



Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

April 2023



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:

A few weeks ago a table was moved into the narthex by the windows on the north side. On it was placed a jigsaw puzzle box. I watched as many people went over and looked at it; some sat down and began putting the pieces on the table while other just watched. I know that one of the reasons this was set out was to encourage folks to gather for conversation and spend some time working with each other on the puzzle. It is a three-hundred-piece puzzle and even though there is not much color variance in the pieces the thought was that it should not take all that long to complete. Then as the pieces began to be put in place it was discovered that all but the edge pieces were identical in shape, so it has not gone together quite as quickly as expected. There are a few diehards who gravitate to the puzzle table when they are in the building, but it has not caught on as quickly as hoped. But then again, when you think about it aren't most puzzles in life a little like that. At first, it is exciting to start working on a new puzzle but when the puzzle is not finished quickly our interest begins to wane a little. If there is a new discovery on moving toward a conclusion, we are right back at it, until we either finish that puzzle or get stuck again. Even when we solve the current puzzle there is always another one waiting in the wings. Whether your puzzle preference is jigsaw, crossword, sudoku, code breaking or one of many other options they help us pass the time and stimulate our brains.

Puzzles are a large part of life itself. We come into life depending on others to provide all that we need. As we grow up we take on more responsibilities for our lives, and yet life keeps presenting us with new puzzles as we mature. Our faith in God contains many puzzling aspects for us to try and piece together as well. Our faith comes from the Holy Spirit and is based on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. There is forgiveness of our sins based on that death on the cross and yet we are expected to confess and repent of those sins before God. We have the Word of God, both Jesus and Scripture, but they are not always easy to understand. Our faith grows the more that we accept Christ's way for our lives and the puzzle begins to take on shape, color and contrast. No matter how long and hard we study God's Word, faith is still based on our believing in what we cannot see and accepting a truth that is hard to explain. So, like with the puzzle in the narthex, we must keep working on putting the pieces together trusting that the finished product will be beautiful and amazing and that God will put in the final piece. Christ has risen and we are saved.

Blessings,

Don



Treasurer's Corner March 2023

At the end of February, the church had \$155,099.03 in the primary checking account. Of this, \$70,251.11 is available in the general fund operating account. This represents 2.0 months of budgeted operating expenses.

February income remains slightly below budget (94% of budgeted income). Pledges were 98% of budget, Open Plate was 70% of budget. Total Income for the month was \$30,200.47 and expenses were \$34,112.53, resulting in a net decrease in the general fund of \$3,912.06.

Building and Grounds replaced the parking lot lights last month at a cost of \$5,244.80. We received a \$3,000 donation to help offset that expense, resulting in a cost to the church of \$2,244.80. Our thanks to the generous donor!

The mortgage fund had a starting balance of \$193.26. We received mortgage fund donations in January of \$172.00. An additional principal payment of \$175.00 was made, leaving a balance of \$190.26. The mortgage balance is \$73,075.40. Excluding any further additional principal payments, the mortgage should pay off in the October of 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Bartlett



2023 SESSION MEMBERS

Rick Bargas	Kathryn McClain
Gordon Couch (T)	Sharon Wilson
Mark Judice	Bob Craig
Barry Miller	Tammy McCurdy
Chris Sullivan (T)	James Werner (T)
Debbie Bunch (T)	Jim Wynne
Peggy Claus	Linda Wynne (T)
Teddy Claus (T)	

2023 TEAMS & LEADERS

Building & Grounds	Gordon Couch
Christian Education	Kathryn McClain
Finance	Rick Bargas
Membership	Debbie Bunch
Outreach & Mission	Peggy Claus
Personnel	James Werner & Linda Wynne
Worship	Chris Sullivan

Join Us for Easter Breakfast Sunday, April 9 @ 8:45 AM

(food will be provided)

Easter Service will be at 10 am

Followed by an Easter egg hunt and "special guest"

Come as you are; invite a friend!



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING APRIL 9, 2023

One Great Hour of Sharing provides Presbyterians with a way to share God's love with neighbors in need around the world.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- The Presbyterian Hunger Program and
- Self Development of People

all work in different ways to serve individuals & communities in need.

Please consider supporting these programs.

Thank you - O&M



An Afternoon of Organ
Featuring Jamisen Collier
May 21, 2023 Presented by Westminster Presbyterian Church Fort Worth Music Department

*You're invited to a free organ concert in our sanctuary on **May 21, 2023** at 4pm! Come hear our organist, Jamisen Collier, play music from different musical eras and styles!*



Introducing Westminster's "New" Director of Music and Multi-Media Services

Your Personnel Team, along with your Worship Team, has had the challenge of hiring a permanent Director of Music and Multi-media Services.

After posting the job description, conducting several interviews and after many prayers, we all agreed that Samantha Logsdon was the best qualified candidate of all those interviewed.

It is now our pleasure to announce that Samantha has graciously accepted the position!



Revival of the Mariner's Update

Twenty of the Mariner's met December 30th at Linda and Jim Wynne's home for a White Elephant Gift exchange and short business meeting. All that attended enjoyed the fellowship and had a good time. It was decided to restart monthly meetings again in May, since WPC Dinner Club was meeting in February, March and April. The following signed up to be Planner/Coordinators for the following months:



May	Delight and Larry Atkinson
June	Kim and Mark Judice
July	Shirley and Dub Godby
August	
September	Ann and Herman Wardlaw
October	Carol and Red Lindsay
November	
December	

Monthly Planner/Coordinators are needed for August, November and December. All are welcome to join us for our monthly gatherings.



April 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						9:30 AM Fort Worth Writers'
2	3	4	5	 6	7	8
9:00 AM CE 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM CE 11:30 AM Bells 4:30 PM AI Anon	6:15 PM Team Leaders' Mtg. 7:15 PM Membership 7:15 PM CE Mtg.	10 AM PW Coordinating Team 7 PM O&M Mtg.	7:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	1 PM Recorders 6 PM AI Anon 7 PM Maundy Thursday Service	7 PM Good Friday Service	9:30 AM Fort Worth Writers'
 9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8:45 AM Easter Brunch 9:00 AM CE 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM CE <i>No Bells</i> 4:30 PM AI Anon	<i>Staff Holiday</i> 7 PM PW Circle 3	10 AM PW Circle 1 7 PM Finance Meeting	7:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	9 AM Project Linus 1 PM Recorders 6 PM AI Anon		9:30 AM Fort Worth Writers'
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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April Birthdays

04/01 Tucker Sullivan
04/01 Brenda Senum
04/02 Leeta Doelling
04/03 Josh Bittle
04/05 Lucretia Tucker
04/08 Ema Fielder
04/09 Robert Van Geem

04/10 William Snyder
04/10 Ann Wardlaw
04/12 Dave Tucker
04/18 Rose Wynne
04/18 Samantha Logsdon
04/22 Mike Moriarty
04/22 Shar Werner
04/24 Mindy Dyer
04/25 Debbie Bartlett
04/25 Debra Bell
04/26 Ray Gibbons

04/27 James Wynne



Serving the Church

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday Cantata

Scriptures: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Matthew 21:1-11

Liturgist: Eva Riggs

Usher Team: Chris Sullivan, Jimmy Cartrette,
Sandra Sullivan

Greeters: Mickey & Patricia Rigney

Elder on Call: Linda Wynne

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Sermon: "Hope Has Arisen"

Scriptures: Jeremiah 31:1-6, 31-34, Acts 10:34-43

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg

Liturgist: Donna Christian

Usher Team: Lincoln Chin, Mickey Rigney,
Rosie Vela

Greeters: Geraldine Parish & Susan Bennett

Elder on Call: Jim Wynne

Sunday, April 16, 2023

Sermon: "Now We Can Be Assured of
Our Inheritance"

Scriptures: John 20:19-31, 1 Peter 1:1-9

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg

Liturgist: Susan Bennett

Usher Team: Eva Riggs, Jim Wynne, Linda Wynne,
Susan Green

Greeters: Linda Puckett & Rosie Vela

Elder on Call: Debbie Bunch

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Sermon: "Imperishable Through the Word
of God"

Scriptures: Acts 2:14a, 36-41
I Peter 1:17-25

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg

Liturgist: Barry Miller

Usher Team: Gordon Couch, Susan Bennett,
Tammy McCurdy

Greeters: Debbie Bunch & Eva Riggs

Elder on Call: Peggy Claus

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Sermon: "Suffering for Righteousness"

Scriptures: John 10:1-10
I Peter 2:19-25

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg

Liturgist: Bob Bittle

Usher Team: Chris Sullivan, Jimmy Cartrette,
Sandra Sullivan, Shar Werner

Greeters: Peggy & Teddy Claus

Elder on Call: Teddy Claus

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

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