

March 2021

Pastor Message Ellen Gurnon

Good news abounds!

First, if you haven't heard, we will be **back in the sanctuary on Palm Sunday, March 28, for our regular 9:15 am worship service!** Masking and social distancing will still be required, but we will be together and talk face-to-face. If you still feel uncomfortable or are unable to worship in person, worship from First Presbyterian will continue to be available on YouTube "Live at 10:45." I look forward to being with you in worship.

Second, the Session voted last week to approve a request from Boy Scout Troop 4004 and Cub Scout Pack 4015 to move to our space. They currently have about nine Scouts and fifteen Cubs, but have hope for growth. They will use three room downstairs across the hall from the rooms occupied by the Semo Prom Mothers project. They will also use the Fellowship Hall on occasion for larger gatherings and the back section of that space for storage of their camping and other supplies.

Troop 4004 has been chartered under the sponsorship of First Presbyterian Church in Cape since 1924 – nearly 100 years! But the space they currently use which was formerly owned by First Presbyterian is being sold. Westminster is an ideal location for the Scouts primarily because of the large area of green space available for outdoor activities.

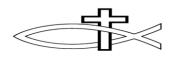
Of course, this will make Westminster more visible – and, prayerfully, more attractive – to families and others in the area. Furthermore, "Friends of Troop 4" – a 501 c3 nonprofit corporation – has offered to pay \$3,000 per year to Westminster to offset additional utilities, maintenance, etc.

There is a bit of work to be done before they begin moving in in May. Mostly this will involve emptying the spaces they have requested, but some sprucing up is needed as well. (You will hear more about this in the coming weeks.) The Scouts also are eager for some Eagle Scout project opportunities around the church.

I am grateful for the work of the Session and grateful to you in anticipation of your warm welcome of new friends. This is ministry! Though we are not directly involved with the Scouts and their activities, their presence shows good stewardship of our space. The abundant resource of our facility will be used by God to bless children and young people through us.

Thanks be to God!

Ellen



Lectionary

Third Sunday in Lent—March 7

Exodus 20:1–17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18–25 John 2:13–22

Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 14

Numbers 21:4–9 Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22 Ephesians 2:1–10 John 3:14–21

Fifth Sunday in Lent—March 21

Jeremiah 31:31–34 Psalm 51:1–12 Hebrews 5:5–10 John 12:20–33

Passion/Palm Sunday—March 28

Liturgy of the Palms

Mark 11:1–11 Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 Liturgy of the Passion Isaiah 50:4–9a

Psalm 31:9–16 Philippians 2:5–11 Mark 14:1–15:47

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the Christian holiday that occurs on the Sunday before Easter. This celebration commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, mentioned in each of the four Gospels. Jesus entered the city knowing He would be tried and crucified and welcomed His fate to rise from the grave and save us from sin! Palm Sunday marks the beginning of **Holy Week**, the remembrance of Jesus' last days to the cross. In many churches, Palm Sunday is observed by the blessing and sharing of palm branches symbolizing the branches placed in front of Christ as he entered into Jerusalem.

Let us praise God for sending His Son to earth, the sacrifice Jesus made for our sins, and our eternal life in Christ through faith.

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Calendar

Third Sunday of Lent March 7th

> YouTube Livestream Worship Service 10:45 a.m. (Communion Sunday)

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 14th



YouTube Livestream Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 21st Volume Livestream Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

Palm Sunday March 28th LIVE WORSHIP Westminster Pres. Church 9:15a.m. Weither Livestream Worship Service 10:45 a.m.





Cathy Schroeder

March 31st



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We have a new look (and online address.)

www.wpccape.org



April 1st - Maundy Thursday Service LIVE First Presbyterian Church 7p.m.

YouTube Livestream worship as well

April 2nd - Good Friday Service ^{SouTube} Livestream worship only 12 noon

April 4th - EASTER SUNDAY LIVE WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN 9:15a.m.

YouTube

Livestream worship 10:45a.m.