



**Service of Worship**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**April 24, 2016**  
**9:00 a.m.**

PASTORAL STAFF:

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

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR:

Debbie Brown

MUSIC STAFF:

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music  
Section Leaders/Soloists: Diana Milburn, Sharon Babcock,  
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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.

8:30 a.m. Men’s Fellowship Annual Spring Plant Sale in Classroom 5

### **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.**

10:10 a.m. **Education for All Ages**  
Celebrating God’s Creation See page 7  
Revelation Class See page 6

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

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

## **Later Today**

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 in loving memory of Richard Wenger and Jimmie and Sally Chandler by Diane and Chad Chandler.

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). Dates available are June 5 and 26.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Judith Hoopes, Andrew Moore.
- ❖ **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 Nonie Church and Jean Lewis at Country House, and Dottie Gkonos at Brandall Estates.
- ❖ **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](mailto: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 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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**You may 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.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

MUSIC OF THE TOWER BELLS

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Creator of the cosmos, you have given us an amazing planet thriving with all the things that sustain life. Inspire us to care deeply for what you have made and help us to learn how to walk reverently upon the earth itself. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Meditation

Gabriel Dupont

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in awe before the Source of all things.

**We come to praise the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Powerful Presence above us, below us, within us and around us,

**touch us with a sense of wonder and a reverence for your good creation.**

\*HYMN NO. 14

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

*DIX*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

J. Philip Newell, *Celtic Benediction*

Creator of the cosmos, we watch this morning for the light that the darkness has not overcome.

**We watch for the fire that was in the beginning  
and that burns still in the brilliance of the rising sun.**

We watch for the glow of life that gleams in the growing earth and glistens in sea and sky.

**We watch for your light in the eyes of every living creature  
and in the ever-living flame of our souls.**

If the grace of seeing were ours this day we would glimpse you in all that lives.

**Grant us the grace of seeing this day.**

**Grant us the grace of seeing each day. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

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

ANTHEM

“I Give to You a New Commandment”

Peter Nardone

*Westminster Choir*

I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Ubi caritas et amor,

*Where there is charity and love,*

Deus ibi est.

*God is there.*

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

*The love of Christ has gathered us together.*

Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.

*Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.

*Let us revere and love the living God.*

et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

*And from a sincere heart let us love one another.*

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 8

Old Testament, page 455  
Jen Barrington, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Every Day is Earth Day”

Greg Jones

\*HYMN NO. 713

“Touch the Earth Lightly”

*TENDERNESS*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“And I Saw a New Heaven”

Edgar Bainton

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Vienna Cobb Anderson, *Prayers of Our Hearts*

***(R): Right Side Congregation Recites***

***(L): Left Side Congregation Recites***

God of creation, we give you thanks and praise for the beauty of this world you have made:

***(R) For the healing waters of life that bring us pleasure, health, cleanliness, and life.***

***(L) For the richness of the earth that brings forth fruit and grain for food,  
and flowers and trees to delight our souls.***

***(R) For the birds of the air that bring music into our days  
and lift our hearts with their flight.***

***(L) For the animals of nature that provide companionship, protection, and labor.***

***(R) For the mystery and light of fire that gives warmth and heat in the cold  
and makes our food savory.***

***(L) For the companionship and love of family, friends, and neighbors  
who bring joy and purpose to our living.***

***ALL For all creatures great and small, for all the wonders of this world,  
and for all the blessings of our lives, we give you thanks.***

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

\*HYMN NO. 22

“God of the Sparrow”

*ROEDER*

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Sortie

Charles Tournemire

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, Bill Nace, following the service. He is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*



## Adult Education This Morning

### ***Celebrating God's Creation***

Community Hall

See page 7 for the details of this intergenerational event for all ages.

### ***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.

## Celebrating God's Creation – This Morning at 10:10 a.m.

Westminster's Earth Care Team is sponsoring engaging activities for **all ages** at the Ten:10 hour on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 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!



An initiative of Delaware's Sustainable Energy Utility (SEU)



## Recycling In Delaware Recycle these

(Place these materials loose in recycling carts or dumpsters - no bag)



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

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



*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.

NO ADMISSION CHARGE;  
OFFERING RECEIVED

# **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](mailto:nelsondmff@comcast.net)) or Craig Wemmers (302-239-9698 or [scwemmers@aol.com](mailto:scwemmers@aol.com)) with any questions. Look for sign-up forms to be posted in early April.

