



Service of Worship
Transfiguration of the Lord
February 26, 2017
9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL STAFF:

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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

Tammy Daley, Hillary King, Mary Lou McDowell, Susan McPheeters, Cassandra Piovoso, Lisa Stoddard

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, but may prefer other opportunities to grow in faith. If you wish, your children may leave the Sanctuary after the Time with our Children 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 **main hallway and 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 for Grades 3 – 5 | Classroom 4 (Art Room) |
| ➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8 | Classroom 8 |
| ➤ Confirmation Class for Grades 9 and 10 | Classroom 7 |
| ➤ Adult Education Classes | 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

5:00 pm

180° Youth Dinner and Fellowship

Community Hall/Classroom 6

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 flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Greg Jones' birthday this week from his staff in appreciation for his guidance and love.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Jim Clark, Katherine Nichols and Tone Truitt.
- ❖ **Westminster's homebound** who can no longer attend worship with us, by sending a card, saying a prayer, or visiting. This week we ask you to remember Ed Hagopian at home and Frank Pickering at The Summit.

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
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Private First Class Brian Odiorne, age 21, of Ware, Massachusetts
- 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 back. 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.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

MUSIC OF THE TOWER BELLS

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*And when we come to search for God,
Let us first be robed in night,
Put on the mind of morning
To feel the rush of light
Spread slowly inside
The color and stillness
Of a found world.*

- Excerpt from "For Light" by John O'Donohue, *To Bless the Space Between Us: A Book of Blessings*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Bell Symphony

Henry Purcell

CALL TO WORSHIP

The One who said, "Out of darkness, light shall shine!"
**is the same God who glorified Christ,
making his face shine like the sun.**
May this light shine in our hearts
as we come before the Holy One.

*HYMN NO. 619

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy one,
we confess that we prefer to stay on the mountaintop.
Too often, we want to enshrine your glory
in places untainted by the messiness of our world.
But in Jesus, you lead us back into the world,
to confront the evil and injustice,
the suffering and hopelessness we find there.
We know that our lives as disciples
sometimes reflect the anxiety around us
instead of your compassion and grace,
that our choices are driven by fear
rather than by faith.**

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

**Forgive us, Lord,
for the times we have not followed your call
to bring healing and hope.
Turn the words of our confession
into power to be the church you have called us to be.
Transform us, we pray,
so that our lives reflect the glory of your presence.
In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE (HYMN NO. 581)

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9

New Testament, page 16
Rick Suarez, Lay Reader

ANTHEM

Prayer for Transfiguration Day
Westminster Choir

John Weaver

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Christ, your Son, you have confirmed the mystery of the faith by the testimony of the apostles. In the voice that came from the bright cloud you proclaimed him to be your Son, and told us to heed his teachings. O God, make us heirs with Christ, in his glory forevermore, Alleluia. Amen.

SERMON

“Metamorphosis”

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN NO. 190

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

GENEVA

OFFERING

“I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver.”

~ Maya Angelou

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Ride the Chariot”

arr. William Smith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*HYMN NO. 156

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

SALZBURG

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Scherzo-Fanfare

Clément Loret

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, Suzie Hurlock, 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 This Morning

Different Worlds: A Conversation about Privilege vs Fear in America

Today

Classroom 6

Facilitator: Dr. William Field

Dr. William Field, professor of Political Science at Rutgers, will lead an adult education class on the subtle and not-so-subtle results of White Privilege and Male Privilege in America. Drawing from discussions in his political science classes, Dr. Field will identify and unpack the very real fears expressed by his students who are non-white and/or female, or both. As a professor of students from many backgrounds and belief systems, Dr. Field is skilled at facilitating discussions that include many points of view.

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

EVENING EVENT

Co-Sponsored by Westminster Adult Education and the Community for Integrative Learning (CIL)

Thursday, March 9

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Rodney Chapel at WPC

"We Were Made for This Moment"

with Eileen Flanagan Quaker teacher and climate justice activist

A graduate of Duke and Yale University, Eileen Flanagan is the award-winning author of three books, most recently *Renewable: One Woman's Search for Simplicity, Faithfulness, and Hope*, which won a 2015 Silver Nautilus Book Award. She speaks to international audiences on topics ranging from personal empowerment and spirituality to climate justice.

A close-up photograph of a large, dark, textured cross shape drawn on a light-colored, grainy surface, likely sand or ash. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

March 1

Ash
Wednesday

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

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Music at Westminster

presents

**THE 2017
WINTER MUSICAL GALA**

Friday, March 10, 8:00 p.m.

Featuring:

Diana Milburn, soprano • Sharon Babcock, mezzo-soprano
David Price, tenor • Travis Lucas, baritone
The Westminster Choir • Merideth Hite Estevez, oboe
Paul Fleckenstein, organ and piano

Join us for an evening of fabulous music, followed
by equally fabulous homemade edible treats!

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