



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship 2nd Sunday in Lent February 25, 2018 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

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Merideth Hite Estevez, Director of Faith Formation through Music
and Arts, Teaching Artist in Residence (on maternity leave)
Kevin Flaherty, Assistant Director of Children's Music
Soloist/Section Leaders: Sharon Babcock, Elizabeth Holmes
Christian Sanders, Travis Lucas

YOUTH LEADERS

Merideth Hite Estevez, Susan Moseley,
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Tommy Neilson

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.

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

Teisha Fooks, Hillary King, Cathy Lang, Mary Lou McDowell, Cassandra Piovoso

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 through 4 begin in worship with their families. Following the Time with Our 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 Our 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 begin worship with their families. Following the Time with Our Children, they meet their leaders in the pavilion and walk together to the Youth Music Room.

10:10 a.m.	Education for All Ages	
	➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers	Preschool Suite D
	➤ Joyful Noise Choir K – 2/Musical Rehearsal K – 8	Youth Music Room
	➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8	Classroom 8
	➤ Sunday Seminars	see page 6

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

12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Time	Meeting Room
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Also Today

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. 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 Anna Mae Robinson, Harry Robinson and Virginia Haycock from Charlie Ingersoll and Dick Jolly.

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 4 and 11.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Elizabeth Uhlinger and Mary Young
- ❖ **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 Bob Kline and Margie Lounsbury at Cokesbury, and Frank Pickering at The Summit.
- ❖ **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:
Sergeant Christina Marie Schoenecker, age 26, from Arlington, Virginia.
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

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 parent or an adult pre-approved by the parent. 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

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Wise and eternal God, speak to me in this morning's worship, that I may be grounded in your truth. Where I lack understanding, clarify your ways. Where I am deficient in devotion, inspire my commitment. Where I am short on courage, strengthen my resolve. I pray that I may become a faithful follower of Christ. Amen.

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

Etude (Canon) in C major

Robert Schumann

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come to worship the living God.

We are not here to escape the world.

We are here to get a new perspective on the world.

We are here to reconsider the world, to discover God's view of it.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

*HYMN NO. 369

"Blessing and Honor"

O QUANTA QUALIA

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we pray that we may be mindful of your presence in and around us.

We give you thanks for the gift of life and the blessings we enjoy.

Where we have been weak,

may we be filled with your strength;

where we have been uncertain,

may we discover your guidance;

where we have been anxious,

may we be assured you will never leave us;

and where we have been dead,

may we be infused with new life. Amen.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Susan Moseley

Children through Grade 6 may leave for Godly Care, Godly Play 1, and Sing-to-Praise Choir, or they may remain in worship.

ANTHEM

"Fix These Words"

Walter Schurr

Fix these words of mine in your hearts, in your minds. Tie them as symbols on your hands; wear them on your foreheads to remind you; fix these words of mine. Teach them to your children, talk of them at home, and when you are away, when you rest and when you rise. Write them on the door-frames of your houses and on your gates; in your minds. That your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the Lord promised to give to your forefathers, as long as the heavens are above the earth.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:5-8 and Romans 8:26-27

New Testament; pages 5, 138
Nancy Fleming, Lay Reader

RESPONSE (HYMN NO. 469)

**Lord, listen to your
children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit
in this place.**

**Lord, listen to your
children praying.
Send us love; send us power;
send us grace.**

SERMON

“Does Prayer Make a Difference?”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 473

“Shepherd Me, O God”
Verses: Choir
Refrain: Congregation

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“All My Trials”

Bahamian spiritual
arr. Norman Luboff

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 653

“Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries”
Verses 1, 2, 5 & 6

MORNING SONG

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Charles Converse

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, Dan Weintraub and Nancy Fleming, 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.



Sunday Seminars

Parables of Jesus in Luke: A Video Series by Dr. Ken Bailey

Classroom 3

Facilitator: Randy Williamson

This final session will take a look at the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the point of view of his older brother. When the older son hears of his brother's return and of the father's acceptance and forgiveness, he reacts in anger. In a costly demonstration of unexpected love, the father humbles and humiliates himself before his older son. The son does not accept this offer of love and, instead, insults and humiliates his father again. Like the Pharisees, the older son cannot accept that his brother can be reconciled with the father. Join us as we learn how Jesus used this parable to turn conventional wisdom upside down and to explain what "costly" forgiveness really means.

Positive Parenting Strategies for Living with Young Children

Classroom 5

Facilitator: Yvonne Nass, Certified Parent Educator

This final session will explore a method of discipline that will encourage a child to become responsible for their actions. It will also look at prevention strategies.

Where Are We in History? Learning to Cope with an Age of Conflict

Classroom 6

Facilitator: Dave McBride

The rise and fall of civilizations is the heartbeat of history. All civilizations experience conflict triggered by a variety of interrelated social, economic and political problems. Most civilizations have succumbed to such crises, but Western Civilization uniquely has endured and prevailed over such crises in the past. These four classes will examine our current age of conflict and assess the hope that we, like our ancestors, also will prevail over the present challenges. This class is nonpartisan and will rely upon a historical analysis of the cycles of civilizations. We seek conservatives, moderates and progressives to contribute to the discussion.

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), call the Westminster office at (302) 654-5214, or email Barbara Jobe (Convener, Membership & Evangelism Committee) at bjobe@comcast.net.



Please join us for coffee or tea in Community Hall after the service.

Ask someone to show you the way!

Music at Westminster

presents

The 2018 Winter Musical Gala

Friday, March 9
8:00 p.m.

Featuring

Elizabeth Holmes, soprano

Sharon Babcock, mezzo-soprano

Christian Sanders, tenor

Travis Lucas, baritone

and

The Westminster Choir

Paul Fleckenstein, organ & piano

with special guest

Timothy Schwarz, violin

Join us for a festive evening of sacred music,
opera, operetta, musical theatre, and more!

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