



**Service of Worship**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**March 19, 2017**  
**9:00 a.m.**

PASTORAL STAFF:

Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff  
Sudie Niesen Thompson, Associate Pastor  
Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

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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. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith.

- ❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 – 4 begin in worship with their families. Following the Time with Children, 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 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 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            |
| ➤ Sunday Seminars                        | See page 7             |

11:15 a.m.

Living Mosaics worship in Rodney Chapel. Children are always welcome.

11:15 a.m.

Flying Solo brunch 1616 Delaware Ave.

12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Time Meeting Room

#### **Later Today**

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| 4:00 p.m. | Family Promise Ministry                          | Downstairs                 |
| 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

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:** Connie Henke and Bill Marsh.
- ❖ **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 Betty Drennen and Gordon Lewis, both at Stonegates.

**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
- 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

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.  
My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God. – Psalm 42:1-2

*Come to us, Lord, and fill our longing. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Fantasia in Echo Style

Jan Pieter Sweelinck

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, you who are thirsty –  
**here is living water.**  
Come, you who are weary –  
**here is the fount of eternal life.**  
Let us drink from the well of grace.  
**Let us worship the Lord!**

\*HYMN No. 475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord – time and again, you defy our expectations.  
When you cross barriers of culture and creed,  
and look into the eye of a stranger,  
we are astonished.  
We confess that we are not keen to do the same.  
While you teach inclusion, we preserve division;  
while you model hospitality, we default to suspicion.  
Open our eyes to see your mission for what it is –  
the healing of the world.  
Astonish us with your grace, O God,  
that we might move from surprise to service,  
and from doubt to faithfulness.  
By your Spirit, inspire and empower us  
to proclaim your good news in word and deed.**

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

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

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

ANTHEM

“Cantate Domino”  
*Westminster Choir*

Giovanni Croce

Cantate Domino canticum novum,  
cantate Domino omnis terra.  
Cantate Domino,  
et benedicite nomini ejus.  
Annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus.

*Sing to the Lord a new song.  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord,  
and bless his name:  
Proclaim his salvation from day to day.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 4:1-42

New Testament, page 82

*Readers: Mary-beth Howard, Greg Jones, Sudie Niesen Thompson*

... And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman:

**“It is no longer because of what you said that we believe,  
for we have heard for ourselves,  
and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”**

SERMON

“At the Well”

Sudie Niesen Thompson

\*HYMN NO. 479

“Ho, All Who Thirst”

*JACOB'S WELL*

OFFERING

*Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said,  
“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”*

~ Acts 20:35

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Springs in the Desert

Arthur B. Jennings

Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not; behold, your God will come and save you. The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose. For in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams flow in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the redeemed shall walk there, And the ransomed of the Lord shall return with songs and everlasting joy; and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

\*HYMN NO. 767

“Together We Serve”

SAN ANSELMO

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

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, Bill Nace, at the back of the center aisle following the service.  
He is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*



## Sunday Seminars

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

Today, 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.

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## 2017 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, April 3**. For any form received *after* that date, the names will be listed in the April 23rd bulletin.

### DONATION AMOUNT

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

### PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

❖ In Memory Of: (FOR THE DECEASED)

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*Deceased Person's Name*

❖ In Honor Of: (FOR THE LIVING)

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*Living Person's Name*

❖ Given By:

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*Donor's Name and Telephone Number*

**If you wish to take a lily home with you, you may do so following the 11:15 a.m. service on Easter Sunday. Plants remaining after that service will be delivered to our homebound members.**