

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

February 16, 2026
3:30 p.m.

PRELUDE**SEATING OF THE FAMILY****OPENING SENTENCES****PRAYER*****HYMN 450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

CELEBRATION OF LIFECharlotte West Middleton
Annelise West
Hunter West**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.

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.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.Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my
head with oil; my cup runneth over.Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life, and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.**New Testament Scripture**

Philippians 4:1-9

Romans 8:35-39

I John 3:1

HOMILY

Donovan Drake

***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.***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.**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING****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.***HYMN 840**When Peace like a River
It is Well with My Soul

VILLE DU HAVRE

BENEDICTION*POSTLUDE***(*Those who are able may stand.)*