



Service of Worship
4th Sunday after Epiphany
February 3, 2019
9:00 a.m.

A Covenant Network Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
An Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

1502 West 13th Street ♦ Wilmington, DE 19806 ♦ 302-654-5214 ♦ www.wpc.org

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

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| ➤ 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 | Grace Hall |
| ➤ Sunday Seminar | 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

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| 1:00 p.m. | Homebound Communion | Members’ Homes |
| 6:00 p.m. | Flying Solo Super Bowl Party | Offsite Location |
| 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 and in loving memory of Robin (Hubben) Flenner by her husband and children Alan, Jacob, and Jenna Flenner. Robin passed away too soon one year ago today.

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 February 17, March 10, 17 and 24.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Judith Herdeg, Carla Krupanski, Kathleen Winter.
- ❖ **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 at Country House and Jeanne Butz at Foulk Manor North.
- ❖ **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

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

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*God, your love is beyond all we can tell,
yet we know that you are here with us,
and that you care for each of your beloved children.
We offer you hearts filled with gratitude.
In wonder we worship you. Amen.*

From a prayer by Louise Gough.

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

Praeludium in F major

Dietrich Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come eager to hear the good news,
to hear of faith, hope, and love ringing out from God's kingdom.
We come to be washed in God's grace,
and filled with love that passes all understanding.
We come to give thanks to the Living Lord.
Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 14

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of life,
we admit to you and to each other
that we have not always lived lives of love.
We have lost patience and been rude.
We have been irritable and insisted on our own way.
We have even let love end.
Forgive us and heal us, dear God,
through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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.*

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

OFFERING

*How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's good
and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? (1 John 3:17)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Awake, My Soul, and Sing"

Allen Pote

Awake, my soul, and sing. Arise and sing a psalm. For great are you, Lord, and great your love; your kindness is forever. You have been my hope, my confidence since my youth. I will proclaim your marvelous deeds. I will ever sing praises. Even when I am growing old, do not forsake me, O God. I will declare your strength and power to the next generation, to all who are to come. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, your glory over all the earth. You have been my rock, my fortress, and my shield. I will ever praise your name, for you are my God.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love binds us together as the body of Christ.

At this table we share one loaf and a common cup.

Though many, we are one in Christ.

Children of God – Come to the table of love.

Let us share the feast Christ has prepared!

HYMN NO. 693

"Though I May Speak"

GIFT OF LOVE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Eternal God...

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Supper is open to all who trust in Christ.

For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"The Hour of Banquet and of Song"
(Text: Hymn #517)

Howard Helvey

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Loving God, we rejoice that you have made yourself known in broken bread, in wine poured out, and in the fellowship of friends. May the meal we have shared renew our faith and strengthen us for service, so that all we do might bear witness to your love and grace. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

*HYMN No. 366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

HYFRYDOL

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Les Fifres
(The Fifers)

Jean-François Dandrieu

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, 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.



2019 Souper Bowl of Caring TODAY

Today is Super Bowl Sunday, and our 180° youth will be standing at the exits after each worship service holding soup bowls to receive your monetary donations for the “Souper Bowl of Caring.” The collection total will be divided between Hanover Presbyterian Food Closet and St. Stephen’s Lutheran Food Pantry. Please help our youth in this extraordinary mission effort!

MORE THAN 150 MILLION AMERICANS WATCH THE SUPER BOWL GAME. IMAGINE THE IMPACT WE WOULD HAVE ON HUNGER IF EACH OF THOSE PEOPLE GAVE JUST ONE DOLLAR TO HELP THOSE IN NEED.



Sunday Seminar

Wilmington's Riverside Community Selected as a 'Purpose Built Community'

Classroom 6

Presenters: Charles McDowell and Logan Herring

A partnership among EastSide Charter School, Kingswood Community Center, Wilmington Housing Authority and REACH Riverside Development Corporation is working on a holistic neighborhood revitalization project for the Riverside public housing neighborhood and environs. Riverside is one of the most depressed areas in the state with high unemployment, high crime, low education levels and low incomes. The REACH partnership is following the successful strategies developed by nationally acclaimed Purpose Built Communities (www.purposebuiltcommunities.org), which aims to break the cycle of inter-generational poverty by installing high quality mixed income housing, a cradle-to-college/career readiness education pipeline, and health and wellness facilities/services to serve the revitalized neighborhood. Charles McDowell, Board Chair of REACH Riverside, will discuss this transformational initiative. Logan Herring is CEO of REACH Riverside, the organization spearheading the revitalization in the Riverside neighborhood.

PACEM IN TERRIS WINTER FILM SERIES

**Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Westminster Meeting Room
(adjacent to Rodney Chapel)**



February 5 – *Fahrenheit 11/9*

February 12 – *Duck Soup*

For more information visit:
www.depaceminterris.org/pacem-in-terris-2019-winter-film-series

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