



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship 5th Sunday in Lent March 18, 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.

This Morning at Westminster

8:30 – 11:15 a.m. The Holy Toast Café, in Classroom 6, offers free coffee, tea, and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar per item.

Deacon Team of the Month

Jeff Argus, Amy Bickhart, Lisa Stoddard, Jennie Wagner, Pam White, Sandy White

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
10:10 a.m.	Westminster-By-Heart storytellers	Sanctuary
10:10 a.m.	Sunday Seminar Series: Violence in Wilmington Mayor Mike Purzycki presenting.	Community Hall, page 6
11:15 a.m.	Living Mosaics worship in Rodney Chapel. Children are always welcome.	
12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Time	Meeting Room

Also Today

11:15 a.m.	Flying Solo brunch at Catherine Rooney’s	1616 Delaware Ave.
3:30 p.m.	Temple of Jerusalem	Rodney Chapel
4:00 p.m.	Family Promise Ministry	Downstairs
5:00 p.m.	180° Dinner and Fellowship	Off Site Location
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 Jack and Janet Foster and Sara Jane Evans and Charles Pfleegor by Anne Foster and Chip Pfleegor.

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:** Jeanne Butz, Peggy Cartmell, Grace Firestone 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 John Jessup at home.
- ❖ **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 1st Class Maitland Deweever Wilson, age 38, from Brooklyn, New York.
- 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

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O God, whose love restores the brokenhearted of this world, pour out your love upon those who suffer. Give them strength to meet the days ahead, courage to form new life-giving relationships and hope in your transforming power. 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

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen
(O world, I must leave thee)

Johannes Brahms

CALL TO WORSHIP

Faith is fragile in a world plagued by suffering and evil.
Hope is cautious in a world crucified by anguish and injury.
Our world is but a shadow of the greatness for which God created it.
**And yet we cling to the vision of scripture that God intends
for the world to become a realm of healing and wholeness.**

*HYMN No. 81

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

AUSTRIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of compassion,
our faith is fragile in the face of crisis.
Our trust wavers when troubles arise.
Our hope collapses when life turns mean.
Mighty God, embolden us with your Spirit.
When our vision dims, restore our sight.
When our confidence wanes, give us courage.
Strengthen our resolve to live according to your ways
so that we may once again be your faithful people. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Barbara Stratton

*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 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Gilbert Martin
(Text: Hymn #223)

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 New Testament, page 159
Kyle Carrick, Lay Reader

SERMON "Struck Down, but Not Destroyed" Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 783 "When We Are Tested" ANGELS OF HEALING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "O Divine Redeemer" Charles Gounod
Sharon Babcock, mezzo-soprano

Ah! turn me not away, receive me, tho' unworthy! Hear Thou my cry, behold, Lord, my distress! Answer me from thy throne, haste Thee, Lord, to mine aid, Thy pity show in my deep anguish! Let not the sword of vengeance smite me, tho' righteous thine anger, O Lord! Shield me in danger, O regard me! On Thee, Lord, alone will I call. O, divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon, and remember not my sins! Forgive me, O, divine Redeemer! Night gathers round my soul; fearful, I cry to Thee; Come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me! Hear my cry! Save me, Lord, in Thy mercy; Come and save me, O Lord! Save, in the day of retribution, from Death shield Thou me, O my God! O, divine Redeemer, have mercy! Help me, my Savior!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn No. 607)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Barbara Jobe

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

*HYMN NO. 815 "Give to the Winds Thy Fears" FESTAL SONG

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE African American Spiritual
arr. Richard Smallwood

I love the Lord, who heard my cry
And pitied every groan.
Long as I live and troubles rise,
I'll hasten to God's throne.

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.



Sunday Seminars

Violence in Wilmington: A Sunday Seminar Series in March

Community Hall

Today: Mayor Mike Purzycki will discuss the city's efforts and plans to address Wilmington's gun 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.

Rescheduled:

April 15th: 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.

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.