



**Service of Worship  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
April 28, 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.
- ❖ **Sing-to-Praise Choir Program** – Children in grades 3 through 6 in the Youth Music Room.

<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
	➤ Sunday Seminars	see page 7
<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>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.

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the Jessup family in loving memory of John. We are celebrating his life and the gift he was to us.

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:** Natalie Freeman and Tenney Wheatley.
- ❖ **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 Polly McPheeters and Jeanne Butz at Foulk Manor North, and Leucia Venable at Lodge Lane.
- ❖ **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:**

- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
  - Staff Sergeant Albert Miller, age 24, from Richmond, New Hampshire.
  - Specialist Ryan Riley, age 22, from Richmond, Kentucky.
  - Specialist Michael Osorio, age 20, from Horseshoe Bend, Idaho.
- 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.

**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.

**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



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

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

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

\*PASSING THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

At Eastertide

Charles V. Stanford

CALL TO WORSHIP

When the earth was welter and waste  
and darkness covered the deep –  
**God's breath hovered over the waters  
and creation dawned.**

When death's shroud hung heavy  
and darkness descended o'er the land –  
**God's Spirit stirred within a sealed tomb,  
and new creation dawned.**

In every age, the Creator works through chaos and darkness,  
calling us to new life.

**The Wind of God blows among us now.  
Let us respond with praise!**

\*HYMN No. 485

“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

ENGELBERG

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of life,  
You created us in your image  
to care for one another and for all creation.  
Forgive us for turning away from you,  
ignoring the needs of our neighbors  
and the cries of the earth.  
As the sun brings light and warmth to this earth  
make us signs of your grace,  
through Christ, our light and life, we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*Passages in **bold** are said (or sung) by all. At the asterisk (\*), please stand as you are able.*

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

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31

New Testament, page 101  
Jeff Argus, Lay Reader

## ANTHEM

“Blessed Are They”

Jean Pasquet

Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

## SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

## \*HYMN NO. 247

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

NOËL NOUVELET

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Blessed Be the God and Father”

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Which, according to His abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation. Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear. See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently. Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth forever. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

## \*HYMN NO. 248

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

HYMN TO JOY

## BENEDICTION

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

Toccata on *O Filii et Filiae*  
(Tune: Hymn #255)

Lynnwood Farnam

## 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, Adam Blackford, at the back of the center aisle following the service. He is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*

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## ***Sunday Seminars***

### ***Family Planning, Population Growth, and Reproductive Rights in the U.S. and the Developing World***

Classroom 6

Presenter: Stacie Murphy

The Earth Care Task Force has arranged for Stacie Murphy of Population Connection (formerly Zero Population Growth) to talk about a few of the most pressing issues related to population: consumption patterns, contrasting the U.S. with other countries, as well as the history and future trajectory of global population growth. She will also discuss U.S. policy on domestic and international family planning and explain how lack of access to family planning contributes to too-rapid growth and poor outcomes, specifically for women and girls in the developing world. Ms. Murphy earned a Master of Public Policy at George Washington University and has been with Population Connection since 2009.

### ***LET'S TALK ABOUT IT – A Periodic Series***

Ruth Christie Room

Facilitated by Sue Linderman

White people are unaccustomed to talking about race and its implications in their lives. Yet at some level everyone recognizes that racism and prejudice have a profound impact on our communities and our country. We need opportunities to experience the challenges and benefits that come from bringing racial issues into the light of day. All are welcome to join us we continue the journey of exploring our beliefs about race, with openness to differing opinions and respect for one another. This week we will discuss our perceptions of white privilege.

## ***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!**

# University of Delaware Chorale

## PERFORMS AT WESTMINSTER

**This Friday, May 3, 8:00 p.m.**

Once again, the international prize-winning UD Chorale makes its annual visit to Westminster Church to bring us a concert showcasing their stunning sound and amazing virtuosity. Dr. Paul Head conducts the choir, and, for this concert, Paul Fleckenstein will be accompanying at the organ and piano.

Tickets are being sold for this performance, but complimentary tickets are available for any Westminster members who wish to attend. To get your tickets, see Paul Fleckenstein this morning, or contact him at (302) 654-5214 ext. 121 or [paul@wpc.org](mailto:paul@wpc.org).



## **GOD'S AMAZING WINGED CREATURES: AN INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE**

**Next Sunday, May 5  
10:10 a.m. in Community Hall**



Experience and appreciate God's amazing winged creatures! Plan now to 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 realize their intimate and spiritual connection to the natural world by experiencing the wonder of these birds. Author and environmental activist Thomas Berry said: *We need the sun, the moon, the stars, the rivers, and the mountains and birds, the fish in the sea, to evoke a world of mystery, to evoke the sacred.*

**PASTORAL STAFF**

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**SESSION**

Karen Beer, Ty Burns, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Karen Dietz,  
Rich Diver, Michael Enderle, Peter Gildner, Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Kelly McCulloch,  
Mark Mosher, Jan Patrick, Todd Piercy, Margo Reign, Roger Reinicker, Carrie Saathoff, Kent Smith,  
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