



Service of Worship
5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 10, 2019
9:00 a.m.

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

Jeff Argus, Louis Horton, Mary Lou McDowell, Josh Thomas, Debbie Wise

8:45 – 12:15 p.m. **Nursery Care**

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 4 in Preschool Suite C.
- ❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade in the Ruth Christie Room.
- ❖ **Sing-to-Praise Choir Program** – Children in grades 3 through 6 in the Youth Music Room.

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.

10:10 a.m.	Education for All Ages	
	➤ 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 4
	➤ Youth Musical Cast Rehearsals	Classroom 8
	➤ High School and Confirmation Class	Classroom 7
	➤ Sunday Seminars	see page 7
11:15 a.m.	Living Mosaics Worship	Rodney Chapel
12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Time after Living Mosaics	Meeting Room

Later Today

5:00 p.m.	180° Dinner and Fellowship	Classroom 6/Community Hall
6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
8:00 p.m.	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 Nancy Fleming in celebration of her husband, Dan Weintraub, for his four years of service to Westminster and his upcoming birthday.

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. The next available dates are March 10, 17 and 24.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** George Evans and Carrie Saathoff.
- ❖ **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 Tom Ford and Ruth Joslin 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.

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 the families of those from the U.S. who have died recently, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome Dr. Kimberly Reighley to our worship service this morning. Dr. Reighley is a flute professor at West Chester University, as well as principal flute with the Delaware Symphony Orchestra.

Easy-to-use assisted listening devices may be found in the back of the sanctuary and the side entrance off the main hallway.

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 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, the radiance of your incarnate Word pierces the darkness that covers the earth and signals the dawning of justice and peace. May his brightness illumine my life and may I have the courage to walk in your light each day. 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

PRELUDE

Allegretto grazioso
Kimberly Reighley, flute

Max Reger

CALL TO WORSHIP

From the shadows of darkness, reach for the light.

God is our rock and our foundation.

Reject evil and seek God's truth.

The way of love and justice is the hope of the world.

*HYMN NO. 369

"Blessing and Honor"

O QUANTA QUALIA

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, forgiveness.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled,

as to console;

to be understood, as to understand;

to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive.

It is in forgiving that we are forgiven,

and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen.

Francis of Assisi

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Children through Grade 6 may leave for Godly Care, Godly Play 1, 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.*

ANTHEM

“To Be Fishers of Women and Men”

Kathy Powell

*Cast your nets to the water’s depths and lower them once again.
For Christ has called us beyond the shore to be fishers of women and men.*

Though we labor throughout the night,
and nothing is caught as yet,
Trusting, still, in his gentle call,
now we will lower the net.

Take your boats to the water’s edge,
no matter what fears have been.
Christ has called us beyond the shore:
fishers of women and men.

Far away from the safer shore,
below as the netting floats,
There a harvest of souls awaits,
waits to be brought to the boats.

Christ is seated within our boats,
forgiving our sins, but then,
We, forgiven, just heed his call:
fishers of women and men.

SERMON

Greg Jones

*HYMN No. 170

“You Walk along Our Shoreline”

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

OFFERING

Following Jesus fosters a generous spirit.

OFFERTORY

“Here I Am, Lord”
Sharon Babcock, mezzo-soprano
(Text: Hymn #69)

Daniel L. Schutte
arr. Craig Courtney

COMMISSIONING, ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

TRUSTEE COMMISSIONING

Fred Iobst, President of Trustees

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, the members of Westminster, receive Brock Jobe as a trustee,
and do you promise to support the trustees in their work for our congregation?

We do.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

PRESENTATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Jeanne Checkel, Clerk of Session

ELDERS

DEACONS

Jan Patrick
Todd Piercy

Jennifer Blackford
Ron Carrick
Marsha Mah

Bob Moore
Emily Pfaff
Martha Spaethling

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept these men and women as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

ORDINATION PRAYER

*All ordained elders and ministers of the Word and Sacrament
are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.*

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

*HYMN NO. 339

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“Jesus Calls Us”

William H. Jude

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, Cathy Higgins, 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

A Conversation on Prayer: Some Mary Oliver Poems

Classroom 5

Facilitator: Steve Steinwedel

The wonderful poet Mary Oliver has some interesting things to say about prayer in several of her poems. We will take a deeper look into some of these poems in an attempt to further inform and, hopefully, help deepen our own prayer life.

The Gospel of Mark – Part 2

February 10 - March 3

Classroom 6

Presenter: Greg Jones

What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus? How do his teachings speak to us today?

Join us for an in-depth look at the teachings of Jesus, the final week of his life, and the enigmatic ending of this gospel. We will focus on the last half of the Gospel of Mark, but knowledge of the first half of this gospel is not essential.

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) or contact the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson at 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!

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