



Service of Worship
2nd Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2017
9:00 a.m.

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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.

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An Earth Care Congregation of the PC (USA)

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

Kris Marvel, Carol Neff, Jerry Spilecki, Lisa Stoddard, Josh Thomas, Jennifer Trickey, 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 – 4 begin in worship with their families. Following the Time with 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 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**.
- ❖ **Sing-to-Praise Choir Program** – Children in grades 3 through 6 go to the Youth Music Room. Parents, please escort your child for sign-in, just prior to the start of worship, and pick up your child immediately following worship. Children will only be released to a parent or an adult pre-approved by the parent.

10:10 a.m.

Education for All Ages

- The Birds: An Intergenerational Event Community Hall
- Sunday Seminar 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

Later Today

1:30 p.m.

Friendship House Annual Meeting Classroom 6

6:00 p.m.

Clean But Not Straight – NA Club Room

7:00 p.m.

Parent Support Group for Families with Addiction Daughtry House Conf. 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 loving memory of Bob Churchill, from his family.

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. Dates available are April 30, May 21 and 28.

The rosebuds on the chancel this morning are in celebration of the births of:

- ❖ Claire Kennedy Daley, daughter of Matt and Jackie Daley, and granddaughter of Joe and Tammy Daley; and
- ❖ Zetta Leigh Gnade, daughter of Mike and Rose Gnade, and granddaughter of Mike and Shelley Gnade.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ Those recently hospitalized: Fred Carspecken, Jamie Cartmell, Sally Graef, Suzie Hurlock and Emmett Jacobs.
- ❖ Westminster's homebound who can no longer attend worship with us, by sending a card, saying a prayer, or visiting. This week we ask you to remember Margaret Lyle Stevens at Rockland Place, and Jeanne Butz and Polly McPheeters, both at Foulk Manor North.

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 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 known to the WPC Community presently serving in various locations:
Brian Gorman, grandson of Art and Barbara Gorman
Sam Pittman, nephew of Roland and Mary Lu Pamm
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Staff Sergeant Mark De Alencar, age 37, from Edgewood, Maryland
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

All children who leave the sanctuary after Children's Time 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. 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

MUSIC OF THE TOWER BELLS

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Breathe in this place, O Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
to open our minds,
unlock our hearts,
and enliven our faith
so that we may welcome the risen one among us. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PRELUDE

Cavatina
Luigi Mazzocchi, violin

Joachim Raff

CALL TO WORSHIP

With Mary, whose glad tidings signaled hope and summoned joy, we proclaim:
We have seen the Lord!
With the disciples, whom Jesus greeted with peace and freed from fear, we declare:
We have seen the Lord!
Behold! The Risen Lord is in our midst!
Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 234

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

ST. KEVIN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Nathan Williams

**Risen Lord, you come into the reality of our doubts,
breathing peace and forgiveness upon us.
We confess that we still struggle to live and believe
the good news of Jesus Christ.
Come to us once again in your grace,
that we might see, and touch, and embrace your promise,
so we can claim your forgiveness and extend it to others.
We pray in your holy name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

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

ANTHEM

"This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"

Mark Hayes

This is the day that the Lord has made, and I will be exceeding glad! I will sing my Maker's praise! I will rejoice and give God praise! Who is like unto our God the Lord, strong and mighty? Who is like unto our God who reigns above in glorious splendor? You are the Rose of Sharon, the Lover of my soul. You are my heart's Desire; My soul implores me to exalt your holy name. Your name is music unto my ears; And I must sing of the great love you've shown to me because my heart will not be still.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Susan Moseley

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31

New Testament, page 101
Dick Jolly, Lay Reader

SERMON

"The Breath of God"

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN NO. 286

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

TRENTHAM

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Peace I Give to You"

Craig Courtney

Peace I leave you. My peace I give you. Not as the world gives, I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled and fear not. In this world you shall have tribulations. Take heart! I have overcome the world!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 248

"Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna!"

HYMN TO JOY

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Saeterjentens Søndag

Ole Bull, arr. Johan Svendsen

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, Nancy Fleming and Dan Weintraub, 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.



The Birds: **An Intergenerational Event**

*Experience and Appreciate God's
Amazing Winged Creatures*

**Sunday, April 23
10:10 a.m.
Community Hall**

Join us for a visit from Phung Luu and his birds. Phung Luu is owner/operator of Animal Behavior and Conservation Connections. Our goal is to help Westminster members and children recognize their intimate and spiritual connection to the natural world by experiencing the wonder of these birds.

Sunday Seminar

History of the Bible

Today through May 14, 2017

Classroom 3

Facilitator: Bob Cox

Have you ever wondered where the Bible came from? Who wrote it? Why do some Christian Bibles have different books? Who decided which books would be included and how were they chosen? Join Bob Cox to explore these and other questions as we use video lectures, archeological discoveries, samples of key texts, and various classroom aids to follow the path of our sacred scriptures from pre-history to the digital age.

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SESSION

Jen Barrington, Ty Burns, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Jeanne Checkel, Art Colbourn, Joe Daley,
Rich Diver, Michael Enderle, Mike Gnade, Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Kali Kniel,
Kelly McCulloch, Jon McPheeters, Mark Mosher, Margo Reign, Roger Reinicker, Craig Stabler, Barb Stratton,
Mary Vane, Susan Williamson, Helen Zumsteg

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Larry and Inga Sthreshley, Cecilé de Sweemer, MD, Members of Kamulumba-Ditalala Parish
Iran, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon – Mission Co-workers the Reverends Elmarie, Dr. Mary Michael and Scott Parker
Peace Drums Steel Band – Ibillin and Haifa, Israel/Palestine

Music at Westminster

presents

**THE UNIVERSITY OF
DELAWARE CHORALE**

in concert

**This Friday, April 28
8:00 p.m.**

Don't miss one of the highlights of our musical season, when the UD Chorale makes its annual visit to Westminster. Under the direction of Dr. Paul Head, the prize-winning ensemble is noted for its wide-ranging programs of choral music to astound the audience and showcase the choir's amazing virtuosity. Be prepared for an evening of music-making of the highest order.

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