

Westmont Christian Church



March 2024

WITNESS

Lent



EASTER

He is Risen

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Easter Brunch, Resurrection Celebration

Children's Easter Egg Hunt



FROM THE PASTOR

As Biblical Christians, who hold scripture as God's inspired and Holy Word, we seek to hold to the truths of scripture as we mature and grow in our faith. This means when we declare Christ as our Lord and Savior, we take seriously the authority of scripture in our lives.

It is scripture that God uses to declare truths to us, to foretell the coming of the Messiah, to declare Jesus as the Christ and the fulfillment of those prophecies, and to show to us the ways in which we know what a new creation in Christ looks like and behaves. It also means that we need to understand the proper roles that law and grace play in our lives.

God's law reveals to us our plight before God. Romans 2:12, "For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law;" All are justly condemned before God by God's law. The law cannot save, it merely shows us we need a savior. This is why grace is necessary.

It is through God's grace that He provides a way to be justified before Him once again. Jesus, the Messiah, is sent to be born the God-man, to live a sinless life, to die on a cross, to be buried, and then resurrected three days later. In His death, our sins are accounted to Him so we receive and are included in His righteousness through faith.

Galatians 2:16, "nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified."

At the end of this month, we celebrate Holy Week. Even though it is very early this year, it is no less meaningful to remember the moment of God's true love reflected in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. We celebrate Holy Week with great purpose and appreciation to God for the grace He offers to us who do not deserve it.

Join us and invite family and friends as we reverently seek to bring God honor, glory, and praise for His incredible gift of grace. It all begins with Palm Sunday, March 24. We will be celebrating Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem where He went on to spend His final week before the crucifixion. We will have special music and the children will present the palm fronds before the foot of the cross at the beginning of the service.

We will then hold our prayer vigil up to the time of gathering Sunday morning to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. This yearly time of prayer is purposed for focusing on where God is leading and guiding our church, its leadership, and our finances according to His will. There will be a sign-up sheet available, and I encourage you sign up. You can always pray for our church in your prayer time at home, but this vigil is a time of non-stop prayer through our collective participation in our sanctuary. All participants will enter into the sanctuary during their appointed time where a prayer station will be set up. At the station, there will be guided prayer resources, Bibles, coloring materials, and hymnals. As you rest in the time of purposeful prayer, everyone was encouraged to pray as God led them.

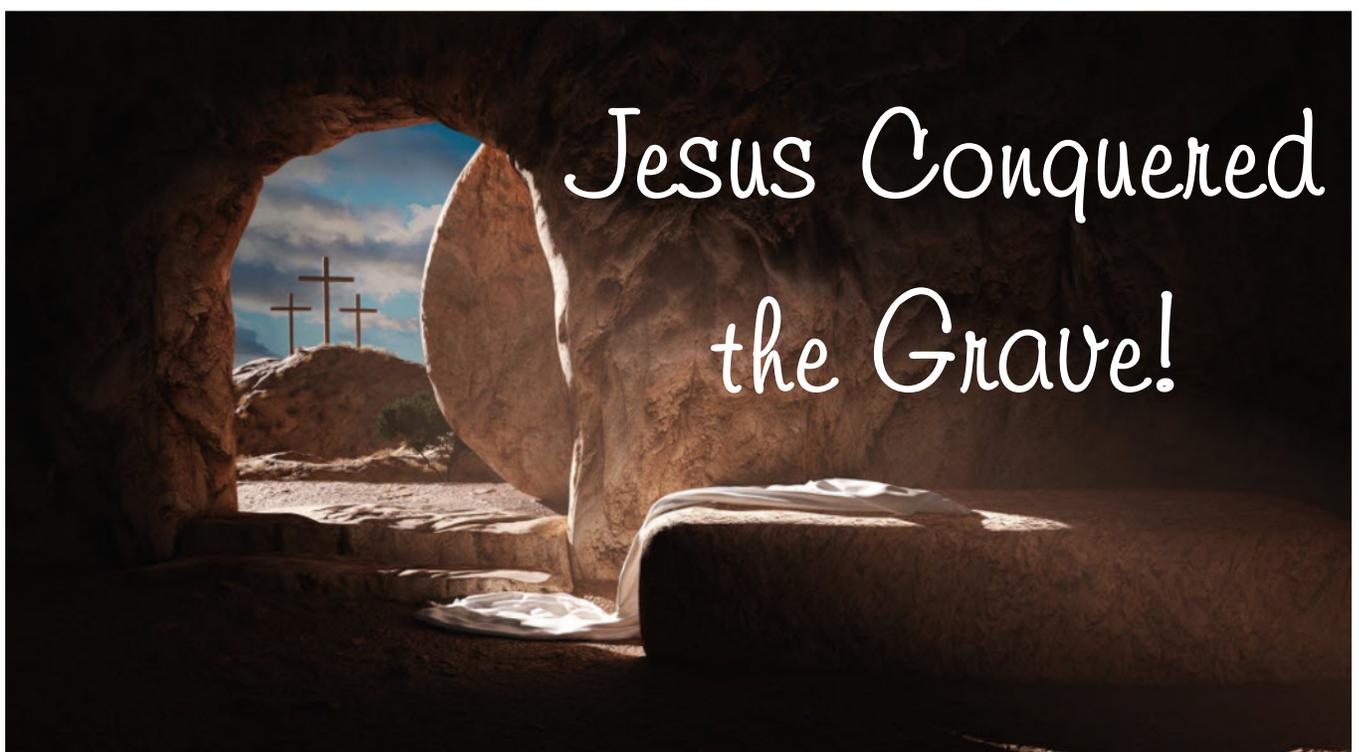
Finally, on Sunday morning, March 31st, we will celebrate the Resurrection of Christ together. It is a day where we recognize that the work done on the cross was not in vain, death did not hold Jesus down. In His humanity, Jesus took on our sin on the cross and died; but in His divinity, Jesus absorbed the wrath of God and defeated sin and death. He rose from the grave, proving that what happened on the cross was effective and that we can be made righteous with Him through faith.

Resurrection Sunday will be a time of fellowship as we eat brunch together that morning before the worship service. It will be a time of worship and gratitude, as we gather in the sanctuary to sing praises, pray, and hear God's Word declared to His people. It will also be a time of celebration as we invite all the kids and families to an egg hunt after the worship service. Come and join us, but be sure to bring flowers with you, as we will flower the cross during worship.

March will be filled with the joy of the Lord here at Westmont. We hope to see each and every one of you as we continue to see the amazing grace of God flow through our congregation. Pray for the leadership here, but know that we serve to be a blessing. May we all remember the grace that the empty tomb represents.

To God be the Glory!

Pastor Jarid McCool





Vacation Bible School

'Interest Meeting'

Sunday, March 3, 2024

12:00 p.m. (library)

Come join us and learn how you may support
the 2024 Vacation Bible School!



Fellowship Team Planning Meeting

Sunday, March 3, 2024

12:00 p.m. (green room)

All cooking team members are encouraged to
attend this very important meeting!



Easter's on it's Way!

Consider purchasing a bag or two of individually-wrapped Easter candy. These candy pieces will fill the Easter Eggs for the annual egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Please deliver the candy donations to the church (beginning March 3rd) and place them in the donation bins outside of the church office. Thank you so much for your sweet donation!



Worship on Palm Sunday - March 24, 2024

Celebrate and remember the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem! The children of Westmont will represent Jesus' entry with a beautiful palm processional.

We will sing songs and use moments in worship that point us toward that amazing day in the life of our Savior. Plan to attend, invite friends and family, and worship with us on Palm Sunday! We look forward to seeing you in church!



Spring Break - Wednesdays@Westmont

On Wednesday, March 13, 2024, there will be no evening activities due to Spring Break. Enjoy your time with your family and friends.

All *Wednesdays@Westmont* activities and ministries suspended during *Holy Week* will resume on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 5:25 p.m.

Thank you for your support of our midweek ministries! We appreciate you!



Choose Your Time to Pray

On Sunday, March 10, 2024, you will have the opportunity to choose your time to pray during the annual *Prayer Vigil* that will be held on the weekend of Easter Sunday. Please locate the form on the glass table in the atrium, and choose the time(s) that you would like to come to the sanctuary and pray. This is a very special and meaningful time as our church asks for God's blessings and as we give Him praise for His incredible mercy.

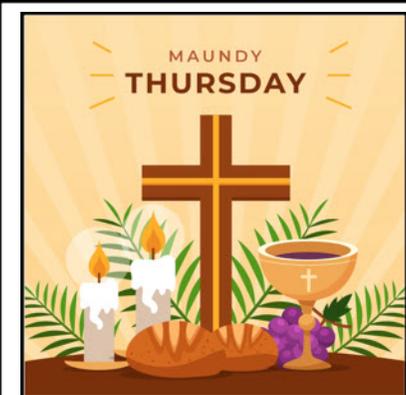


St. Patrick's Day Potato Bar Lunch

The Men of Westmont will host a Potato Bar Lunch on Sunday, March 17, 2024 following worship in Fellowship Hall. This 'donation-basis' meal will be quite delicious, and you will have the opportunity to fellowship with the Westmont Family and guests of our church.

All donations will support the interior remodel of Fellowship Hall.

We will see you there!



Maundy Thursday Service at WCC

March 28, 2024

6:00 p.m.

God's Word Proclaimed, Congregational Singing, Prayer,
Communion, Preparation for Resurrection Sunday



Children’s Moment Leadership

March 03 Rhonda Cartwright

March 10 Jan d’Orsay

March 17 Canzada Bray

March 24 Neta Hansen

March 31 Christy Robinett



Communion Servers - Your Invitation

Westmont participates in Holy Communion each Sunday morning during the worship service. This is not only an integral part of worship as a member of the Disciples of Christ denomination, but it is a very special moment for all worshipers who honor Christ’s sacrifice for us each week. We are currently in need of additional servers to assist during the beautiful moment each Sunday. Consider joining on a rotation basis. Please speak to Rick Cartwright this week to offer your assistance. Thank you, Westmont.



Communion Servers - March 2024

March 03 James Livermore & Neta Hansen

March 10 Jimmy Dirks & Nicole Sanchez

March 17 Larry Anderson & Jan Keene

March 24 Scott Miller & Canzada Bray

March 31 Richard Ralston & Cynthia Mckenney



Wednesdays@Westmont - Holy Week

The activities and ministries on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 are suspended. We will gather the following evening, March 28, 2024 for the *Maundy Thursday Service* at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays@Westmont resumes April 3, 2024 at 5:25 p.m.

March Board Meeting



March 21, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

In-Person (library) & Zoom

Board Members, please email your monthly report!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Rylan Speich 03
Bettie Steen 08
Trevin Rose 08
Chris Gray 08
Chris Yoes 08
B.J. D'Orsay 14
Sammie Shaw 14
Brenda Gray 16
Fred Steen 17
Aurora Garland 19
Cienna Toal 21
Richard Ralston 22
Sara Fitzgerald 23
Casey Cartwright 27

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Fred & Bettie Steen 01
Dalton & Ebba Anderson 06
Ro & Nicole Sanchez 10
Russ & Johnny Ropes 27

LENT
WALKING WITH CHRIST



Easter Lily Donations in March

During the month of March, our church family will have the opportunity to reserve Easter lilies for Resurrection Sunday for a small donation. These beautiful flowers will adorn the chancel of our sanctuary and provide great beauty for that special service. All profit will be used to support the Children & Youth of our church. Thank you in advance for your generous donations, and may God be glorified as we celebrate His Risen Son on Easter Sunday!



**STEM
NIGHT**

STEM Night at Stewart Elementary

Thursday, March 7, 2024

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

We need 5 interested people to help serve food.

Contact Jessica Johnson (806-317-3074)



Joys & Concerns: Casey Kingston – Please be praying for all the women who attended the retreat. May the messages that were shared be reminders daily that God wants us to be with Him. May they feel encouraged & feel God’s love. 02/25

Anne Klein – Mike Klein, hip, possible surgery; Felix Lopez, knee; Jan Sitton, healing. 2/25

Little Ro Sanchez – My friend, Koby, had a treadmill accident, recovering & back in school. 02/25

Don Sharp – Medical, home 02/25

Hollie – Pray for my son, Robert, this week. I trust you God. 02/18

Jill Watts – Robby Newton, sold business has cancer 02/18

McCool Family – Jarid’s Father, Todd McCool, had a heart attack, recovering. Mom, Beth, broke her vertebrae, recovering. 2/18

Mirai Lopez – Please pray for my school, my family, home, my dogs, & the new life on this earth. 02/11

Katie Hargrove – Student with bone cancer going to amputate above the knee, home healing 02/11

Neta Hansen – Uncle, Sammy Courtney-rehab 02/11

Cheryl Morre – completed stage 1 of chemo radiation treatments 2/11

Missy Jenkins – out of treatment, maintenance 02/18

Betty Anderson – recovering from appendix surgery 01/28

Sheila Jones – Continued prayers for our country, churches, & our schools 02/11

Chris Gray – Please pray for my Grampaw. He had a bad car accident; they had to amputate his arm. 1/28

Jessica Johnson – Pray that everything goes well with my expectant child. 01/28

Chris Lopez – Son, Kalem Lopez, Sgt., scheduled to return off deployment in US Army 12/10

Sharon Walker – Please pray for Skip Walker, medical. 11/26

Carla Terry – Please pray for my sister, Carol Nebb, as she recovers from surgery for a fractured hip. 11/26

Neta Hansen – Heal the hate in our world. Pray for the Nation of Israel. 11/12

Prayers for a youth minister, the youth group, and its development 10/15

Terry Anglin – Sister, LaNita Scott- severe arthritis & unstable when walking 10/01

Continued Concern: Ron McClellan; Dave Kraus; Jill Watts’ Cousin, Debra Thomas; Terry Anglin; David Vartak; Nathan Kraus; Roger Reynolds; Jan Fry; DR Congo Outreach; Continued prayers for our church family, Country, and our schools.

Military: Lt. Col., Todd Anderson, M.D.; David & Ja’net Speich, 2 Nephews; Anne Klein Nephews, Alec & Ethan White

Sympathy: Samara Lambright – William’s mother, Virginia Murray, passed in Eastland, TX Friday, February 23rd. Pray for the family during this time.

Praise: Clayton H-started new job at UMC on Tuesday 2/6! We wish him well in his new endeavor.

<u>WORSHIP SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
February 04	104
February 11	41
February 18	63
February 25	66
February Average	68




The church office will be closed on Monday, April 1, 2024. The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

<u>January 2024 - Financial Report</u>	
Income	\$21,099.56
Outreach	-\$843.98
Expenses	\$27,458.35
Gain/(Loss)	(\$7,202.77)

Expressing God's Love

Inspiring God's People

Expanding God's Kingdom

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Jarid McCool, Senior Minister
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Rev. Dean Roy, Associate Minister-Administration & Music
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Ruby Guerra, Ministry Assistant
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Jessica Johnson, Custodian
Jessica.camp@rocketmail.com

Carolyn Wood, Childcare Provider

Samara Lambright, Childcare Provider

Richard Ralston, Media Lead

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 9:00 a.m. Elders Meeting
- 9:15 a.m. Nursery Opens (birth - 4 years)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Instrumental & Media Rehearsal
- 10:40 a.m. Worship & Junior Worship

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Monday - Thursday)

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