



Pastor Message
Ellen Gurnon

WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE... and Alleluia is our Song!

Some attribute this beautiful expression to St. Augustine; others to Pope John Paul II. Wherever it came from, it is certainly memorable and admirable.

I don't remember where I first heard it, but I've had it memorized ever since. It is a good reminder that Easter is not just one day. Easter is a season that continues for 6 more Sundays. Furthermore, I try to remember that every Sunday is a "little Easter." Because Jesus was resurrected on a Sunday, Christians worship on Sunday.

Easter is an attitude.

While suffering and death is real and not to be denied, the Christian church was founded by those who believed that Jesus was raised from the dead. Through all of our struggles and trials, all the suffering and death around us, there is always HOPE because of Easter.

New life is real. Forgiveness is real. Transformation is real. Resurrection is real. God's love is real and always available to us throughout our life, death, and into eternity. Death will not have the last word. Death is not the end.

As we acknowledge and witness the suffering and death Jesus endured, our celebration of resurrection will be that much more joyous.

So, I pray that you will **worship with us IN PERSON at First Presbyterian Church, Maundy Thursday, April 1, 7:00 pm. Communion will be served, and this service will also be available online.**

Worship on Good Friday, April 2, is online only at 12:00 noon.

Our Easter celebration, with communion, will be at our normal worship time: 9:15 am, Sunday, April 4.

Beyond our worship, may we strive to be EASTER PEOPLE every day, sharing hope, forgiveness, and God's everlasting love, especially with those who are suffering. And may Alleluia be our song.

Grace, peace, and resurrection joy,

Ellen

LECTIONARY READINGS

HOLY WEEK

April 1:

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1–4 (5–10) 11–14

Psalms 116:1–2, 12–19

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

John 13:1–17, 31b–35

April 2:

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

Psalms 22:1–31

Hebrews 10:16–25

John 18:1–19:42

April 4:

Resurrection of the Lord ~ Easter
Sunday

Acts 10:34–43

Psalms 118:1–2, 14–24

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

John 20:1–18

April 11:

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32–35

Psalms 133

1 John 1:1–2:2

John 20:19–31

April 18:

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12–19

Psalms 4

1 John 3:1–7

Luke 24:36b–48

April 25:

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5–12

Psalms 23

1 John 3:16–24

John 10:11–18

Session Members 2021

- Velda Price (Clerk)
- Walt Schroeder (Worship)
- Doyle Privett (Finance)
- Danna Cotner (Missions)
- Charlene Christian (Outreach)
- Allen Lane (Buildings & Grounds)
- Jim Dale (Pastoral Care)
- Jeanie Dale (Christian Life)



While we are back LIVE and observing responsible social distancing, you are still invited to attend virtual worship services hosted through First Presbyterian's YouTube channel. On both April 1st~ Maundy Thursday, as well as on April 4th ~ Easter Sunday, all who can't attend are encouraged to celebrate Holy Communion in your homes as prompted during those live broadcast services. Feel free to contact the church with any questions on how to access the channel.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Received during the season of Lent, One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians join together to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three impactful programs:

- * **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters.
- * **Presbyterian Hunger Program** takes action to alleviate hunger and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.
- * **Self-Development of People** invests in communities responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, poverty, and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these societal ills.

Please make checks out to the church and write OGHS in the memo.
Thanks!

Welcome gardeners! Westminster is hosting a community garden where you can grow your own clean organic wholesome vegetables. Plots are available in various sizes for a minimal charge to help pay for water usage. We are in the process of growing native flowers to encourage bees to pollinate the gardens. Everyone is welcome to come join us in gardening and learning from each other. Give us a call at 573-334-4344 or 573-450-1301 and leave a message. Happy gardening!



CALENDAR



April 18th
Westminster Presbyterian 9:15a.m.
Livestream Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

April 25th
Westminster Presbyterian 9:15a.m.
Livestream Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

April 27th Session Meeting
6:30p.m.

April 1st - **Maundy Thursday Service**
(*Communion celebrated*)
LIVE First Presbyterian Church 7p.m.
Livestream worship as well

April 2nd - **Good Friday Service**
Livestream worship only 12 noon

April 4th - **EASTER SUNDAY LIVE**
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
9:15a.m.
(*Communion celebrated*)
Livestream worship 10:45a.m

April 10th – Rummage Sale
8 a.m. – 12:00p.m.

April 11th
Westminster Presbyterian 9:15a.m.
Livestream Worship Service 10:45a



April 7 Wavis Jordon

April 11 Dan Cotner

April 19 Danna Cotner

April 30 Trena Novak

SEMO PROM Mothers

Since most proms are the end of April, Semo Prom shopping will soon be winding down. We may have a few last minute shoppers but so far it has been a very successful first season for Cape Presbyterian Churches. Dress and monetary donations have been steady and a big thank you to Cape Noon Day Optimist Club for their annual \$500 donation.

Also, a special thank you to all the ladies at both churches for volunteering with appointments! When I send out a multi text for a volunteer for an appointment, it such a relief to get positive responses! Another special thanks to Cathy Shroeder for getting the SEMissourian out for a wonderful article and centerfold! She also set up a radio interview.

Girls have come from places farther away than ever and so we have given out about 60 dresses. We have also helped with hygiene products, heels, and accessories too. Enclosed is a list of how many and where these girls have come from. The numbers are very close to what the past average numbers were when the mission was in Jackson.

Jackson 12
Homeschool girls 10
Cape 6
Nalor 6
Perryville 5
Saxony 4
Neelyville 3
Delta 2
New Madrid. 2
Kelly 2
Shawnee Illinois 2
Scott City 2
Oran 1
Portageville. 1
Charleston 1
Notre Dame 1

We now have business cards with our contact information. If you would like to have some to distribute, they are on the registration table downstairs at Westminster. If you are from First, let Ellen or me know, and we will get you some! When we ask the girls how they hear about us, they usually say word of mouth, school, or Facebook so having a card handy to pass on can't hurt!

During the summer months the shop will be closed but will reopen in August for Homecomings. Most girls will choose short dresses for that event.

