



Service of Worship
4th Sunday of Easter
April 17, 2016
9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL STAFF:

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

CHURCH EDUCATOR:

Susan Moseley

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR:

Debbie Brown

MUSIC STAFF:

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Section Leaders/Soloists: Diana Milburn, Sharon Babcock,
Hunter Torggler, Jerry Polman
Children's Music Student Directors: Kourtney Bastianelli
and Nicole Maragus

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 a.m. – 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

Barry Cobb, Teisha Fooks, Kris Marvel, Susan McPheeters, Carol Neff, Kris Ruebling-Jass

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

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

After TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN, if you wish, your children may leave the Sanctuary and go to:

- ❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 – 4 experience simple worship rituals and learn key stories in the Bible. They respond through crafts, songs and prayers. Class meets in the **Preschool Suite Classroom A**.
- ❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade gather in the **Ruth Christie Room** to 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**.
- ❖ **Godly Play 2** – Children in grades 3 through 5 meet upstairs in the **Meeting Room**. The stories in Godly Play 2 are longer and the work/response time offers added variety for the interests and abilities of older children. You may pick up your children in the **Preschool Suite Classroom C**.

10:00 a.m. Friendship House Open House Daughtry House Conf. Rm.

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

- Sunday School for Preschoolers Preschool Suite
- Sunshine Choir for Grades K – 2 Classroom 7
- D.R.U.M. for Grades 3 – 6 Youth Music Room
- Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 9 Offsite
- Adult Education Classes See page 6

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

11:30 a.m. Flying Solo Brunch at Catherine Rooney’s 1616 Delaware Avenue

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time after Living Mosaics Meeting Room

Later Today

2:00 p.m. Friendship House Annual Meeting Classroom 6

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. We are one of 140 congregations (out of more than 10,000) that has earned this distinction.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and to celebrate all the blessings life has to offer by Carol and Steve Johnson.

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. Dates available are May 1, 15, and 29.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Bill Butz and Joan Dugdale.
- ❖ **Westminster's homebound family** who can no longer attend worship with us, by sending a card, saying a prayer, or visiting. This week we ask you to remember Vera Walker at home, Jeanne and Bill Butz, and Polly McPheeters, all at Foulk Manor North.
- ❖ **Alex Sprague**, who is participating in the Young Adult Volunteer Program in Chinook, Montana.

Westminster's Covenant Prayer Group prays weekly for specific needs of the faith community. **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.

Afghanistan often seems far away, and we may neglect to realize that Americans, as well as Afghans 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 Colleen Falasco: 302-654-5214 ext. 131, or cfalasco@wpc.org.

This week we pray for

- Those known to the WPC Community presently serving in various locations:
 - Matthew Burton, nephew of Greg and Camilla Jones
 - Brian Gorman, grandson of Art and Barbara Gorman
 - Jeremy Lushnat, nephew of Arch and Melody Layman
 - Rev. Susannah Tulloch, of the New Castle Presbytery
- Those who have returned from service, possibly suffering from wounds or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

Are you wearing a nametag? Whether you are a long-time member or new to the church, 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.

Worship Resources – You may 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.

All children who leave the sanctuary after Children's Time must have a completed yellow security label on their back. If you do not find a security label in the pew pocket, you may obtain one in the Preschool Suite. This policy is for your child's protection. Thank you for your help.

You may 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

MUSIC OF THE TOWER BELLS

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Thank you, God, for the glimpses of your glory, and the whispered words of your promise, which help me continue from day to day. Help me press onward in my journey of faith, trusting your grace for today and tomorrow, accepting the cost and joy of following Christ, my faithful guide. Amen.

*Ruth C. Duck, *Flames of the Spirit**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

Fantaisie
Kimberly Reighley, flute

Georges Hüe

CALL TO WORSHIP

Seek, not a superficial faith, but a deep trust in the Creator of the cosmos.

**We come with a mixture of both faith and doubt,
and a yearning for more assurance.**

Open your mind to mystery, your heart to holiness and your soul to Spirit.

We come to affirm God's presence in our lives.

*HYMN NO. 263

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

CORONATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Everlasting God, by your Spirit you raised Christ from the dead,
and by your Spirit you raise us to new life.**

**We give thanks that you are our Source and Sustainer,
and you show us the path to holy adventures and a rich life.**

**Continually renew us in faith, hope and love
in order that we may proclaim with joyous words and integrity of life
the good news of your love and your hope for the world,
through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sudie Niesen Thompson

Children through Grade 5 may leave for Godly Care, Godly Play 1, and Godly Play 2, or they may remain in worship.

At the asterisk (), please stand as you are able.*

ANTHEM "Morning Has Broken" Terry Mann
(Text: Hymn #664)
Women of the Westminster Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 23 Old Testament, page 464
Fred Carspecken, Lay Reader

SERMON "The Good Shepherd" Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 802 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" ST. COLUMBIA

OFFERING

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
(Matthew 6:19-21)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Feed My Lambs" Natalie Sleeth
Men of the Westminster Choir

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep,
Over all a vigil keep;
In my name lead them forth
Gently as a shepherd.
When they wander, when they stray,
Their protector be,
As ye do unto my flock,
Thus ye do to me.
Unto all who lose the way,
Hope and comfort be.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (page 35 in our *Glory to God* hymnal, using "debts" and "debtors")

*HYMN NO. 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

BENEDICTION

Go forth in to the world in peace.
Be of good courage, hold fast to that which is good,
Render to no one evil for evil.
Go forth into the world in love.
Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak,
Help the afflicted, honor all people;
Love and serve the Lord,
Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit,
Go forth into the world in peace.

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, Tammy Daley, following the service. She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.



Adult Education This Morning

The Peace Drums Project

Community Hall

Middle School children of the three Abrahamic faiths in Israel have been brought together through the music of steel drums. The Peace Drums Project, supported by Westminster and members of the local Jewish and Muslim communities, is a peacemaking effort in both Wilmington and Israel. We will discuss the present impact and future possibilities of the project. We hope you will share your ideas with members of the Peace Drums Steering Committee.

Members of the Peace Drum Band, youth from Westminster, Congregation Beth Shalom, and The Islamic Society of Delaware are working on an art project at Congregation Beth Shalom this morning.

Revelation: A series using the lectures of Professor Craig R. Koester from Luther Seminary

Through May 1, 2016

Classroom 3

Facilitators – Jill Getty, Bob Cox, and Margo Reign

Exiled to the island of Patmos over 1,900 years ago, a prophet named John wrote a remarkable letter to fellow Christians. That letter is the Apocalypse of John, also known as the book of Revelation. The Greek word for apocalypse is “disclosure,” and John’s book discloses dimensions of two age-old mysteries: the character of evil and the nature of hope. Because the series is 24 sessions (classes began in the fall), the facilitators will establish a way to make notes from each session available to participants.

Music at Westminster presents
THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE CHORALE
In Concert

Friday, April 29
8:00 p.m.



UD Chorale



Dr. Paul Head, conductor

Plan to join us for this amazing choir's annual visit to Westminster, and be prepared to be "blown away" by their choral artistry and virtuosity.

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It's Time to Build a House!

Saturday, May 21
On Westminster's Lawn

Mark your calendar for our third Habitat for Humanity 'Road Show Build'. Invite friends and family members to come with you and share the experience!

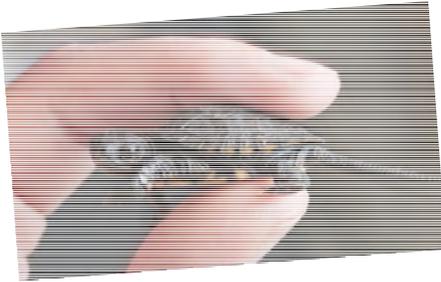
Adults and youth ages 16 and above will work in two-hour shifts, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to hammer together the framing sections for a home to be built in Habitat's new Walnut Street community. If you're not inclined to swing a hammer, you can serve in other areas – hospitality, sign-in, and refreshments. Kids ages 7 to 15 will have a mini-construction opportunity, and child care will be provided for children six and younger.

Everyone is welcome and NO building skills are required! Contact Fred Nelson (484-508-8416 or nelsondmff@comcast.net) or Craig Wemmers (302-239-9698 or scwemmers@aol.com) with any questions. Look for sign-up forms to be posted in early April.



Earth Care Sunday - April 24th at 10:10 AM

Westminster's Earth Care Team is sponsoring engaging activities for **all ages** at the Ten:10 hour on April 24th, celebrating Earth Day. Please join us for learning and fun!



Have some close encounters with WILD ANIMALS, brought by naturalist Sheila Vincent from **Delaware Nature Society**. Learn what we can do to help our native species thrive.

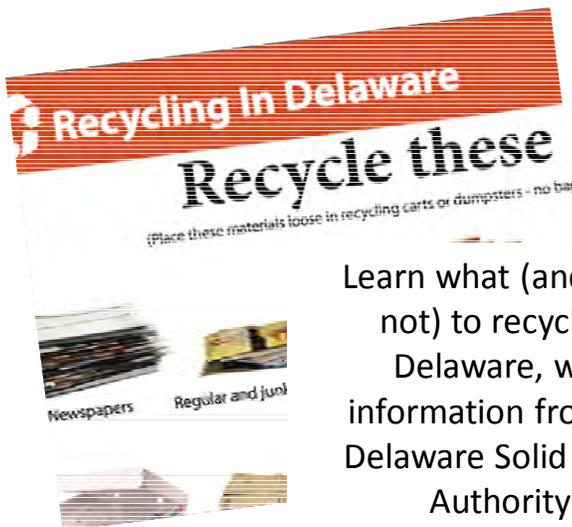
Delaware Center for Horticulture will share the benefits of native vs. non-native plants and will offer helpful information on native plants that attract pollinators, particularly butterflies. Children will have the opportunity to pot seeds in hopes of starting a butterfly garden.



Come learn about all things energy! Representatives will be here from Delaware **Interfaith Power and Light, Delmarva Power, and Energize Delaware** with information about faith based response to climate change, energy use and savings opportunities. Hear about the opportunity to have a whole house energy audit for \$100. Fun, hands on exhibits!



Don't throw out those catalogues!
Repurpose them at the Earth Care event
into place mats and coasters.



Learn what (and what not) to recycle in Delaware, with information from the Delaware Solid Waste Authority!

