



Service of Worship
6th Sunday after Epiphany
February 16, 2020
9:00 a.m.

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.

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

Roger Atkins, Amy Bickhart, Barry Cobb, Nicole Fox, Sally McBride, Blair McConnel,
Debbie McCullough, Mary Lou McDowell, Josh Thomas, Jennifer Trickey, Sandy White, Pam White

8:45 – 12:15 p.m. Nursery Care in Preschool Suite D

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. Worship

Children are always welcome in worship. If they prefer, they can follow teachers to classes after the TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN. Please use the identification wristband or stickers in your pew.

- ❖ Ages 2 – 4: **Godly Care**, in *Preschool Suite C*, uses the *Deep Blue* curriculum.
- ❖ K – 2nd grade: **Godly Play**, in the *Ruth Christie Room*, is a place of worship where children learn Bible stories using Montessori-style methods. *Pick up in Preschool Suite*.
- ❖ 3rd – 6th grade: **Sing-to-Praise Choir**, in the *Youth Music Room*, uses the *Growing in Grace* curriculum to learn about the Bible, hymns, and music theory. Sing-to-Praise occasionally leads in worship.

10:10 a.m.

Education for All Ages

- ❖ Ages 2 – 4: **Childcare** in *Preschool Suite C*.
- ❖ K – 2nd grade: **Joyful Noise Choir**, in the *Youth Music Room*, uses the *Growing in Grace* curriculum to learn about the Bible, hymns, and music theory. Joyful Noise occasionally leads in worship.
- ❖ 3rd – 6th grade: **Creation Station** in *Classroom 4*.
- ❖ **Educational Offerings for Adults** see page 6

11:15 a.m.

Living Mosaics Worship

Rodney Chapel

12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Time

Meeting Room

Later Today

11:30 a.m.

Flying Solo Brunch

Off Site Location

12:00 p.m.

Women's Luncheon

Classroom 6

5:00 p.m.

180 Dinner and Fellowship

Community Hall

Climate Conscious Lent: On February 23 at 5-7pm, 180 Youth Ministry will welcome Melissa DiJulio, friend of the Earth Care Task Force, to speak to us about climate conscious life disciplines. We'll talk about the ancient practice of Lenten fasting and how to incorporate one of these ideas into a personal Lenten practice. Parents and siblings are encouraged to come for the whole night.

6:00 p.m.

Clean But Not Straight – NA

Club Room

8:00 p.m.

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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 today are given to the glory of God and in gratitude to Cathy Higgins, Carrie Saathoff, and Chris Hickey for their dedication to the Mam women of Guatemala from Cindie Moore.

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 15, April 5, 19 and 26.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** John Bowman, Sandy White
- ❖ **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 Tee Jay King, Evelyn Measley and Jay Ritter at Country House.
- ❖ **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, Iraq and Syria often seem far away, and we may neglect to realize that Americans, as well as Afghans, Iraqis, Syrians 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 these soldiers from the U.S. who died recently:
 - Sergeant 1st Class Antonio Rey Rodriguez, age 28, from Las Cruces, New Mexico
 - Sergeant 1st Class Javier Gutierrez, age 28, from San Antonio, Texas
- ❖ Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

Our guest organist is Rudolph Lucente, who is in his forty-second year as an assistant at the Wanamaker Grand Court Organ at *Macy's* Philadelphia, and plays regularly at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA and Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, NJ. He also coordinates organ demonstrations for special tour groups at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. At present Rudy is limiting his church work to providing substitute services throughout the tri-state area while continuing an active concert schedule.

Easy-to-use assisted listening devices are available for you in the back of the sanctuary and the side entrance off the main hallway.

Worship Resources – You can obtain large print hymnals. 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

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:4-9

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those whose footsteps follow the way of the Lord—
**the path of justice and mercy
that draws us toward wholeness.**

Happy are those whose hearts delight in the law of the Lord—
**teachings that root us in love, sustain us in hope,
and nurture generous spirits within us.**

Happy are our souls when we gather to worship the Living Lord—
the Fountainhead of Grace, the Giver of Life.

*HYMN No. 53

“O God, Who Gives Us Life”

NOEL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of steadfast love,
how often do we utter careless words
that humiliate or harm?
How often do we lash out in anger,
when we could reach out with kindness?
How often do we hurt those we love
and tear away at relationships that give life?
Forgive us, we pray.
In your abundant mercy,
give us the grace
to confess our faults,
to seek forgiveness,
and to work for reconciliation
in our homes and our communities.
Turn our hearts back to you
and teach us the ways of love,
so that we might hold fast to one another,
and draw near to your presence. Amen.**

*Passages in **bold** print are said by all. At the asterisk (*), please stand as you are able.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Chesna Hinkley

*Children through Grade 6 may leave for Godly Care, Godly Play, and Sing-to-Praise Choir,
or they may remain in worship.*

ANTHEM

Heavenly Light

A. Kopylow, arr Wilhousky

Sent from heaven, thy rays were given...
On great and small to shine, O Light Divine!
May each soul in sorrow's night, see the heavenly light!
Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation!
All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar!
Oh, shine from above, Divine Light of love!
Show us the way unto our God, we pray,
Thou our beacon and guide shalt be!
Light Divine, we praise Thee!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Old Testament, page 173
Dave Máthé, Lay Reader

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN No. 450

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

OFFERING

*“Bring your tithes and your donations, your votive gifts, you freewill-offerings...
because the LORD your God has blessed you.” (Deuteronomy 12:6-7)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Great is Thy Faithfulness

W.M. Runyan, arr Courtney

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Summer and winter, springtime and harvest, Sun moon and stars in their courses above ...
Join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*HYMN No. 707

“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

HALL

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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



Today's Educational Offerings for Adults

Membership Exploration

Today (Classroom 3) and March 1 (Ruth Christie Room)

Facilitator: Sudie Niesen Thompson

Have you been considering membership at Westminster? Are you interested in learning more about this community of faith? Please join us for this two-session Membership Exploration Series to discuss the Presbyterian tradition, Westminster's ministry and mission, and ways to connect with our church family. There will also be an opportunity to join the Westminster congregation at the end of the second session on March 1.

The Interstate Highway System and its Impact on Communities of Color

Classroom 6

Facilitator: Sue Linderman

The U.S. interstate highway system, its development sparked by President Dwight Eisenhower in the mid-1950s, has provided innumerable benefits in transportation infrastructure. But it has come at a cost, particularly in its profound impact on American cities. Westminster member Sue Linderman will describe the effects on poor and minority communities in various cities across the country; former Wilmington mayor James Baker will share his perspective on what happened in Wilmington and the consequences that persist today.

The Qur'an

Classroom 5

Presenters: Bob Cox and Kara Francis

Join Bob Cox and Kara Francis in an exploration of the literary, theological, and historical influences behind the Qur'an. We'll use video lectures, presentations, and classroom discussions to facilitate an open and honest exploration of what is, and is not, in this text that over 1.3 billion people consider sacred. It will surprise you.



A S H
W E D N E S D A Y
February 26, 2020

Worship service at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary
Soup supper in Community Hall following worship

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!

PASTORAL STAFF

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

MUSIC STAFF

Sharon Babcock, Interim Director of Music
Rudolph Lucente: Guest Organist
Alexis Droke: Director of Music for Children and Youth
Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Olivia Forney, Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chesna Hinkley

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES STAFF

Teisha Fooks, Director of Preschool Ministries
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SESSION

Karen Beer, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Bob Cox, Rich Diver, Michael Enderle,
Jessica Fischer, Peter Gildner, Carol Hogue, Carla Krupanski, Faith Kuehn, David Máthé,
Kelly McCulloch, David Michener, Jan Patrick, Chip Pfleegor, Todd Piercy, Roger Reinicker,
Carrie Saathoff, Kent Smith, Janet Steinwedel, Barb Stratton, Mary Vane, Susan Williamson

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