

WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

The resurrection is a central doctrine of the Christian faith, and shapes Christians' attitudes and responses to the event of death. Death brings loss, sorrow, and grief to all. In the face of death Christians affirm with tears and joy the hope of the Gospel. Christians do not bear bereavement in isolation, but are sustained by the power of the Spirit and the community of faith. The church offers a ministry of love and hope to all who grieve.

The Service of Witness to the Resurrection is an affirmation of faith in God's love for all people, a love that strengthens and supports, even in the midst of grief. In this service we bear witness to the sure and certain hope of eternal life, promised in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The PASCHAL CANDLE symbolizes the light of the risen Christ, which shines even in the midst of the darkness of death.

Worship Leaders

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Dale Nickel, Organist



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection

Olin West III

May 16, 1943 - February 10, 2026

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3:30 p.m.

PRELUDE			New Testament Scripture		
SEATING OF THE FAMILY			Philippians 4:1-9		
OPENING SENTENCES			Romans 8:35-39		
PRAYER			I John 3:1		
*HYMN 450	Be Thou My Vision	SLANE	HOMILY	Donovan Drake	
CELEBRATION OF LIFE	Charlotte West Middleton Annelise West Hunter West		*APOSTLES’ CREED	I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.	
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION					
SCRIPTURE					
Old Testament Scripture					
Isaiah 40:28-31					
Psalm 23 (To be read in unison)					
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.			*DOXOLOGY	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters;					
He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.			PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.			THE LORD’S PRAYER	Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.	
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.			*HYMN 840	When Peace like a River It is Well with My Soul	VILLE DU HAVRE
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.			*BENEDICTION		
			POSTLUDE		
(*Those who are able may stand.)					