



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **Service of Worship 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent February 14, 2016 9:00 a.m.**

**PASTORAL STAFF:**

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

**CHURCH EDUCATOR:**

Susan Moseley

**CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR:**

Debbie Brown

**MUSIC STAFF:**

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music  
Section Leaders/Soloists: Diana Milburn, Sharon Babcock,  
Hunter Torggler, Jerry Polman  
Children's Music Student Directors: Kourtney Bastianelli  
and Nicole Maragus

**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 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**

Bill Kaye, Mary Lou McDowell, Kris Ruebling-Jass, Mark Shiflett, Tammy Daley, Nancy Diver

8:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Nursery for babies and toddlers

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

After TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN, if you wish, your children may leave the Sanctuary and go to:

- ❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 – 4 experience simple worship rituals and learn key stories in the Bible. They respond through crafts, songs and prayers. Class meets in the **Preschool Suite Classroom A**.
- ❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade gather in the **Ruth Christie Room** to 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**.
- ❖ **Godly Play 2** – Children in grades 3 through 5 meet upstairs in the **Meeting Room**. The stories in Godly Play 2 are longer and the work/response time offers added variety for the interests and abilities of older children. You may pick up your children in the **Preschool Suite Classroom C**.

10:10 a.m.	<b>Education for All Ages</b>	
	➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers	Preschool Suite
	➤ Sunshine Choir for Grades K – 2	Classroom 7
	➤ D.R.U.M. for Grades 3 – 6	Youth Music Room
	➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 9	Classroom 8
	➤ Adult Education Classes	See page 7

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

12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Time after Living Mosaics	Meeting Room
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## **Later Today**

5:15 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



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. We are one of 140 congregations (out of more than 10,000) that has earned this distinction.

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Arthur C. Butters by his wife, Anna.

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). Available dates are March 6, 13, and 20.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Elizabeth Bacon, Jack Burkhardt, TJ King, Julie Petrovick, and Charles Uhlinger.
- ❖ **Westminster's homebound family** who can no longer attend worship with us, by sending a card, saying a prayer, or visiting. This week we ask you to remember Hal Schonhans at Crosslands and Bob Frelick at home.
- ❖ **Alex Sprague**, who is participating in the Young Adult Volunteer ministry in Chinook, Montana.

**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 often seems far away**, and we may neglect to realize that Americans, as well as Afghans 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 Colleen Falasco: 302-654-5214 ext. 131, or [cfalasco@wpc.org](mailto:cfalasco@wpc.org).

### This week we pray for

- Those known to the WPC Community presently serving in various locations:
  - Matthew Burton, nephew of Greg and Camilla Jones
  - Brian Gorman, grandson of Art and Barbara Gorman
  - Jeremy Lushnat, nephew of Arch and Melody Layman
  - Rev. Susannah Tulloch, of the New Castle Presbytery
- Those who have returned from service, possibly suffering from wounds or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Worship Resources** – You may 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.

**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 may obtain one in the Preschool Suite. This policy is for your child's protection. Thank you for your help.

**Are you wearing a nametag?** Whether you are a long-time member or new to the church, 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 may 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

MUSIC OF THE TOWER BELLS

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your strength; and in all our sorrows your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Gammal fäbodpsalm från Dalarna  
(Old Psalm-Tune from Dalarna [Sweden])

Oskar Lindberg

CALL TO WORSHIP

By God's Spirit we were baptized into one body,  
**and chosen by God for loving service to the world.**  
Let us sing praises to God for making us partners in mission.  
**Let us worship God in wonder and joy!**

\*HYMN NO. 410

"God is Calling through the Whisper"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

What does the Lord require of us?

**To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

Micah 6:8

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, in every age there have been men and women  
who have lived faithful and obedient lives.  
We confess that we are not always in harmony with your will.  
You call us to proclaim the truth in love,  
but there are times when we are silent.  
You command us to do what is just,  
but too often we are idle.  
You beckon us to live faithfully,  
but minor matters distract us.  
Forgive us and transform us  
so that we may follow your guidance  
and share Christ-like love with the world. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*Children through Grade 5 may leave for Godly Care, Godly Play 1, and Godly Play 2, or they may remain in worship.*

ANTHEM

Introit and Kyrie, from *Requiem*  
*Westminster Choir*

Gabriel Fauré

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine:	<i>Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord</i>
et lux perpetua luceat eis.	<i>and let perpetual light shine upon them.</i>
Te decet hymnus Deus in Zion,	<i>A hymn befits thee, O God in Zion,</i>
et tibi redetur	<i>and to thee a vow shall be fulfilled</i>
votum in Jerusalem.	<i>in Jerusalem.</i>
Exaudi orationem meam,	<i>Hear my prayer,</i>
ad te omnis caro veniet.	<i>for unto thee all flesh shall come.</i>
Kyrie eleison,	<i>Lord have mercy,</i>
Christ eleison,	<i>Christ have mercy,</i>
Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord have mercy.</i>

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

New Testament, page 53  
Walt Huzar, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Valentine’s Day”

Greg Jones

\*HYMN NO. 767

“Together We Serve”

SAN ANSELMO

OFFERING

*“Remember the LORD your God, for it is God who gives you power to earn wealth.”*  
*(Deuteronomy 8:18)*

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Offertory, from *Requiem*  
*Westminster Choir*  
*Jerry Polman, baritone*

Fauré

O Domine Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae, libera animas defunctorum de poenis inferni et de profundo lacu: de ore leonis, ne absorbeat tartarus, ne cadant in obscurum. Hostias et preces tibi, Domini, laudis offerimus: tu suscipe pro animabus illis, quarum hodie memoriam facimus. Fac eas, Domine, de morte transire ad vitam. Quam olim Abrahae promisisti, et semini ejus.	<i>O Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, liberate the souls of the departed from the pains of hell and from the deep pit, and from the lion’s mouth; let now hell swallow them up, let them not fall into darkness. Sacrifices and prayers of praise, O Lord, we offer to thee. Receive them, Lord, on behalf of those souls we commemorate this day. Grant them, O Lord, to pass from death unto life, which once thou promised to Abraham and to his seed.</i>
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## RECOGNITION OF TRUSTEES

### QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, the members of Westminster, receive Charlie Babcock, Denison Hatch, and Fred Iobst as your trustees, and do you promise to support the trustees in their work for our congregation?  
**We do.**

### COMMISSIONING PRAYER

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS

### OPENING WORDS

There are different gifts,  
**But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**  
There are varieties of ways to serve God,  
**But it is the same Lord who is served.**  
God works through people in different ways.  
**But it is the same God who inspires a faithful response.**  
Each one is given gifts by the Spirit, to use for the common good.  
**Together we are the body of Christ.**

### PRESENTATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

#### ELDERS

Sally Buttner  
Mike Enderle  
Barbara Stratton  
Mary Vane  
Susan Williamson

#### DEACONS

Don Beddie	Sharlym Torres
Susan McPheeters	Pam White
Lisa Stoddard	Sandra White
Josh Thomas	

### 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 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 ruling elders and teaching elders (Ministers of the Word and Sacrament)  
are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.*

### DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

\*HYMN NO. 547

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

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### BENEDICTION

## 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, following the service.  
She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*

**Adult Education Classes This Morning*****Sharing/Listening Session for Parents of Children and Youth***

Grace Hall

All parents are invited to participate in a guided discussion about future programming for children and youth. With Mary Beth's departure, we have an opportunity to think anew about the music programs and our Sunday evening program and to discern the direction that will guide the Personnel committee as they prepare to search for a new staff person or persons.

***What is Healing Touch?***

Classroom 5, Presenter – Judy Stoddard, RN, BS Ed, CHTP

Healing Touch is a centuries old, holistic energy therapy in which practitioners use their hands in a heart-centered and intentional way to support, balance and facilitate physical, emotional, mental and spiritual health. It is a complementary modality used with traditional medical care. Judy is a Certified Healing Touch Practitioner and has had a practice in her home since 2006.

***Economic Inequality: The Facts, Causes, Effects and Morality***

Classroom 6, Presenter – Dave McBride

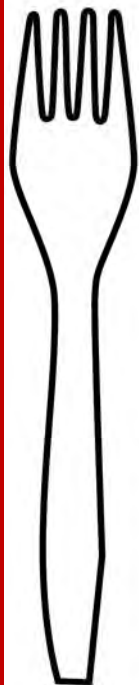
Justice is a critical attribute of God and is a dominant theme in both the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. And there is no aspect of *justice* that evokes a more passionate response than that of *economic* justice, because we are pulled between two competing visions that are difficult to reconcile: providing rewards proportionate to the contributions made and sharing the benefits of economic progress. Dave McBride will moderate a four week discussion of this topic including a discussion of the facts concerning the distribution of income and wealth, the various factors identified as contributing to inequality, the political, social and economic effects of inequality and the morality of the current situation and suggested means for lessening inequality.

***Revelation: A series using the lectures of Professor Craig R. Koester from Luther Seminary***

Through May 1, 2016

Classroom 3, Facilitators – Jill Getty, Bob Cox, and Margo Reign

Exiled to the island of Patmos over 1,900 years ago, a prophet named John wrote a remarkable letter to fellow Christians. That letter is the Apocalypse of John, also known as the book of Revelation. The meaning of the Greek word for apocalypse is “disclosure,” and John’s book discloses dimensions of two age-old mysteries: the character of evil and the nature of hope. Because the series is 24 sessions (classes began in the fall), the facilitators will establish a way to make notes from each session available to participants.



## **Lunch Box Theatre**

**BUY YOUR LUNCH NOW!**

180° Theatre Troupe presents *The Guest*

**Sunday, February 21  
12:15 p.m. in Community Hall**

<http://wpc180.eventbrite.com>



Tickets to the Lunch Box Theatre performance of "The Guest" presented by our 180° youth are now available online. Ticket price includes the performance and a gourmet lunch catered by "A Catered Affair" of West Chester. For each ticket sold, \$5 will go to the Chad Miller Mission Fund. Adult tickets are \$15 and child tickets are \$10. Payment can be made online or by choosing the "Pay at Door" option. **Tickets can be purchased until Monday, February 15, at 8:00 p.m.** Very limited tickets will be available on February 21. Thanks for your support and see you at the show!



**SIGN UP NOW!**

## ***Young at Heart* LUNCHEON**

**Saturday, February 20  
11:30 a.m.**

Saturday, February 20 will be a very special event for Young at Heart, Westminster members and friends of "retirement age." Join us at 11:30 a.m. for warm fellowship, a delicious lunch and a sneak preview of the 180° Youth Group's Lunch Box Theatre production of *The Guest*, a charming 20-minute play that will be performed for the congregation the following day. All this for only \$8.00! Call the church office (302-654-5214) or use the sign-up sheet at the reception desk to make your reservation.

*We look forward to seeing you!*