



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4th Sunday in Lent

March 31, 2019

9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL STAFF:

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

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Sandie Reinicker, Interim Director of Children's Music
Allison Martin, Assistant Director of Children's Music
Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock,
Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

YOUTH LEADERS

Tommy Neilson
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper, Molly McPheeters,

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.

A Covenant Network Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
An Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

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This Morning at Westminster

8:30 – 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

Roger Atkins, Jenn Blackford, Beatty Chadwick, Barry Cobb, Tara Lee, Luke Mathé, Blair McConnel,
Lois Underhill, Lowell Underhill, Gen Wallace-Roe, Pam White

8:45 – 12:15 p.m. **Nursery Care in Preschool Suite D**

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. **Worship**

Children are always welcome in worship. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith. Children are escorted to classes after TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN during worship.

- ❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 through 5 in Preschool Suite C.
- ❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade in the Ruth Christie Room. Children are picked up in Preschool Suite A after worship service.
- ❖ **Sing-to-Praise Choir Program** – Children in grades 3 through 6 in the Youth Music Room.

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 guardian or an adult pre-approved by the guardian. Thank you for your help.

10:10 a.m.	Education for All Ages	
	➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers	Preschool Suite C
	➤ Joyful Noise Choir Program Grades K – 2	Youth Music Room
	➤ Creation Station for Grades 3 – 8	Art Room 4
	➤ High School and Confirmation Class	Classroom 7
	➤ Sunday Seminars	see page 7
11:15 a.m.	Living Mosaics Worship	Rodney Chapel
12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Time after Living Mosaics	Meeting Room

Later Today

11:15 a.m.	Flying Solo Brunch	Off Site Location
5:00 p.m.	180° Dinner and Fellowship	Downstairs
6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room

The mission of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians is to strengthen the church of Jesus Christ, with the help of God's grace by working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.



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 are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents Janet and Jack Foster, and Sally Evans and Charles Pfleegor, from 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 to schedule. The next available dates are May 19 and 26.

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 Cappy Hanke, Nancy and Howard Horne, and Frances Kirkpatrick at Stonegates.
- ❖ **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, Iraq, and Syria often seem far away, and we may neglect to realize that Americans, as well as Afghans, Iraqis, Syrians 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:
Specialist Joseph P. Collette, age 29, from Lancaster, Ohio
Sergeant 1st Class Will D. Lindsay, age 33, from Cortez, Colorado
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

Easy-to-use assisted listening devices may be found in the back of the sanctuary and the side entrance off the main hallway.

Worship Resources – You can obtain large print hymnals and listening devices from any usher. Worship bags for children ages 3 through 6 include a children's bulletin designed for them. Children's bulletins for ages 7 through 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

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcoming God, you open your arms to everyone and your joyful embrace wraps the whole creation into one circle of love. As we come together today, teach us to welcome others as joyfully as you have welcomed us. Open our eyes to see those who are waiting for an invitation and nudge us to be the welcome you promise them. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the friendship folder, located at the end of the pew, to the person next to you.

*PASSING THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Pièce d'Orgue

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

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. 5

"God the Sculptor of the Mountains"

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Hope,

**you call on us to break down barriers and overcome injustice
in order that people may live in peace.**

We confess that we are not always faithful to our calling.

**We remember the pain that others have inflicted on us,
yet we forget the hurt we have dealt to others.**

**We hold grudges and pursue revenge,
while seeking mercy for ourselves.**

**We expect to be forgiven
yet we are reluctant to forgive.**

**Grant us the determination to become more forgiving
so that we may become your ambassadors of reconciliation. 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

“Exsultate Justi”

Lodovico da Viadana

Exsultate justi in Domino,
rectos decet collaudatio.
Confitemini Domino in cithara,
in psalterio decem chordarum psallite illi.
Cantate ei canticum novum,
bene psallite ei in vociferatione.

*Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just:
Praise is fitting for the upright.
Give praise to God upon the harp,
Play upon the ten-stringed psaltery.
Sing to him a new song,
Sing skillfully with a strong voice.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

New Testament, page 67
Dick Armen, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Think You Are Not in This Parable?”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 649

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Vs. 1: Choir

Vs. 2-5: All

OFFERING

*“You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.”
~ John Bunyan*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“And the Father Will Dance”

Mark Hayes

And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom He loves. Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God? No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song! And He will joy over you in song! My soul will make its boast in God, For He has answered all my cries. His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day. Awake my soul, and sing! Let my spirit rejoice in God! Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart! Cast away fear for you have been restored! Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day. Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song. God rejoices over you in song!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*HYMN NO. 774

“There Is Now a New Creation”

STUTTGART

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Amazing Grace

arr. David Cherwien

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.

VEGETARIAN DINNER AND PRESENTATION

**Wednesday, April 3
6:00 p.m. in Community Hall**



The Earth Care Task Force will host a catered vegetarian dinner and a presentation by Kimi Moore, University of Delaware Cooperative Extension: “Vegetarian and Vegan Diets: Fact and Fiction.” Join us as we continue our Lenten journey, reflecting on our food selections’ impact on God’s creation. The dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. in Community Hall, and the presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$8 for adults. Young children are free.

RSVP today by signing up at the table outside Rodney Chapel or by emailing Sally Buttner (sarah.L.buttner@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

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) or contact the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson at sniesenthompson@wpc.org or (302) 654-5214 ext. 103.



**Please join us for coffee or tea in Community Hall after the service.
Ask someone to show you the way!**



Sunday Seminars

What's Happening in Anti-Aging Research?

Classroom 6

Presenter: Jim Lee

Futurist and investment advisor Jim Lee of StratFI will share insights on how and why we'll live longer, look better, and be happier. Join us to learn more about: the factors behind aging and where progress is being made, recent advances in regenerative medicine, and simple things you can do to extend the quality of your life.

Staying Connected: How to Use Your Phones and Tablets to Connect with Loved Ones

Classroom 3

Today and April 7

Facilitator: Hugh Underhill

Having difficulty getting your grandkids to return your phone calls? Learn how to get your grandkids to respond to you in Hugh Underhill's presentation (an already tested approach with his grandparents). This workshop will focus on texting, facetime, emailing and using some social media to communicate with loved ones. Please bring your device with you to the workshop. Note: This workshop will not focus on repairing devices.

New Member Class

Classroom 5

Facilitator: Sudie Niesen Thompson

Have you been considering membership at Westminster? Membership Exploration series are wonderful opportunities to learn more about Westminster Presbyterian Church, to discover ways to connect with others in the congregation, and to explore ways to serve within and beyond our community. For those who wish to join the Westminster congregation, there will also be an opportunity at the end of today's session.

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2019 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 the reception desk **by 12:00 noon on Monday, April 8**. For any form received *after* that date, the names will be listed in the April 28th 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.