



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship 4th Sunday in Lent March 11, 2018 9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL STAFF:

Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff
Sudie Niesen Thompson, Associate Pastor (on maternity leave)
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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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 April 8, 15, 22, and 29.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Peggy Cartmell, Frank Pickering, Eric Ruoss, Ed Wat, 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 Jim Coker, Reade Tompson and Laura Stevens at Cokesbury.
- ❖ **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 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

Thank you, God, for the glimpses of your glory, and the whispered words of your promise, which help me to continue from day to day. Help me press onward in the journey of faith, trusting your grace for today and tomorrow, accepting the cost and joy of following Christ, my faithful guide. Amen. Ruth C. Duck

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

In Paradisum

Théodore Dubois

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here as God's people gathered for worship.

We have come to praise God and seek God's strength for our lives.

Let us celebrate the gift of life that God has given us.

Let us affirm the love and hope of people who follow Jesus Christ.

*HYMN No. 361

"O Christ, the Great Foundation"

AURELIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of strength and inspiration,

we confess our weaknesses to ourselves and to you.

Our faith is fragile in the face of crisis.

Our joy dissolves when times are difficult.

Our hope collapses when we are threatened or injured.

Strengthen us to endure the afflictions we encounter in life,

and give us courage to remain steadfast in the face of adversity.

We pray in the name of Christ,

who remained faithful to the end. 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*

ANTHEM

“Turn Back, O Man”

Gustav Holst

Turn back O Man, forswear thy foolish ways.
Old now is Earth, and none may count her days,
Yet thou, her child, whose head is crowned with flame,
Still wilt not hear thine inner God proclaim
“Turn back O Man, forswear thy foolish ways!”

Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise,
Age after age their tragic empires rise.
Built while they dream, and in that dreaming weep.
Would man but wake from out his haunted sleep,
Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise.

Earth shall be fair, and all her people one,
Nor till that hour shall God’s whole will be done.
Now, even now, once more from earth to sky
Peals forth in joy our old undaunted cry
“Earth shall be fair, and all her folk be one!”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 12:1-3

New Testament, page 200
Lisa Stoddard, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Passing the Torch”

Jim Moseley

*HYMN NO. 731

“Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm”

REPTON

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Deep River”
Travis Lucas, baritone

arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER (Verses of the German chorale version of the Lord’s Prayer)

**Our Father, Lord of heav’n and earth,
let praise and honor clothe Your name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done;
throughout the world complete Your reign.
Teach us, O Lord, to trust in You
for bread and breath each day anew.**

**Forgive us, Lord, our sins and debts
as we to debtors show Your grace.
Remove us from all tempting paths
and guard us from the devil’s ways;
for glory, strength, and heaven’s throne
belong to You, and You alone.**

*HYMN NO. 741

“Guide My Feet”

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Cortège

Louis Vierne

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, Ellie and Don Furry, 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

Violence in Wilmington: A Sunday Seminar Series in March

Community Hall

March 11th: Mayor Mike Purzycki will discuss the city's efforts and plans to address Wilmington's gun violence.

March 18th: Rob Prestowitz from Urban Promise will share how pursuing mutually transformative relationships, in a structured program, empowers youth to achieve sustained positive outcomes, despite the surrounding violence.

March 25th: Yasser Payne and Darryl Chambers from the University of Delaware will share updates from their new study that examines the relationship between opportunity, health and violence in the Northside and Westside neighborhoods.

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 Classroom 6 after the service.
Ask someone to show you the way!**

Holy Week

AT WESTMINSTER

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY – MARCH 25

Worship – 9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary) and 11:15 a.m. (Rodney Chapel)

Rejoice with a procession of palms as we begin the journey of Holy Week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – MARCH 29

Worship – 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Westminster Choir and soloists present *Tenebrae: The Service of Shadows*, by English composer Richard Shephard. Based on a 12th-century evening service, the work is an extended meditation on the stories of sacrifice in the Old Testament and on the Passion of Christ. The stories will be presented by our biblical storytellers, *Westminster by Heart*, and the music will be accompanied by organ and the somber tones of lower brass instruments (trombones and French horn). Nursery care provided from 6:45 – 8:30 p.m. for infants and toddlers.

GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 30

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Reflect on the crucifixion through silent prayer and meditation in the Sanctuary or walk the Labyrinth in the Meeting Room (adjacent to Rodney Chapel).

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 1

8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast in Community Hall

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Christ is risen! Join us for festive worship services in the Sanctuary celebrating Christ's triumphant resurrection, with an inspirational sermon by Dr. Jones, and joyous music led by the Westminster Choir, brass, timpani, and organ.

10:15 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt (parents and children through 2nd grade meet in Grace Hall)

All are welcome!



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2018 Easter LILIES

If you wish to make a contribution toward the decoration of the church on Easter Sunday, you may do so in memory of, or in honor of, loved ones. Please complete this form, make checks payable to *Westminster Presbyterian Church*, and place in the offering plate or return to Susan Alexander at the front desk **by 12:00 noon on Monday, March 19**. For any form received *after* that date, the names will be listed in the April 8th bulletin.

DONATION AMOUNT

\$20 \$40 \$60 \$80 \$100 Other \$ _____

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

❖ In Memory Of: (FOR THE DECEASED)

Deceased Person's Name

❖ In Honor Of: (FOR THE LIVING)

Living Person's Name

❖ Given By:

Donor's Name and Telephone Number

If you wish to take a lily home with you, you may do so following the 11:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday. Plants remaining after that service will be delivered to our homebound members.