



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **Service of Worship** **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** **April 29, 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

**8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Men’s Fellowship Annual Spring Plant Sale in Grace Hall**

**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**.

**10:00 a.m. Musical Rehearsal K – 8/Joyful Noise Choir** Youth Music Room

**10:10 a.m. Farewell reception for Susan Moseley** Community Hall

**10:30 a.m. Usher Training** Rowell Conference Room

**11:15 a.m. Youth Orchestra Rehearsal** Youth Music Room

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

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

### **Also 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. 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 and in honor of Susan Moseley for her beautiful spirit and fourteen years as our Church Educator.

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) for available dates. The next available dates are May 6 and 27.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ Gail Everett on the death of her husband, James.
- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Emmett Jacobs.
- ❖ **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 Grace and Jack Barrington, Ed Hagopian and Leucia Venable all at home.
- ❖ **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 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](mailto: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](http://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

*Gracious God, without you I would be adrift in a cynical and despairing world. Without you, I would be mired in a shallow existence, with no hope on the horizon. I am grateful that you show me the way and teach me the truth so that I may live a rich life of love and joy and hope. Amen.*

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

Trio in A major

Josef Rheinberger

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is the Gardener and Jesus is the true vine.

**We are the branches of the vine.**

If we are connected to Jesus, his Spirit will dwell in us;

**and we will bear exceptional fruit.**

\*HYMN NO. 263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

CORONATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Gracious God, we give thanks for our community of faith  
where you assure us of your immeasurable love for us  
and provide opportunities to share your love with others.  
Through words of Scripture and your Spirit whispering in our soul,  
may we discover the work that is ours to do,  
and summon the courage to carry it out.  
Embolden us to resist evil and injustice;  
inspire us to speak the truth and to live generously;  
and energize us to spread joy, create beauty and foster hope.  
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

ANTHEM

“When We All Get Together”  
*Joyful Noise and Sing-to-Praise Choirs*

Allen Pote

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

*Children through Grade 6 may leave for Godly Care, Godly Play I, 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

John 15:1-8

New Testament, page 95  
Randy Williamson, Lay Reader

SERMON

Greg Jones

\*HYMN NO. 285

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

*BRIDEGROOM*

OFFERING

*“Now as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in your love for us – we want you to excel also in this grace of giving.” (2 Corinthians 8:7)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“I Am the Vine”  
*Westminster Choir*

John Bertalot

I am the vine, and ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; abide in me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sue Linderman

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

\*HYMN NO. 450

“Be Thou My Vision”

*SLANE*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

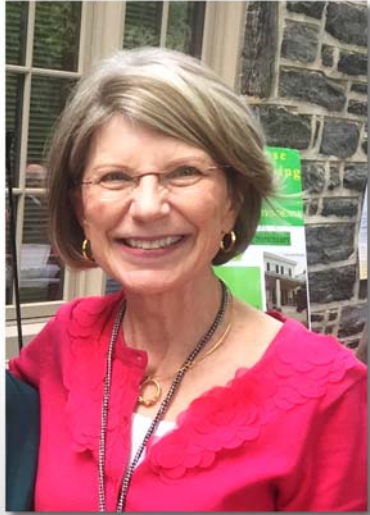
“Let All the World in Every Corner Sing”

E. T. Chapman

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.*

# Send-Off for Susan Moseley



**TODAY**  
**10:10 a.m.**

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



## 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](http://www.wpc.org)).



**Throughout April, we 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.**



## ***Upcoming Sunday Seminars on May 6***

### ***Let's Talk About It – A Periodic Series***

Ruth Christie Room  
Facilitator: 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 in this journey of exploring our beliefs about race, with openness to differing opinions and respect for one another. On **May 6<sup>th</sup>**, we will consider the recent event at the Starbucks in Philadelphia, sharing perspectives on what happened and the implications for the ways we deal with cross-racial experiences.

### ***Solar Power Education – Earth Care***

Classroom 6  
Presenter: Sally Buttner

Interested in learning about solar for your home? Want to learn how you can reduce your carbon footprint? Come hear representatives from Delmarva Power tell us the basics of how solar power works, which houses are good candidates for solar power, what state and federal incentives are available, and how you would go about installing solar power at your own house.

### ***Genealogy***

Classroom 3  
Presenter: Bob Cox

Where were your ancestors fifty, one hundred, or one thousand years ago? What were their names? What were their lives like? Genealogy has been rising in popularity, as evidenced by the number of television shows promoting it: "Finding Your Roots", "Who Do You Think You Are?", and "DNA Detectives", to name a few. Bob Cox will share thirty years of experience, resources, and techniques for discovering family history. This week we cover genetic genealogy.

### ***New Member Class***

Classroom 5  
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!

# **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

# Plant Sale

**This Morning and Next Sunday, May 6  
in Grace Hall**

A variety of flowering and vegetable plants, great for neighborhood and home gardens, will be available. Proceeds benefit local mission efforts.

