



# *Palm/Passion* SUNDAY

April 14, 2019 | 9:00 a.m.

**Westminster Presbyterian Church extends an enthusiastic welcome**, in Christ's name, to all who worship here or join us in fellowship. Our church family seeks to embody God's boundless love by embracing, liberating and empowering people – whoever they are and wherever they may be on their faith journeys – to realize the transforming power of Christ in our congregation, community and the world beyond.

**A Covenant Network Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)  
An Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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## This Morning at Westminster

**8:30 – 11:15 a.m.** The Holy Toast Café, in Community Hall, offers free coffee, tea, and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar per item.

### **Deacon Team of the Month**

Liz Bacon, Amy Bickhart, Nicole Fox, Tara Lee, Marsha Mah, Kris Marvel, Emily Pfaff, Martha Spaethling

**8:45 – 12:15 p.m.** **Nursery Care in Preschool Suite D**

**9:00 – 9:55 a.m.** **Worship**

Children are always welcome in worship. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith. Children are escorted to classes after TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN during worship.

- ❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 through 5 in Preschool Suite C.
- ❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in the Ruth Christie Room. Children are picked up in Preschool Suite A after worship service.

**All children who leave the sanctuary** after TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN must have a completed yellow security label on their backs. If you do not find a security label in the pew pocket, you can obtain one in the Preschool Suite. This policy is for your child's protection. Children will only be released to a guardian or an adult pre-approved by the guardian. Thank you for your help.

<b>10:10 a.m.</b>	<b>Education for All Ages</b>	
	➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers	Preschool Suite C
	➤ Joyful Noise Choir Program Grades K – 2	Youth Music Room
	➤ Creation Station for Grades 3 – 8	Art Room 4
	➤ High School and Confirmation Class	Rodney Chapel
	➤ Criminal Justice Reform – The Human Side	see page 7
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Confirmands and Elders</b>	Classroom 8
<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Living Mosaics Worship</b>	Rodney Chapel
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Fellowship Time after Living Mosaics</b>	Meeting Room

### Later Today

<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	180° Dinner and Fellowship	Downstairs
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	AA	Club Room

**The mission of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians** is to strengthen the church of Jesus Christ, with the help of God's grace by working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.



**Westminster is certified as an Earth Care Congregation** by the Presbyterian Church (USA). This honor means that we have exhibited exceptional leadership in protecting God's creation and being good stewards of earth's resources through our worship, education, outreach and advocacy. Only 2% of the 10,000 Presbyterian congregations in this country have earned this honored distinction.

**The Westminster Church Office** will close at noon on Friday, April 19 and Monday, April 22, in observance of Easter Monday. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 23 at 9:00 a.m.

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of their parents by Jerry and Barbara Fedeler.

Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event, while expressing praise and thanksgiving to God. Please contact Linda Watson during business hours at 302-571-6719 or [lwatson@ycst.com](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com) to schedule. The next available dates are May 19 and 26.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Bob Checkel and Natalie Freeman
- ❖ **Those unable to attend worship on a regular basis** by sending a card, saying a prayer, or visiting. This week we ask you to remember Grace and Jack Barrington, Tom Ford, and Ruth Joslin all at home.
- ❖ **Westminster's Prayer Team** prays for the needs of our community of faith. You may submit a prayer request by leaving a confidential message on 302-654-5848, ext. 335; or filling out a prayer request card (in the pew pocket) and placing it in the offering plate; or sending an email to [wpcprayerlist@gmail.com](mailto:wpcprayerlist@gmail.com).

**Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria often seem far away**, and we may neglect to realize that Americans, as well as Afghans, Iraqis, Syrians and members of coalition forces continue to die. As Christians, we are called to pray for the spreading of peace and justice and an end to violence. If someone in your family is serving in the military, please let us know, so that we may include that person on our prayer list. Contact Cathy Lang: 302-654-5214 ext. 129, or [cathylang@wpc.org](mailto:cathylang@wpc.org).

**This week we pray for** those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Easy-to-use assisted listening devices** may be found in the back of the sanctuary and the side entrance off the main hallway.

**Worship Resources** – You can obtain large print hymnals and listening devices from any usher. Worship bags for children ages 3 through 6 include a children's bulletin designed for them. Children's bulletins for ages 7 through 12 are also available from the ushers.

**Are you wearing a nametag?** Whether you are a long-time member or new to our church family, wearing a nametag provides others the opportunity to meet you, greet you by name, and for you to become more familiar with others at church. You will find nametags and markers in baskets at all major entrances.

**You can make a contribution** to Westminster Presbyterian Church by visiting our website [www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org) and click the "Donate Now" button or scan the QR code on your smart phone



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**Cookie Sale**  
*Benefits Youth Mission!*

**Before and After  
the 9:00 a.m. service**

\$5.00 per box



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME

Sue Spilecki

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign and pass the friendship folder, located at the end of the pew, to the person next to you.*

\*PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE

“He Comes!”  
*Joyful Noise/Sing-to-Praise Choirs*

Michael Bedford

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!  
**Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!**

\*HYMN NO. 197

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mighty God, we yearn to deepen our faith,  
but the cross is too threatening for us.  
We seek comfort, not sacrifice;  
we embrace privilege, not pain.  
Yet the suffering love of Christ touches us deeply.  
We yearn to be faithful to you,  
but we are weak and afraid.  
Grant us strength and courage, O God,  
that we may become genuine disciples of Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Leader: The writer of Psalm 119 said: *God’s word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*  
We hope the holy wisdom contained in these Bibles may be both blessing and guide for your life.

**Congregation: We give thanks to God for the Bible that contains our sacred stories.**

Leader: Faith formation begins in the home and the church’s task is to help parents guide the spiritual lives of their children.

**Congregation: We give thanks for families where children grow in faith and in love.**

*Bibles Presented:* Emily Fedeler-Santiago, George McAllister, Corinne Perkins, Ian Stoddard,  
Grace Wermus and Grayson Collins

Leader: May you enjoy and cherish your new Bible, and may God bless you and guide you as you grow in wisdom and faith.

**Congregation: We give thanks for our children and pledge to encourage them, pray for them, and love them as they grow.**

*The congregation is asked to please refrain from taking photographs  
or video recording during the worship service.*

PRESENTATION OF THE PARENTS AND CHILD

Elder Cathy Higgins

OPENING WORDS

Each birth is a miracle of blessing and wonder,  
**and each child is cherished by God.**  
God blesses all children with a potential for what is right and true and good,  
**and shows them the beauty of a life of love.**

PROMISES OF COMMITMENT

Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? **We do.**

Relying on God’s grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and to teach that faith  
to your child? **We do.**

CONGREGATION

Will we, the people of the church, nurture and support Sidney, and will we encourage him  
to become a faithful Christian? **We will.**

CHILDREN

Do you promise to help Sidney be a part of our church family by being a friend to him?

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOLLOWING BAPTISM

*Children through Grade 2 may leave for Godly Care and Godly Play 1, or they may remain in worship.  
Sing-to-Praise Choir will remain in worship today.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 19:28-40

New Testament, page 72  
Richard Jolly, Lay Reader

ANTHEM

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”  
*Westminster Choir*

Everett Titcomb

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark, all the tribes Hosanna cry,  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road  
With palms and scattered branches strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp, ride on to die:  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin,  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the skies  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes,  
To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The last and fiercest strife is nigh:  
The Father on his sapphire throne  
Expects his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign.

\*HYMN NO. 226

“There in God’s Garden”

Vs. 1, 2, 5, & 6

OFFERING

*Today we join congregations throughout the Presbyterian Church (USA) in receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering. This offering supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – vital ministries that provide hope, help, and empowerment to people in more than one hundred countries throughout the world. Please make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and write “OGHS” in the memo line, or place cash in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering envelope found in the pew pocket. Let us give generously so that we may share God’s abundant love with neighbors near and far.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Christus Factus Est”

Felice Anerio

Westminster Choir

Christus factus est pro nobis  
obediens usque ad mortem,  
mortem autem crucis.  
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum,  
et dedit illi nomen,  
quod est super omne nomen.

*Christ was made obedient for us  
even unto death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God also has exalted him,  
and given him a name  
which is above every name.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER (page 35 in our *Glory to God* hymnal, using “debts” and “debtors”)

\*HYMN NO. 220

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Vs. 1 and 2

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Go Now in Peace”

Natalie Sleeth

*Joyful Noise/Sing-to-Praise Choirs*

GOING FORTH

*If you are visiting with us and wish to learn more about our church family, we invite you to meet today’s ambassadors, Ellie and Don Furry, at the back of the center aisle following the service. They are happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*

PASTORAL STAFF:

Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff  
Sudie Niesen Thompson, Associate Pastor  
Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music  
Sandie Reinicker, Interim Director of Children’s Music  
Allison Martin, Assistant Director of Children’s Music  
Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock,  
Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Colleen Falasco

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND SECURITY

Paul Crothamel



## ***Criminal Justice Reform – The Human Side***

Classroom 6

Presenter: Representative from the Delaware Coalition for Smart Justice

Much of what we hear about criminal justice reform involves policies, legislation and governmental agencies. Come and hear the personal side as Dubard McGriff, a community organizer for Delaware’s Campaign for Smart Justice, and Haneef Salaam, the In-Reach Coordinator for the Wilmington Hope Commission, speak about the creation of the Game Changers, a group of community leaders that have been affected by the criminal justice system. They will share their stories, journeys and perceptions of a broken system and discuss criminal justice reform from another perspective.

# **WPC HOSTS DYNAMIC SPEAKER ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM**



**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019**  
**10 AM – 12 PM** (check-in and coffee at 9:15)

**Adam J. Foss** is a former Assistant District Attorney in the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office in Boston, MA, who was recognized by the Nelson Mandela Foundation as its 2017 Changemaker of the Year. He is a fierce advocate for criminal justice reform and the importance of the role of the prosecutor in ending mass incarceration. Delaware’s incarceration and recidivism rates continue to be far higher than the national average. As momentum builds for criminal justice reform, we sponsor this community-wide event to enhance our awareness and move ourselves to action.

Free, but space is limited. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/Foss-WPC> or call **(302) 654-5214 ext. 100**. For more information, pick up a flyer from the literature table or download online at [www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org).

*Sponsored by Westminster Presbyterian Church’s PEACE AND JUSTICE WORK GROUP*

## *New to Westminster?*

**Welcome! We are so glad you are here.**

Here is some information you might find helpful:

- Hymnals are located on a shelf under the pew in front of you, or at the ends of the pew. Please join us in singing!
- A red Friendship Pad at the end of the pew will be passed during the service. We hope you will sign it and let us know how we can welcome you with a follow-up contact.
- There will be an Ambassador at the back of the church at the end of worship, who would love to answer any questions you might have or give you more information about Westminster.
- For more information about our community of faith, sign up for our weekly e-newsletter from the home page of our website ([www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org)) or contact the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson at [sniesenthompson@wpc.org](mailto:sniesenthompson@wpc.org) or (302) 654-5214 ext. 103.

**Please join us for coffee or tea in Community Hall after the service.**

**Ask someone to show you the way!**

# HOLY WEEK

## AT WESTMINSTER

### **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY – TODAY**

**Worship – 9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary) and 11:15 a.m. (Rodney Chapel)**

Rejoice with a procession of palms as we begin the journey of Holy Week.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 18**

**Worship – 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)**

The basis of our service this year is a work by Hal Hopson: *Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness*. The service includes scripture passages recounting the Passion and Death of Christ, told by our Biblical Storytellers, *Westminster By Heart*, with music involving congregation, choir, organ, and oboe. Nursery care provided from 6:45 – 8:30 p.m. for infants and toddlers.

### **GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 19**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Reflect on the crucifixion through silent prayer and meditation in the Sanctuary.

### **EASTER VIGIL – APRIL 20**

**Worship – 6:30 p.m. (begins on Westminster's front lawn)**

Since the early days of the church, Christians have gathered on the eve of Easter to remember God's work throughout time, beginning with creation and culminating in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Join us for a family-friendly worship service on this Saturday evening as we tell the story of God's love for us, receive our Confirmation Class into membership, and celebrate communion. Please note: The Easter Vigil is a traveling service and includes opportunities for congregational participation, so comfortable clothes and shoes are recommended!

### **EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 21**

**8:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Easter Breakfast in Community Hall

**9:00 and 11:00 a.m.** Christ is risen! Join us for festive worship services in the Sanctuary celebrating Christ's triumphant resurrection, with an inspirational sermon by Dr. Jones, and joyous music led by the Westminster Choir, trumpets, timpani, and organ. Nursery care will be available from 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. for both worship services on Easter Sunday.

**10:15 a.m.** Easter Egg Hunt (parents and children through 2nd grade meet in Grace Hall)