



Westminster Presbyterian Church

The Chimes

April 2025



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Dear Church Family and Friends,

I write to you with a heart full of concern, compassion, and love, knowing that, as the body of Christ, we share a responsibility not only to ourselves but to the world around us. Over the years, we have seen many aspects of our faith and practice drift, not out of intention, but out of neglect, complacency, and a quiet disinterest in what once stirred our souls to action. We have come to a moment when I feel it is necessary to call us all back to the foundational truths that first ignited our hearts for the Lord and His work.

The early Christians observed with deep devotion the days leading to our Lord's passion and resurrection. In those sacred days, they marked a time of spiritual preparation—a season of renewal that extended forty days before the great celebration of Easter. It was a time of reflection, repentance, and, for many, a final commitment to the Christian life, often marked by the holy rite of baptism. It was also a time when those who had strayed from the faith were invited to return, reconciled by the mercy of God through penitent hearts and the grace of forgiveness.

How often we, in our modern age, have neglected these very practices that the early Church held so dear. We have allowed the rush and distractions of life to sweep us away from the sacred call to reflection, renewal, and reformation. Many have come to church without true preparation, without a heart of repentance or self-examination. We, too, have become distant from the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed so boldly by our Savior.

Yet, in this moment, I believe the Spirit is calling us to return—return with earnestness and humility—to the heart of our faith. The days of Lent are before us, and I invite you, dear friends, to observe this holy season with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment. Let us not let these days slip by unnoticed, but rather, let us embrace them as a time to refocus our hearts on God, who is both our Creator and our Redeemer.

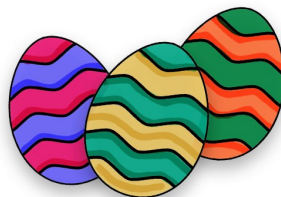
Let us return to the practices that the early Church upheld so faithfully: •By self-examination and repentance—taking the time to honestly reflect on our lives and actions, and turning away from the sin that has separated us from God and one another. • By prayer, fasting, and self-denial—acknowledging our dependence on God for every breath, and choosing to make space for Him in our daily lives. • By reading and meditating on God's Holy Word—allowing His truth to guide us, challenge us, and transform us.

As we prepare for Easter, let us remember that this season is not just about what we give up or the traditions we follow, but about the sincerity of our hearts. It is an opportunity to make a right beginning in repentance, to acknowledge our frailty and mortality before a merciful God who is always ready to forgive and restore.

And so, in the name of Christ, our Savior, I invite you to kneel, to bow before our Creator and Redeemer, and with hearts full of repentance, let us once again place ourselves in His hands. Let us offer our lives anew to the work of His Kingdom and to the care of our communities, for we know that the church is not a building, but a living, breathing community called to be the hands and feet of Christ in a broken world.

May this season of Lent be a time of profound renewal and may we all return to the God of our childhood with earnestness, compassion, and a heart that beats for the common good of all humanity.

**With love and deep concern for your souls,
Pastor Narcissis**





- Sunday, April 6 10:00 am Worship / Communion
- Saturday, April 12 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt
- Sunday, April 13 10:00 am Worship / Palm Sunday
- Thursday, April 17 5:30 pm Maundy Thursday service
- Sunday, April 20 10:00 am Worship / Easter Sunday
- Sunday, April 27 10:00 am Worship service



Birthdays

Pastor Narcissis	4/20
Natasha Tamarindang	4/25
Al Curletti	4/26

Non-profit Organizations

Join us in supporting our local nonprofits. Here are a few local ministries that could use your support either with time, energy, or other donations. Thank you. Pastor Narcissis

- ♦ **Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry** - is an organization with a vision to end hunger and transform lives. They deliver free food to individuals and families in need. www.loaves-fishes.org. If you have any questions, contact our missions coordinator Lynn Elliott.
- ♦ **Shoes That Fit** - Shoes That Fit tackles one of the most visible signs of poverty in America by giving children in need new athletic shoes to attend school & thrive. Location: 150 W. 1st St., #170 Claremont, Ca 91711 - Phone: 909-482-0050
- ♦ **Healed Women Heal** - Educate, empower, and heal women and their children with developmental disabilities, impacted by or at risk of domestic violence to ensure that every individual feels heard, valued, and supported.
Location: 436 W. 4th St. #225 Pomona CA 91766 - www.healedwomenheal.org



Easter Lilies - We enjoy having a display of beautiful Easter lilies in front of the sanctuary on Easter. If you would like to pre-purchase an Easter Lily so that you can take it home with you on Easter Sunday, please bring \$15 (cash, please) to Tweddy Vander Laan by March 30.

Session met on **March 30th**. More information will be shared with the congregation in April.

April 6th - **Communion Sunday** and our first **Sacred Journey to the Cross** sermonette where everyone can experience walking to the cross and placing their heart-felt needs on the Cross.

April 12th - Session has approved hosting an Easter egg hunt with Mary, one of our community neighbors and her son's car club, in leading an Easter egg hunt on April 12th from 10:00 -12:00 pm. Let's join them in serving our community by donating plastic Easter eggs and small wrapped candies (mini chocolates). Jesse is going to be the Easter bunny! All are invited.

April 13th - is Palm Sunday. It's also "Invite Your Friends to Church Sunday". Donuts and coffee, and something special, will be provided.

Save the Date: April 17th, 5:30 pm, Maundy Thursday service.

Join us for our second Maundy Thursday service. We'll have a light Seder meal reflecting the structured and symbolic nature of the Passover Meal, (a sign up sheet will be provided), acoustic singing, and scripture-based table topics. All are welcome. Across the nation, this day is also called the **International Day of Farmer's Struggles**. We'll honor our farmers too.

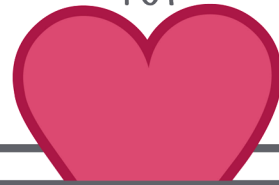
April 20th is Easter Sunday! Join us in celebrating the Lord's resurrection! Experience our ribbon dancers, and maybe join them! It's also **One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday!** Bring your "fish" filled with coins, and dollars!

April 22nd - **Earth Day! Re-Use and Re-cycle!** Celebrate God's gift of creation together. Earth Day celebrates by taking an opportunity to spread hope, and support sustainable farming practices. Together we can make a real difference in the lives of people and communities in need. Visit www.pcusa.org/earthday.



Thank you for all the egg donations!

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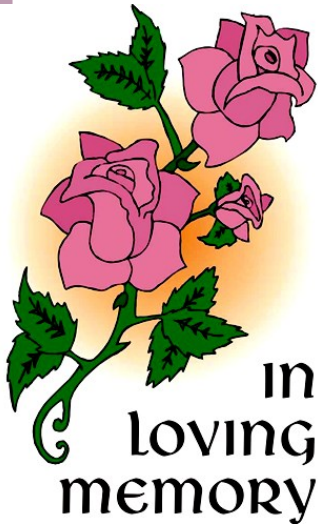
A BIG
Thanks!

Thank you to all the Lenten Readers:

- Week 1: Marline Van Alstine
- Week 2: Ginny Mansfield
- Week 3: Tweddy Vander Laan
- Week 4: Jesse Rose
- Week 5: Dr. Nate Abba



Thank you all for
setting up the cross!



With deep sadness, we share the news that Clint Weaver died on Friday, March 14, 2025. Clint is resting in peace with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In memory of Clint, a man so kind,
A heart so gentle, a brilliant mind.
He walked this earth with grace and love,
Guided by the Father, and heaven above.

With every page, he sought the truth,
A scholar's heart, a soul of youth.
The Bible's words he knew so well,
A living testament, his story to tell.

His kindness flowed like rivers wide,
With open arms, he stood by our side.
Through every trial, in joy or pain,
His faith remained, like the gentle rain.

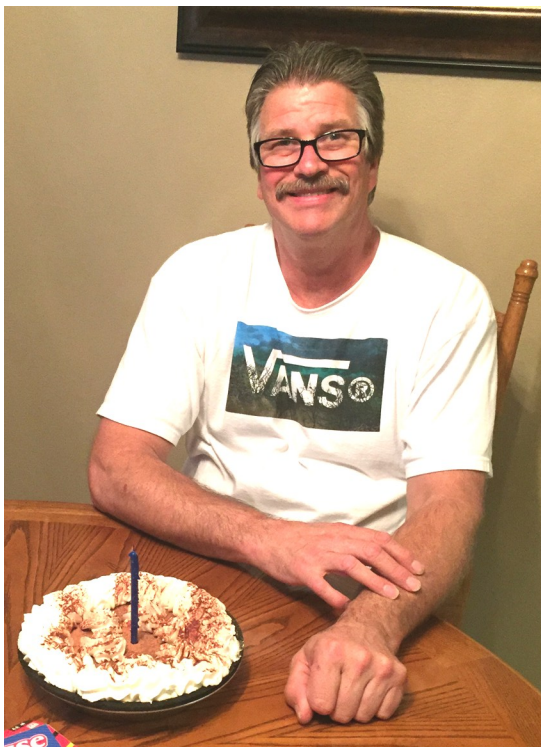
Now he rests where peace abides,
With angels near, by Jesus' side.
His journey here, now complete,
In heaven's light, he finds his peace.

Oh Clint, dear Clint, we'll miss you so,
But we know you're where the pure winds blow.
A study of God's word, a life well-lived,
In our hearts, your love will forever give.

Details about Clint's service will be shared as soon as we hear from the family.

Please pray for the Weaver family.

**Thank you,
Pastor Narcissis**



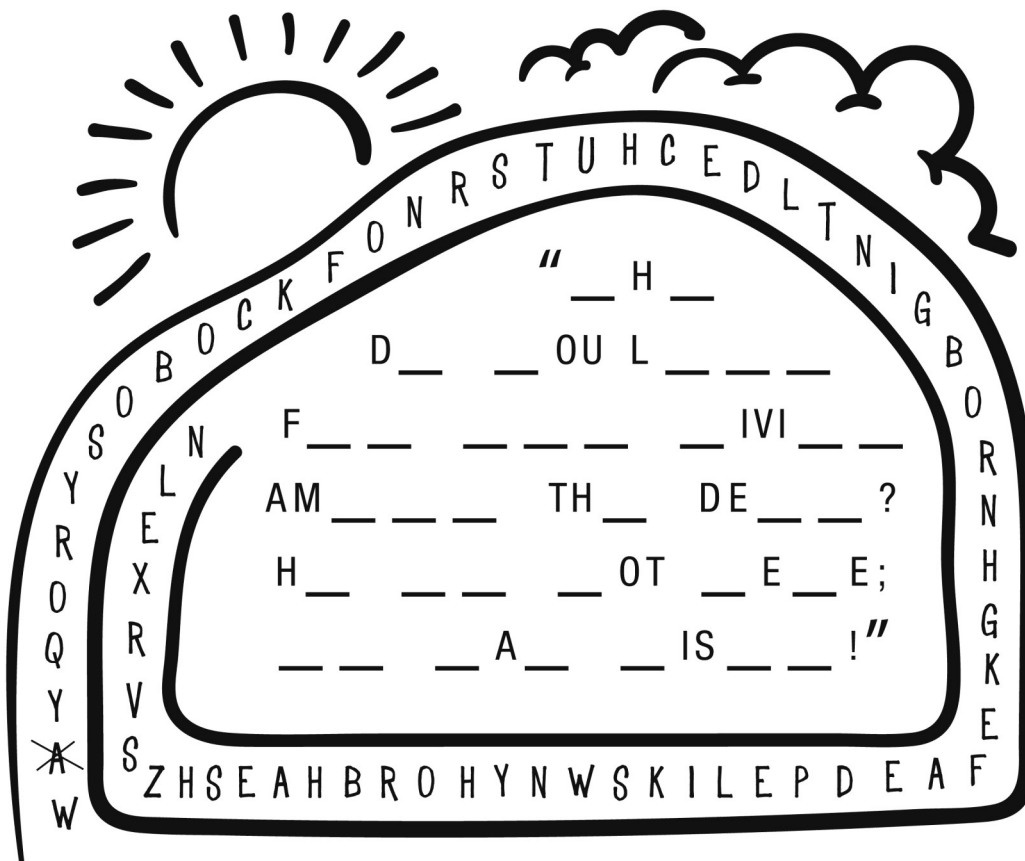
Clint Weaver



EASTER MORNING *message*

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV

Report from the Budget & Finance Committee

Summary of Revenue & Expense For February 2025

Revenues							
Headstart	Use of Facility	Tithes & Offerings	Per Capita		Interest CD Account		
\$10,593.43	\$675.00	\$4,785.00.00	\$322.00		\$291.88		
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\$1.16	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$16,687.31				
February Tithes and Offerings.							
February 12	February 24				February Total	February Budget	January Total
\$3,505.00	\$1,280.00				\$4,785.00	\$5,125.00	\$4,802.00
2025 Total Pledges Received: 9,361.00. We budgeted \$10,000.00. We are \$639.00.00 below the budgeted pledged amount.							
February Major Expenses							
Administration	\$825.69						
Building & Grounds	\$1,570.65						
Pastor Expenses	\$3,897.20						
Personnel	\$4,097.66						
Utilities	\$2,718.85						
Total Expenses = \$13,570.81/ Net Income For February= \$3,116.50.							
Net Income 2025 YTD = \$6,058.91.							
Special Offerings Balances as of end of February 2025:							
One Great Hour = \$20.00							





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HeadStart: Jesse Rose



You are my
hiding place;
You preserve me
from trouble.

Psalm 32:7, N.A.S.B.



You will
be like a
well-watered
garden,
like a spring
whose waters
never fail.

Isaiah 58:11, NIV