



Service of Worship
3rd Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2017
9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL STAFF:

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

CHURCH EDUCATOR:

Susan Moseley

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Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Merideth Hite Estevez, Director of Music for Children and Youth
Section Leaders/Soloists: Diana Milburn, Sharon Babcock,
David Price, Travis Lucas

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.

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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 | Classroom 4 |
| ➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8 | Classroom 8 |
| ➤ Sunday Seminars | See page 7 |

11:15 a.m.

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

12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Time Meeting Room

Later Today

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| 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 rosebud on the chancel this morning is in celebration of the birth of Simon Stewart Horton, born April 21 to Louis and Krissy Horton.

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 May 21 and 28.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

❖ Recently hospitalized: Jim Bercaw

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
- 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.



The panels in the hallway illustrate God's creation of heaven and earth, as told in Genesis 1:1-2:4. The story begins at the Pennsylvania Avenue end of the hallway, with the Creator separating the light from the darkness, and ends across from the reception desk, with the day of rest. We are grateful to Westminster member Wendy Hatch and the 180° Youth, who created these panels for use at the Easter Vigil.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MUSIC OF THE TOWER BELLS

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Gracious God, my ears are dull and I struggle to discern your voice. My eyes are dim, and I fail to see signs of your presence. My heart is cold and I cannot feel your love. Quicken my hearing, open my eyes, and warm my heart so that I may draw closer to you and perceive your purpose for my life. 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.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prélude

Denis Bédard

CALL TO WORSHIP

Seek not a superficial faith, but a deep faith in the Creator of the cosmos.

**We come with a mixture of faith and doubt,
and a yearning for more wisdom.**

Open your mind to mystery, your heart to holiness, and your soul to sacredness.

We come to affirm God's presence in our lives.

*HYMN NO. 263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!”

CORONATION

OPENING PRAYER

**Ever-present God, stir in our hearts a holy expectancy
so that we will be ready and open to hear your voice.**

**May our spirit be open to the call of your Spirit,
that in listening for you we might hear you,
that in searching for you we might meet you,
that in meeting you we might follow you. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

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

ANTHEM

“Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether”
(Text: Hymn #529)

Harold Friedell

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

New Testament, page 78
Nancy Fleming, Lay Reader

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

SERMON

“Recognizing Jesus”

Greg Jones

*HYMN No. 257

“The Risen Christ”

WOODLANDS

OFFERING

*“All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing the LORD your God has given you.”
(Deuteronomy 16:17)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Evening Hymn

H. Balfour Gardiner

Thee, Lord, before the close of day,
Maker of all things, Thee we pray
For thy dear loving kindness' sake
To guard and guide us in Thy way.

Banish the dreams that terrify,
And night's fantastic company;
Keep us from Satan's tyranny;
Defend us from unchastity.

Protect us, Father, God ador'd,
Thou too, co-equal Son and Lord,
Thou, Holy Ghost, our Advocate,
Whose reign can know nor bound nor date.

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION OF THOSE TO BE CONFIRMED

Susan Williamson

Ethan Bradley, Tristan Bradley, John Dietz, Nate Gerstenschlager, Christian van Amerongen

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONFIRMANDS

Do you confess that Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior, the one we trust to lead us in the ways of God? Do you?

Do you reject all behaviors and attitudes that alienate you from God and neighbor?
Do you?

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, striving for peace and justice among all people, protecting and restoring the integrity of God's creation, and showing Christ's love in all you say and do?
Will you?

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, sharing in its worship and ministry through your prayers, gifts, study and service? Will you?

QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Will you who witness these vows support and pray for these young people as they continue their faith journey alongside us as full members of the Westminster Church community?
We will.

**In life and in death we belong to God.
 Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
 we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One,
 whom alone we worship and serve.
 With believers in every time and place,
 we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
 can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

From A Brief Statement of Faith of the (PCUSA)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Hillary King

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

*HYMN NO. 246

“Christ Is Alive!”

TRURO

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Healey Willan

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, Ellie and Don Furry, 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.

MEMBERS OF THE 2016 - 2017 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Ethan Bradley
 Tristan Bradley
 Reed Burkhardt
 John Dietz
 Chris Eiermann
 Nate Gerstenschlager

Gwen Hubbard
 Sydney Huzar
 Patrick Keenan
 Alexandra Kidd
 Katie Lengel

Jason Lengel
 Justin Lengel
 Sophia Malatesta
 Luke Mathé
 Davis Piercy

Rabea Pfaff
 Jake Robinson
 Hugh Underhill
 Thomas Zehner
 Christian van Amerongen

JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

A RECEPTION FOR THE CONFIRMANDS IN COMMUNITY HALL



Sunday Seminars

Delaware Greenways

Today

Classroom 6

Facilitator: Lynne Kielhorn

Lynne Kielhorn, WPC member and Delaware Greenways Board President Emeritus, will introduce us to the Greenways project and expand on the project's mission to create outdoor connections for active living and healthy eating. We will learn about the three primary program areas: Trails & Pathways, Scenic & Historic Byways and Historic Penn Farm. The goals are to enable and encourage use of trails and parks, inspire growing and eating of fresh local produce and foster an appreciation of our natural resources.

Membership Exploration Classes

Today and May 7

Classroom 5

Facilitator: Sudie Niesen Thompson

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!!!!

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.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Plant Sale

**This Morning and Next Sunday, May 7
between worship services
in Community Hall**

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

