



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship 5th Sunday of Lent April 2, 2017 9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL STAFF:

Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff
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Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

CHURCH EDUCATOR:

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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

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| ➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers | Preschool Suite |
| ➤ Joyful Noise Choir Program for K – 2 | Youth Music Room |
| ➤ Godly Play 2 for Grades 3 – 5 | Classroom 4 (Art Room) |
| ➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8 | Classroom 8 |
| ➤ Confirmation Class | Classroom 7 |
| ➤ Sunday Seminars | See page 7 |

11:15 a.m.

Living Mosaics worship in Rodney Chapel. Children are always welcome.

11:15 a.m.

Flying Solo brunch 1616 Delaware Ave.

12:00 p.m

Fellowship Time Meeting Room

Later Today

1:00 p.m.

Home Communion Member’s Homes

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 Art Connolly from his wife, Joan.

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 23, 30 and May 7, 14, 21 and 28.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Fred Carspecken, Jamie Cartmell, Julie Petrovick, and Donald Windsor.
- ❖ **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 Nonie Church, Edie Lennox, Jean Lewis, and Evelyn Measley, all at Country House.

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.

WORSHIP NOTES

The Sermon this morning is delivered by Bill Perkins, Executive Director and CEO of Friendship House, a non-profit Christian ministry serving people who are or are at risk of becoming homeless. A former Roman Catholic Priest, Bill and his wife, Marcy, have dedicated their lives to helping poor and homeless people. Westminster is a major supporter of the various ministries of Friendship House, including half-way houses for both men and women, Code Purple, Sunday Breakfast, and the Clothing Bank of Delaware.

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 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

Loving God, I pray for your Spirit to fill me. Where I have been weak, grant me your strength; where I have been confused, grant me your guidance; where I have been distraught, grant me your comfort; where I have been dead, grant me your life. Apart from you I am lacking; in and with you I can do amazing things! Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the friendship folder to the person next to you.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL PRELUDE

“Go Not Far From Me, O God”

Nicola Zingarelli

Go not far from me, O God; Cast me not away in the time of age; Forsake me not when my strength faileth me. O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise, That I may sing of Thy glory and honour all the day long.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ has passed through the door of death and opened the way to new life.

Because Christ has conquered death, we can truly live.

His presence penetrates our fears and lifts us from despair.

Let us give thanks to God for new beginnings.

*HYMN No. 394

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we do not always live for you.

You have invited us into new life,

yet we close our eyes and ears to your invitation.

You have challenged us to step out of well-worn ruts,

yet we hesitate to venture onto a new path.

Enter our lives and renew our spirits,

so that we will muster the courage to make overdue changes in our lives.

We ask this in the name of Christ,

who brings us hope for new life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

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

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

SERMON

“Without Death There Is No Resurrection”

Bill Perkins

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 Resurrection”

Kevin Hildebrand

I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Jesus said: “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me.”

In Christ, we will find rest for our souls.

Jesus said: “I am the bread of life.”

**Whoever comes to him will never be hungry,
and whoever follows him will have abundant life.**

HYMN NO. 785

“In Deepest Night”

ROSE MARY

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Eternal God...

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*The Lord’s Supper is open to **all** who trust in Christ.*

*When you approach a communion server, please take a piece of bread,
the symbol of Christ’s love for you, and dip it in the cup, representing the new life in Christ.*

If you are unable to come forward, please tell an usher so that you may be served.

Those sitting in the balcony will be served in their pews.

For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Romance, from Symphony no. 4

Louis Vierne

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“God Be In My Head”

Andrew Carter

God be in my head and in my understanding,
God be in mine eyes and in my looking,
God be in my mouth and in my speaking,
God be in my heart and in my thinking,
God be at mine end and at my departing.

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, Marlys Kerr, at the back of the center aisle following the service.
She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*



Sunday Seminars

The Story of Salvation: A Lenten Bible Study

Today and April 9

Classroom 6

Facilitator: Sudie Niesen Thompson

This year our community will begin the celebration of Christ’s resurrection on Saturday, April 15th with an Easter Vigil service. Since the early days of the church, Christians have gathered on the eve of Easter to recount the story of salvation, beginning with creation and culminating in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Throughout Lent we invite you to study some of the Old Testament passages that help us tell this story. Join Sudie as we delve into the texts of our “holy history”.

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.

Holy Week AT WESTMINSTER

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY – APRIL 9

Worship – 9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary) and 11:15 a.m. (Rodney Chapel)
Rejoice with a procession of palms as we begin Holy Week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 13

Worship – 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Storytellers will recount the final hours of Jesus' life. In addition to communion, you have the option of participating in the age-old practice of footwashing, as commanded in the Bible, or an anointing of the hands with oil. Nursery care provided from 6:45 – 8:30 p.m. for infants and toddlers.

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 14

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Reflect on the crucifixion through silent prayer and meditation in the Sanctuary or walk the Labyrinth in the Meeting Room (adjacent to Rodney Chapel).

EASTER VIGIL – APRIL 15

Worship – 6:30 p.m. (begins on Westminster's front lawn)

Since the early days of the church, Christians have gathered on the eve of Easter to remember God's work throughout time, beginning with creation and culminating in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Join us for a family-friendly worship service on this Saturday evening as we tell the story of God's love for us and celebrate communion.

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 16

8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Easter breakfast in Community Hall

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Festive worship services in the Sanctuary to celebrate Christ's resurrection, with a sermon by Dr. Jones and music by the Westminster Choir, brass, percussion, and organ

10:15 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt (parents and children through 2nd grade meet in Grace Hall)

All are welcome!



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2017 Easter LILIES

If you wish to make a contribution toward the decoration of the church on Easter Sunday, you may do so in memory of, or in honor of, loved ones. Please complete this form, make checks payable to *Westminster Presbyterian Church*, and place in the offering plate or return to Susan Alexander at the front desk **by 12:00 noon on Monday, April 3**. For any form received *after* that date, the names will be listed in the April 23rd bulletin.

DONATION AMOUNT

\$20 \$40 \$60 \$80 \$100 Other \$ _____

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

❖ In Memory Of: (FOR THE DECEASED)

Deceased Person's Name

❖ In Honor Of: (FOR THE LIVING)

Living Person's Name

❖ Given By:

Donor's Name and Telephone Number

If you wish to take a lily home with you, you may do so following the 11:15 a.m. service on Easter Sunday. Plants remaining after that service will be delivered to our homebound members.