## Thanking God through the Offering

\*Doxology 606 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Giving God, living Lord, you have fed us with your body. You have poured out your life that we might live. We thank you, for we have tasted your goodness in this meal. Fed, we are strengthened; filled, we are renewed to share the abundance of your love with a hungry world. Amen.

\*Hymn 697 "Take My Life" (verses 1,2,4)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Christ, the Life Of All the Living" J.S. Bach

Today's communion liturgy is based upon the writings of Rev. Thom Shuman.



# Westhampton Presbyterian Church



Pastor Rev. Candace Whitman

Director of Music Kamilla Ozman

Youth Ministry Coordinator & Sunday School Superintendent Kathy Tureski

> Sunday Sexton Brian Babcock

Administrative Assistant Erika Lukert

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL FOLLOWING CHILDREN'S MESSAGE NURSERY CARE AVAILABLE

Faithfully Friendly For All – Always Welcome & Include & Involve

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

\*Please stand as able

Please silence all cell phones

#### **PREPARATION**

**Silent Meditation** Philippians 3:7-10

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death.

Prelude "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Paul Bunjes

Greetings and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Introit "Sanctuary" Thompson/Scruggs

\*Call to Worship

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, it was like a dream.

Then our mouths were filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Let those who plant with tears reap the harvest with joy.

Let those who go out weeping come home with shouts of joy. Let us worship God!

\*Hymn 32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

**CONFESSION AND PARDON** 

\*Unison Prayer of Confession

Why are you so extravagant, O God? We work hard, use our intelligence, keep our ledgers balanced, accomplish feats daily, care for our families, and honor our inherited legacies. Is this not enough to earn our place among the favored? Yet you throw open windows and doors, revealing a vision we do not possess, where accomplishments don't count, where tears reap joy, where peace is found in suffering, where confidence is gained by giving away what is ours to treasure. Show us again what matters. Forgive our misplaced values, and draw us into your extravagance, that we, too, might be generous with our love.

### \*Assurance of Pardon

Our claim to forgiveness rests entirely in God's claim on us. Jesus Christ restores us to life. Say it with joy!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

\*Response of Praise No. 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 "Take My Mother Home" Steven Porter

Scripture Reading John 12:1-8

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

Sermon Rev. Candace Whitman

## PRAYER OF EXAMEN

\*Hymn 694 "Great God of Every Blessing" (verses 1, 3)

Pastoral Prayer

**DEDICATION AND RESPONSE** 

#### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

April 6-13, 2025

9:15 AM	Fifth Sunday in Lent Rev. Candace Whitman Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM TUESDAY	Worship followed by Coffee Hour
2:00-3:30 PM	E.E.H. Adult Bereavement Group
WEDNESDAY 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM 1:30-3:00 PM 6:30-8:00 PM	Mission Committee Meeting Staff Meeting PW: April "Salad Bar" Luncheon meeting Lenten Bible Study - Conference Room Lenten Bible Study - Conference Room
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Palm Sunday Rev. Candace Whitman
9:15 AM 10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal Worship followed by Coffee Hour



## Rev. Candace Whitman, Pastor

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

Email: rev.c.whitman@gmail.com

Cell: 203-293-5470

-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 6, 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: 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); Ralph Neubauer; Helen Fitzsimons

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



# Sound/Audio/Visual Operator

Richard Childs, Will McDaris, Bruce Qua, Leigh Wanamaker

# <u>Ushers</u>

Pam Chance-Herzing & Matt Hoge

## <u>Flowers</u>

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in celebration of the Easter season.

## **Christian Sympathy**

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy to wife Anne Sperber and her entire extended family on the passing of her beloved husband and longtime member of WPC, James Sperber on Monday, March 24, 2025. A private interment will take place for the family at the Quogue Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to: Mrs. Anne Sperber PO Box 68 Quogue, NY 11959

## Presbyterian Women: April Meetings

Our next PW lunch will be on Wednesday April 9th at 12 noon. Our lunch theme will be "salad bar". Everyone is to bring some aspect of a salad. Gini Wagner is coordinating so please let her know what you will be bringing if you haven't already. We will also be meeting at the church the evening of Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for a "Tapas" style gathering. All who attend are asked to bring an appetizer/hors d'oeuvres to share. Please contact Gini Wagner or Christine Haddad if you plan to attend.

# Reaffirming Your Baptismal Vows

This is a way you can renew your commitment to life in God and to God's family. On April 27, there will be an opportunity to do so during worship. Let Rev. Candy know if you would like to participate. Easter season is a wonderful time to re-state and refresh the life we lead in the risen Christ.

## Food Basket Donations Needed

Our community food pantry desperately needs assistance. Please help by donating nonperishable food items, personal care items (such as shampoo, soap, diapers, toothpaste, etc.) and household cleaning supplies. All donations should be unexpired and unused. Please leave your donations in the basket located in the church entryway or in the church office. Thank you for supporting our community.

## One Great Hour of Sharing

Received during the season of Lent (March 5 – April 20), but donations can be made throughout the year. Each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Please join in making a difference in the world!

#### 2025 Sunday Afternoon Concert Series

Our next concert on **April 27th** 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 will be available during coffee hour, in the church office, and at Lynne's Cards and Gifts. You may also purchase tickets at the door. Please make checks payable to "Westhampton Presbyterian Church". We were so grateful for the generous sponsorships from members of the congregation for the 2024 series. If you are interested in sponsoring one or more of this year's performances, please speak to Betsy Doyle during coffee hour, or you can call her at 631-495-5179.

# Children's Activity Bags available during worship!

Parents: please take a moment to grab an activity bag for your child. There are multi-colored tote bags in the rear of the sanctuary that your child can explore during worship, designed just for them by our wonderful librarian and Christian Ed department. Please return them to the same space. Thank you.

## Save the Date: Ham Dinner Fundraiser

Mark your calendar for the new date: Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm! As we get closer, a sign-up sheet will be posted on the Parish Hall bulletin board.