are beginning to get back to normal or what will be the new normal. **Thank you**, for your patience as so many of us have had to learn new skills to try to keep up with running the office, services being recorded and live streamed and new ways of keeping up with communications, including web development. And we thank you for all the new things you have had to learn as well along the way. I guess that just goes to show, we are never too old to learn.