



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship **3rd Sunday of Easter** **April 15, 2018** **9:00 a.m.**

PASTORAL STAFF:

Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff
Sudie Niesen Thompson, Associate Pastor (on maternity leave)
Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

CHURCH EDUCATOR:

Susan Moseley

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Merideth Hite Estevez, Director of Faith Formation through Music
and Arts, Teaching Artist in Residence
Kevin Flaherty, Assistant Director of Children's Music
Soloist/Section Leaders: Elizabeth Holmes, Sharon Babcock
David Sharp (guest), Travis Lucas

YOUTH LEADERS

Merideth Hite Estevez, Susan Moseley,
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Tommy Neilson

DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Colleen Falasco

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND SECURITY

Paul Crothamel

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.

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

Roger Atkins, Liz Bacon, Diane Chandler, Kris Marvel, Lisa Stoddard, Gen Wallace-Roe

8:45 – 11:15 a.m. **Nursery for babies and toddlers**

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. **Worship in the Sanctuary**

Children are always welcome in worship. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith.

- ❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 through 4 begin in worship with their families. Following the Time with Our Children, they walk with a parent to the **Preschool Suite** where they are greeted by the morning coordinator and escorted into **Classroom A**. The children experience simple worship rituals and learn key stories in the Bible. They respond through crafts, songs and prayers.
- ❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade begin worship with their families. Following the Time with Our Children, they walk with their teachers to the Ruth Christie Room. The children learn the language of God’s people through sacred space, stories, parables and liturgical actions. You may pick up your children in the **Preschool Suite Classroom C**.
- ❖ **Musical Rehearsal** – Children in grades 3 and up begin worship with their families. Following the Time with Our Children, they meet their leaders in the pavilion and walk together to the Youth Music Room.

10:10 a.m. **Education for All Ages**

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| ➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers | Preschool Suite D |
| ➤ Joyful Noise Choir K – 2/Musical Rehearsal K – 8 | Youth Music Room |
| ➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8 | Classroom 8 |

10:10 a.m. **Sunday Seminars** see page 6

11:15 a.m. **Living Mosaics worship in Rodney Chapel. Children are always welcome.**

12:00 p.m. **Fellowship Time** Meeting Room

Also Today

11:15 a.m.	Flying Solo Brunch	Catherine Rooney’s
6:00 p.m.	Holy Land Pilgrims	Off Site Location
6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room



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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Earth Day, next Sunday, April 22, given by the Westminster Earth Care Committee.

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 for available dates. The next available dates are April 29 and May 6, 27.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Elizabeth Uhlinger and Mary Young.
- ❖ **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 Jane Arthur Hamlin and Tom Eliason, both at Stonegates.
- ❖ **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.

Afghanistan and Iraq often seems far away, and we may neglect to realize that Americans, as well as Afghans, Iraqis 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.

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

WORSHIP NOTES

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 parent or an adult pre-approved by the parent. Thank you for your help.

Worship Resources – You can obtain large print hymnals and hearing devices from any usher. Worship bags for children ages 3-6 include a children's bulletin designed for them. Children's bulletins for ages 7-12 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 and click the "Donate Now" button or scan the QR code on your smart phone.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*May my mind come alive today
To the invisible geography
That invites me to new frontiers,
To break the dead shell of yesterdays,
To risk being disturbed and changed.*

John O'Donohue

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Sonata in C major
I. Andantino
II. Allegretto

Don Ignazio Cirri

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ has passed through the door of death and opened the way to a richer existence.
Because Christ has conquered death, we can truly live.
His presence penetrates our fears and lifts us from despair.
We give thanks to God for new beginnings.

*HYMN NO. 248

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

HYMN TO JOY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Everlasting God, by your Spirit you raised Christ from death,
and by your Spirit you raise us to a new way of living.
We give thanks that you are our Source and Sustainer,
and that you show us the path to holy adventures and a rich life.
Continually renew us in trust and gratitude
that we may proclaim the good news of your love and hope for the world;
through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Bob Stoddard

*Children through Grade 6 may leave for Godly Care, Godly Play 1, and Sing-to-Praise Choir,
or they may remain in worship.*

*Passages in **bold** print may be said by all. At the asterisk (*), please stand as you are able*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

New Testament, page 155
Amy Bickhart, Lay Reader

ANTHEM

“Since By Man Came Death” (from *Messiah*)

G. F. Handel

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive

SERMON

“As All Die in Adam, So All Will be Made Alive in Christ”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 485

“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

ENGELBERG

OFFERING

“Bring your tithes and your donations, your votive gifts, your freewill-offerings... because the LORD your God has blessed you.” (Deuteronomy 12:6-7)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Alleluia”

Tom Fettke

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn No. 607)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dick Jolly

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

*HYMN NO. 234

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

ST. KEVIN

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Toccata in F minor

W. Ralph Driffill

GOING FORTH

If you are visiting with us and wish to learn more about our church family, we invite you to meet today’s ambassador, Marlys Kerr, at the back of the center aisle following the service. She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.



Sunday Seminars

Violence in Wilmington: A Sunday Seminar Series

Classroom 6

Presenter: Rob Prestowitz

Rob Prestowitz, founder and Executive Director of Urban Promise, will share how pursuing mutually transformative relationships, in a structured program, empowers youth to achieve sustained positive outcomes, despite the surrounding violence.

LED Technologies

Classroom 5

Presenter: Roger Reinicker

Are you using energy-efficient LED lights in your home? Probably you are, but maybe you still use some older technology lights as well, or are not sure LED's are right for every application. Roger Reinicker will explore the benefits of LED lights and convince you to toss out those old incandescent bulbs. If you are one of the first 25 to attend you will also receive a free 9W LED bulb (equivalent to a 60W tungsten bulb)!

We're Building a Team for Guatemala

Classroom 3

Presenter: Carrie Saathoff

Do you like to travel? Do you have time, energy, and skills to share? If so, we need you! Westminster's partnership with the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development is strengthening – and there is much work to be done. We are assembling a dedicated team to steward this relationship and support the development projects of the Association. From latrines to family gardens to prayer partnerships – there is something for everyone! Fresh off the plane from Guatemala, Cathy Higgins and Carrie Saathoff will provide a real-time update of our progress and highlight opportunities for you to become involved. All are invited to attend – Spanish not required!

WPC Networking Group

Classroom 2

Presenter: Craig Stabler

Interested in learning more about fellow WPC members and perhaps helping others with their careers or receiving help? Our congregation has members in all sorts of career fields: technology, sales, finance, medicine, law, operations, accounting, and so much more! Are you on LinkedIn? Did you know our church has a group on LinkedIn? This session will focus on Networking profiles – formats for one pagers you can use when you meet someone for networking.

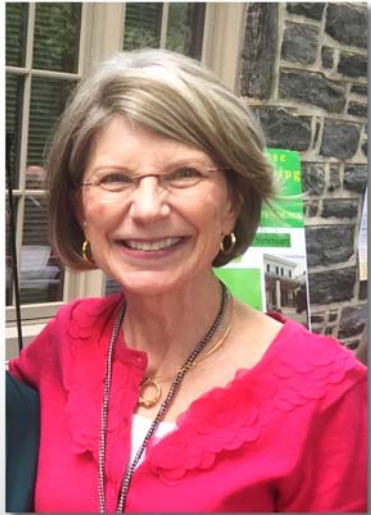
New Member Class

Staff Conference Room

Facilitator: Greg Jones

Are you interested in learning more about Westminster? Have you been considering membership? Please join us today to explore Presbyterian values and life as a member of WPC. Gathering together to share.... see you there!

Send-Off for Susan Moseley



**Sunday, April 29
10:10 a.m.**

After 14 years as our Church Educator, Susan Moseley is leaving us to pursue other endeavors. Please join us during the 10:TEN education hour on April 29 as we thank Susan for her service to Westminster, share memories, and say goodbye.



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), call the Westminster office at (302) 654-5214, or email Barbara Jobe (Convener, Membership & Evangelism Committee) at bjobe@comcast.net.



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

Ask someone to show you the way!

Music at Westminster

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THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE CHORALE

in concert

Friday, April 27
8:00 p.m.



Under the direction of Dr. Paul Head, the prize-winning UD Chorale once again brings to Westminster an evening of choral artistry at the highest level. If you've heard them before, you know what we are talking about; if you've not yet heard this amazing choir, this is your chance! Be prepared for an unforgettable musical experience.

FREE ADMISSION; OFFERING RECEIVED

Westminster Recognized for Environmental Leadership

For the ninth year in a row, we have been certified by the Presbyterian Church (USA) as an "Earth Care Congregation." This honor recognizes our efforts to be good stewards of the earth's precious resources through our leadership in worship, education, outreach, facilities management, and advocacy. Only 2% of the 10,000 Presbyterian churches have earned this distinction. Read more about the steps we have taken in the April issue of our newsletter, *The Westminster Chimes* (available on our literature table or online at www.wpc.org). And be sure to check out these upcoming opportunities to learn more on Sunday mornings at 10:10 a.m:

Today – Hear how LED technologies can help the planet and save money in your homes and at the church.

April 22 – Earth Day! Plant native seeds to take home and support local wildlife and pollinators (all ages welcome)

May 6 – Solar energy for your home

Also, throughout the month of April, we will have a photographic tribute to the breath-taking beauty and awe of nature by photographer Gary Bryde. Enjoy the display in the main hallway across from the reception desk.

