



# Westminster Presbyterian Church Weekly Witness



## Loving Faithful Committed

**April 28, 2024**

For us today, Ethiopia is just one of many places on our planet. But, for the people in first century Palestine - Ethiopia seemed to be about as far as they could imagine the earth stretching. Our Scripture reading from Sunday involves an Ethiopian. He was not a Jew. He was not fully a male (he was a eunuch). He had no ties to the people of God in the Hebrew Bible. All we know is he was traveling away from Jerusalem in a chariot (meaning he, or someone he worked for, was of great wealth). He is reading Scripture - so he is seeking God. But he doesn't understand it. Philip witnessed to him and ultimately baptized him. Everything about this person seemed to indicate he was not someone who would likely be open to hearing the message. Yet, this was exactly the person the Holy Spirit led Philip. This Sunday, we will consider who God may be leading us to today.

What is the Book of Order? What is the Book of Confessions? Why do we have a "Session" and a "Diaconate"? How does being a Presbyterian differ from being a Methodist? Or a Baptist? Or a Pentecostal? This spring and summer, in the Weekly Witness, in sermons, and in discussions after worship and in meetings - I will be lifting up what exactly it means to not just be a Christian also to be a Presbyterian as well. It is my hope that many good discussions follow. It's not that I don't think many, or most, at Westminster already know the answers but maybe it is a topic we need to discuss more. Ours is but one branch in Christ's large Church. We certainly have no teaching that we are somehow special or more loved than others. But, maybe, we have something good to pass on that we don't want to be lost in the years to come.

Pastor Tom

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Westminster  
Presbyterian Church  
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Thank you to all who will make this week's  
Worship Service a success:

Bridge Pastor: Pastor Tom Paine

Lay Reader: Nancy Emerick

Elder of the Day: Guy Warren

Usher/Greeter: Chuck & Nancy Emerick

Fellowship Host: Harel & Janet Dills

Organist: Jan Snider/Pianist: Carolin Auvil-Greenfield



**Son-Shine Dine Out**

**April 29 at 5:30**

**Figaro's Pizza**

**19810 Old Hwy 99 SW, Suite 1**

**Rochester, WA**

**RSVP: Please text Dave Murphy at**

**360-763-8642 by April 26th, if you are  
planning to attend**



## Elder Serving this Sunday

## Lay Reader Calendar

## Usher/Greeter Calendar

April 2024	April 2024	April 2024
April 7 Don Wilson	April 7 Don Wilson	April 7 Gary Odegaard
April 14 Mike Schieffer	April 14 Jean Bluhm	April 14 Jean & Judy
April 21 Kaye Hubbert	April 21 Kaye Hubbert	April 21 Hareld & Janet Dills
April 28 Guy Warren	April 28 Nancy Emerick	April 28 Chuck & Nancy Emerick

Thank you to everyone who is our **Elder, Lay Reader** or  
**Ushers/Greeters** for the month of **April 2024**

If you are unable to be a Elder, Lay Reader or Usher/Greeter on the scheduled date please let the church office know right away & please make arrangements for a replacement Elder, Lay-Reader or Usher. **People who may substitute are:**  
**J. Vander Stoep, Mike Dwyer, David Plotz, Nancy Leventon, Gary Odegaard**

- 1 Cori Hartley
- Mitch Lund,
- Jacob Zylstra
- 3 Jenny Kirk
- 6 Isabella Harlow
- Judy Wilson
- 7 Kathleen Alviar



- 9 Melyssa Carter
- 16 Olivia Carr
- 17 Nancy Emerick
- 26 Dennis Blake
- Kate Alexander,
- Jo Vander Stoep

### ELDERS

Leading, Shepherding, Teaching.

### DEACONS

Leading through Serving.

- Kaye Hubbert
- Carol Days
- Guy Warren
- Amy Howlett
- Dave Murphy
- Don Wilson
- Michael Schieffer
- David Plotz
- Jan Stites

- Kay Odegaard
- Judy Stone
- Wayne Osborn
- Robin Frantz
- Joyce Carr
- Janet Dills
- Nung Plotz
- Kathrine Gulmert
- Peg Warren



## Fellowship Hosts for April 2024

April 7 - Dave Murphy

April 14 - Alviars

April 21 - Mel & Jean Bluhm

April 28 - Hareld & Janet Dills

## **Announcements for Sunday, April 28, 2024**

### **Joys/Upcoming Events & Needs**

- **Happy Birthday to everyone whose birthday is in April.**
- **Happy Anniversary to all our couples married in April.**
- **Sonshine Dine-out April 29th @ 5:30 PM Figaro's Pizza in Rochester**

### **Concerns**

- Prayers for Shirley Nelson's sister, Betty, who has had a stroke. She'll be going to rehab when a space is available.
- Prayers for Mary, who is in the hospital with cancer & kidney problems.
- Keith Conant's cousin in California was hit by a car.
- Prayers for Irene who is beginning chemo treatment.
- Jan & Ron Stites friend, Carla, was just diagnosed with cancer.
- Prayers for Phyllis Crawford, a good member is in a dementia center in Shelton.
- Gary Odegaard asked for continued prayers for their friend Almeda. She has been moved to a place where she can get special care.

### **Continued Prayers Needed for:**

Larry McCool, George Evans, John Poole, Jim Lester,  
Kay Odegaard, Clyde Hoffman, Dave Nunn, Erlinda Martinez,  
Doug Fletcher, Dave Murphy, Alijah Berry, Margie Howard,  
Janice Borden, Gwen Moor, Wayne Osborn, Bob Lund, Anne Westfall,  
Margie Howard, Jennette Dougherty, Lowell & Brenda Carlson,  
Clyde Berry, John Aggers, Kathryn Fraher, Elizabeth Duncan,  
Shellie Bailey, Rebecca Moore

**Please call or email prayer updates to the office.**