

PREPARATION

Silent Meditation Revelation 1:7-8

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him.

Even those who pierced him; And on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Prelude "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" Healey Wilan

Greetings and Announcements

Ring of the Bell

Introit "Because He Lives" Gaither/Schrader

***Call to Worship**

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Praise God in God's sanctuary!

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Praise God for God's mighty deeds!

Praise God according to God's surpassing greatness!

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Hallelujah!

Let us worship God!

***Hymn 268** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" **DIADEMATA**

CONFESSION AND PARDON

***Unison Prayer of Confession:**

O God, your love is boundless and your grace exceeds our imaginations. You keep finding ways to be among us, even when the doors of our hearts are locked. Graciously, you seek us out. We cannot hide, but we can confess that sin has us in its grip. It has led us from your ways and corrupted our best intentions, tempting us to believe that you don't notice, that you aren't even present. Correct our vision. Cleanse our

hearts. Create in us a place where we can welcome you and receive the fullness of what you have given us in Jesus Christ.

Assurance of Pardon

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the power of sin has been defeated. God's love is stronger still.

This is good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Response of Praise 581** "Gloria Patri"

Exchange of Christ's Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you. **P: And also with you.**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Sermon and the Lord's Prayer

(Children are excused for Sunday School)

Anthem "Fairest Lord Jesus" Derek Hayes

Scripture Reading Acts 5:27-32

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Rev. Candace Whitman

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Brady Munn

Karen Neubauer

Gale & Pete Seidler

Unison Affirmation of Faith

Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ. Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26

***Hymn 726** "Will You Come and Follow Me?" (verses 1,2,5)
KELVINGROVE

Prayers of the People

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

April 27-May 4, 2025

<u>TODAY</u>	2nd Sunday of Easter
9:15 AM	Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM	Worship with Reaffirmation of Faith
2:00 PM	Sunday Concert #2
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
11:00 AM	Memorial Service for Helen Fitzsimons
<u>FRIDAY</u>	
1:00 PM	Memorial Service for Phyllis Styrzo
<u>SUNDAY</u>	3rd Sunday of Easter
9:15 AM	Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM	Worship followed by Congregational Meeting
5:30 PM	East End Women's Choir Concert

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Rev. Candace Whitman, Pastor

Rev. Candy's office hours are Tuesday & Wednesday 10am-4pm

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-A.A. Meetings: Sat. 10am (parking area or choir room); Wed. & Sun. 6:30pm Parish Hall; Sun. 12pm classroom

-**Bulletin announcements must be received to the office by Wednesday each week to be included in the Sunday bulletin.**

-**Tidings Articles are due by the 20th each month to be included in the monthly newsletter. All are welcome to participate!**

*We welcome you as we would welcome
Christ Himself!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS for April 27, 2025

***Please sign the guest book so that the church can stay connected with you.**

***LARGE PRINT bulletins and hymnals are available in the rear of the sanctuary for easy reading. Please ask an usher for assistance.**

***Prayer Concerns**

Recent: John Cesario, cancer; Sarah Waite, healing prayers (niece of Mary & John Hull); Carolyn Manker Smith, breast cancer (Hanne & Bill Manker's daughter); Mariko Pichardo, healing prayers; Lenny Rempe, (longtime member of WPC); Susan Sullivan, friend of John and Mary Hull; Ella Carolan, leukemia (family friend to the Steven's family); Leslie Johnson, cancer (Stephanie Miller's mother); Pat Bebon; Libby Hirsch, cancer (Tom Rogers' cousin)

Long Term: Ralph Neubauer; Chelsey Carter Collins, Hamptons Center for Rehab; Kimberly Rogers Murawski; Ralph Downs, Florida; Dana Barrett, friend of Nancy Miller

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Sound/Audio/Visual Operator

Richard Childs, Will McDaris, Bruce Qua, Leigh Wanamaker

Ushers

Gale & Pete Seidler

Flower Dedication

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Rob's birthday!

By Betsy Doyle

Christian sympathy

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy to Sarah, David, Patrick, and Anthony and their entire extended family on the passing of their mother and long-time member of WPC, Helen Fitzsimons on Thursday, April 17, 2025. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at WPC.

Condolences may be sent to:

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Fitzsimons 22953 Magnolia Glen Dr. Valencia, CA 91354	Mrs. Sarah Fitzsimons 32 West Neck Cir. Southampton, NY 11968
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Mr. David Fitzsimons 134 Montauk Hwy. Westhampton, NY 11977	Mr. Anthony Fitzsimons PO Box 333 Westhampton, NY 11977
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Christian Sympathy

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy to sister Diane F. Perry, grandson Ricco Johnson and their entire extended family on the passing of beloved sister, grandmother and long-time member of WPC, Phyllis Elizabeth Styrzo on Thursday, April 17, 2025. A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 2, 2025 at WPC.

Condolences may be sent to:

Ms. Diane F. Perry PO Box 516 Quogue, NY 11959	Mr. Ricco P. Johnson 20129 Eyota Rd. Apple Valley, CA 92308
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Congregational Meeting

The Session of the WPC has called for a Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday May 4, 2025 in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to hear the report of the Church Nominating Committee in reference to a vacancy on one of the church boards, to hear the report of the Pastoral Nominating Committee and to act on both of those Committee reports.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard H. Schneider, Clerk of Session

Today! Sunday Afternoon Concert #2

Our concert this afternoon will feature Daniel Keene performing period music on traditional medieval instruments such as the lute and vihuela. The performance begins at 2PM and will be approximately an hour in length. Tickets for the concert are \$30 and they are available during coffee hour or at the door. Our final concert in the series will be on May 18th and feature the Network Cello Quartet. Tickets for that concert will be on sale starting tomorrow and can be purchased in the church office, at Lynne's Cards and Gifts, during coffee hour, or at the door.

East End Women's Choir Invites You

Please join East End Women's Choir on Sunday, May 4, 2025, at 5:30 pm for a concert entitled, "She Sings". Help us celebrate Spring and the power of music. Donation of \$25 per adult.

NEW DATE: Ham Dinner Fundraiser

Mark your calendar for the new date: **Monday May 19th** at 5:30pm! A sign-up sheet is available during Coffee Hour and in the church office. Tickets are available: \$20 adults, \$15 children, \$50 family.

Community Yard Sale-Vendors & Bakers Wanted!

Our Community Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, May 17th from 9am-1pm with a rain date on May 24th. If you are interested in taking part in the yard sale, applications for vendors are available in the church office. For more information, please see Christine Haddad. **We are also looking for individuals wishing to donate small baked goods for the sale, please contact Eloise Carter: 631-903-1668.**

Trustee Spring Clean-Up Day

Spring Clean-Up day Saturday, May 3 from 9am-12pm. We have a list of projects! You can sign up for one or a few. Pizza lunch will be provided. Come help spruce up the Church in time for spring! Presbyterian Women: Community Yard Sale Baked Goods Wanted!