



**Service of Worship**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**March 12, 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**

Amy Bickhart, Lola Miller, Cassandra Piovoso, Judy Stoffer, Lois Underhill, Lowell Underhill

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**.

❖ **Children in Joyful Noise and Sing-to-Praise Choirs** begin in worship with their families. After Time With Children, both choir groups will exit the sanctuary and be escorted to Community Hall to rehearse for the Musical Preview at 10:TEN. Parents please come to Community Hall immediately following worship.

\*\*If your child (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) is not singing in the Joyful Noise Choir, he or she may leave for Godly Play 1 as usual. Parents pick up in Preschool Suite C after worship.

10:10 a.m.

### **Something For Everyone**

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|--|-----------------|
| ➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers               | Preschool Suite |
| ➤ Musical Preview and Craft Stations- all ages | Community Hall  |
| ➤ Confirmation Class for Grades 9 and 10       | Classroom 7     |
| ➤ Sunday Seminars                              | See page 7      |

10:30 a.m.

POLO brunch at Columbus Inn Childcare in Preschool Suite

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 honor of the Baptism of Scarlett Rae Ferry with love from her family.

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](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com) for available dates.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ Those recently hospitalized: William Marsh and Nancy McFadden.
- ❖ 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 Wes Bowman, Reade Tompson and Dottie Heldt, all at Cokesbury.

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](mailto: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
- 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](http://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

*In the beginning, O God, your Spirit swept over the chaotic deep like a wild wind and creation was born. In the turbulence of my own life and the unsettled waters of the world today let there be new birthings of your Spirit. In the currents of my own heart and the upheavals of the world today let there be new birthings of your mighty Spirit.*

J. Philip Newell, *Celtic Benediction*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Herzliebster Jesu  
(Tune: Hymn #218)

Johannes Brahms

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a time for new beginnings,  
**a time for an encounter with God.**  
God calls us to new commitments and new actions.  
**We pray that we may be faithful to God's calling.**

\*HYMN No. 663

“Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”

*MORNING HYMN*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, our wondrous Hope,  
on whom we rely for life and its meaning;  
we confess that our hope diminishes  
when we fail to accept your promises,  
and rely on ourselves to be both the source  
and the object of our own faith.  
Open our eyes to the new possibilities you put before us  
so that we may embrace the abundant life you urge us to live.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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

*The congregation is asked to please refrain from taking photographs or video recording during the worship service.*

PRESENTATION OF THE PARENTS AND CHILD

Elder Carol Hogue

OPENING WORDS

Every birth is a miracle of blessing and wonder,  
**and every child is cherished by God.**  
God blesses all children with a potential for what is right and true and good,  
**and shows them the beauty of a life of love.**

PROMISES OF COMMITMENT

Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? **We do.**

Relying on God’s grace, do you promise to live the Christian Faith and to teach that faith to your child? **We do.**

CONGREGATION

Will we, the people of the church, nurture and support Scarlett, and her parents, and will we encourage her to become a faithful Christian? **We will.**

CHILDREN

Do you promise to help Scarlett be a part of our church family by being a friend to her?

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOLLOWING BAPTISM

*Children in the Joyful Noise and Sing-to-Praise choirs will be escorted to Community Hall for rehearsal.  
Children not singing may attend Godly Care or Godly Play as usual.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 12:1-4

Old Testament, page 9  
Teresa Wemhoff, Lay Reader

ANTHEM

“Unto the Hills”  
*Westminster Choir*

Jane Marshall

Unto the hills around do I lift up  
My longing eyes;  
O whence for me shall my salvation come,  
From whence arise?  
From God the Lord doth come my certain aid,  
From God the Lord who heav'n and earth hath made.  
He will not suffer that thy foot be moved:  
Safe shalt thou be.  
No careless slumber shall His eyelids close,  
Who keepeth thee.  
Behold, He sleepeth not, He slumb'reth ne'er,  
Who keepeth Israel in His holy care.

SERMON

“New Territory”

Greg Jones

\*HYMN NO. 684

“Faith Begins by Letting Go”

LUX PRIMA

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“God So Loved the World”

John Stainer

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; But that the world through Him might be saved.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

\*HYMN NO. 51

“To Abraham and Sarah”

LLANFYLLIN

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

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, Marlys Kerr, 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.*

### **Lenten Daily Devotionals**

“The Lenten journey to Easter is our annual opportunity to intensely renew what it means to be united with Christ, to be aligned with Christ, to live as Christ’s own—in and for the world.”

The Revered Dr. Jennifer L. Lord

As we enter the season of Lent, we invite you to take a Coloring Calendar and companion Devotional Booklet from the Literature Table (beside the Reception Desk), and to use these materials as a guide during this forty-day journey. We hope these resources will prove meaningful as you seek to follow Christ during this holy season.



### ***Spring Musical Preview***

Today  
Community Hall

Please join us in Community Hall, immediately following worship, for a preview of some of the songs from the upcoming children's musical (May 14th). The children's choirs will sing several songs and then everyone is invited to engage one or more of three craft stations placed around the room. Holy Toast Café will also be open for coffee and snacks during the hour.

## **Sunday Seminars**

### ***The Story of Salvation: A Lenten Bible Study***

Today, March 19, April 2, and April 9  
Classroom 5  
Facilitator: Sudie Niesen Thompson

This year our community will begin the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> with an Easter Vigil service. Since the early days of the church, Christians have gathered on the eve of Easter to recount the story of salvation, beginning with creation and culminating in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Throughout Lent we invite you to study some of the Old Testament passages that help us tell this story. Please join the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson as we delve into the texts of our "holy history."

### ***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.

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**SESSION**

Jen Barrington, Ty Burns, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Jeanne Checkel, Art Colbourn, Joe Daley,  
Rich Diver, Michael Enderle, Mike Gnade, Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Kali Kniel-Tolbert,  
Kelly McCulloch, Jon McPheeters, Mark Mosher, Margo Reign, Roger Reinicker, Craig Stabler, Barb Stratton,  
Mary Vane, Susan Williamson, Helen Zumsteg

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Congo – PCUSA Mission Co-workers Bob and Kristi Rice, John and Gwenda Fletcher, Jeff and Kristi Boyd, Larry  
and Inga Sthreshley, Ruth Brown, Cecilé de Sweemer, MD, and Members of the Kamulumba-Ditalala Parish  
Iran, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon – Mission Co-workers the Reverends Elmarie and Scott Parker  
Peace Drums Steel Band – Ibillin and Haifa, Israel/Palestine