



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Palm/Passion SUNDAY

March 25, 2018 | 9:00 a.m.



HOLY WEEK

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

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Nick Marcopulos by Cathy Higgins.

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, 29 and May 6, 27.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **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 Margit and Spence Stradley, Jean Lewis, Evelyn Measley, Jay Ritter and Tee Jay King, all at Country House, and Betty Uhlinger 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

- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
 - Captain Andreas O'Keeffe, age 37, from Center Moriches, New York
 - Captain Christopher Zanetis, age 37, from Long Island City, New York
 - Master Sergeant Christopher Raguso, age 39, from Commack, New York
 - Staff Sergeant Dashan Briggs, age 30, from Port Jefferson Station, New York
 - Captain Mark Weber, age 29, from Colorado Springs, Colorado
 - Master Sergeant William Posch, age 36, from Indialantic, Florida
 - Staff Sergeant Carol Enis, age 37, from Tallahassee, Florida
- 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

Loving God, the ministry of Jesus was full of struggle, as well as joy; yet he was faithful in following your will. Breathe your Spirit into our lives, so that we may never fall back from the way of discipleship or the effort of loving. Grant that we may find true joy and peace as we accept the cost of faithful discipleship. Amen.

~ Ruth C. Duck, *Bread for the Journey*

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

All Glory, Laud and Honor

arr. Robert Powell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises, people of God! Christ comes to us triumphant in love!

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

We proclaim Jesus of Nazareth as the one who liberates us from powers that bind us.

He is the Way to everlasting life and peace.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 196

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

God does not give us a spirit of cowardice,
but seeks to inspire in us courage, determination and hope.

Let us confess our reluctance to follow the way of Jesus.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mighty God, like your children of old,
we gather to praise the King of kings and Lord of lords.
Yet, while our lips have praised him,
our steps have often led us away from him.
We have confessed him to be our Lord,
yet have turned away from his call to follow him wherever he leads.
Forgive us for living to satisfy our own desires,
rather than walking in the way of Christ.
Empower us to give our Lord more than words of praise
by sharing God’s love in tangible ways. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

*Passages in **bold** print may be said by all. At the asterisk (*), please stand as you are able*

ANTHEM

Dance the Hosanna
Combined Choirs
Ellie Furry, flute

Paul Laubengayer

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Susan Williamson

*Children through Grade 6 may leave for Godly Care, Godly Play 1, and Sing-to-Praise Choir,
or they may remain in worship.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:1-9 and Matthew 27:27-31

Dick Jolly, Lay Reader

SERMON

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 226

“There in God’s Garden”
Vs. 1 & 2: All
Vs. 3: Choir
Vs. 4: Women
Vs. 5: Men
Vs. 6: All

SHADES MOUNTAIN

OFFERING

*“As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.”
~ 1 Timothy 6:17-19*

OFFERTORY

“The Holy City”
Christian Sanders, tenor

Stephen Adams

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Barbara Stratton

LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN No. 220

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”
Vs. 1 & 2

REDHEAD 76

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“Ride On, King Jesus!”

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, Nancy Fleming and Dan Weintraub, 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

The Street PAR Health Project: How to Work With the Community to do Research and Reduce Violence
Community Hall

Presenters: Yasser Payne and Darryl Chambers

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

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)



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