



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship **3rd Sunday in Lent** **March 4, 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.	Sunday Seminar Series: Violence in Wilmington	Community Hall, page 6
10:30 a.m.	180° Youth Fellowship	Off Site Location
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.
1:00 p.m.	Home Communion	Members’ Homes
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 by Gary and Kitty Knox to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

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 March 11 and all of April.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Frank Pickering, Betty Uhlinger 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 Betty Murchison and Les Whitney at Maris Grove, and Betty Kelley with her daughter who lives in Connecticut.
- ❖ **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 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

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Loving God, I have come to find wisdom so that today I may not make any foolish mistakes. I have come to find peace so that nothing may worry or upset me all through the day. I have come to find love, so that all through today nothing may make me bitter or unforgiving or unkind. I have come to begin the day with you, to continue it with you and to end it with you, so that it will be a day which will have in it nothing to regret. Amen. ~ William Barclay

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

Offertoire

Léon Boëllmann

CALL TO WORSHIP

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

so God seeks and saves the lost.

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

As a father receives a returning wayward child,

so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Therefore let us praise God with thanksgiving that we are accepted.

And let us receive and welcome one another in the name of Christ.

*HYMN NO. 25

“O Lord, Our God, How Excellent”

WINCHESTER OLD

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 where Christ leads us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Great God of the universe,
who like a father promises us a wondrous inheritance
and like a mother loves us unconditionally,
we give thanks for the abundance of your grace,
revealed to us throughout your creation,
and made explicit to us in Christ.**

**In him we have seen your glory,
and have come to know the depth and breadth of your love.**

**Such love summons us to respond in love;
yet, we confess, we have not loved you with our whole heart,
nor have we forgiven others as you have forgiven us.**

**Inspire us to serve you faithfully
as we strive to follow the way of Christ. Amen.**

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

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:7-13

New Testament, page 5
Craig Stabler, Lay Reader

SERMON

"The Prayer Jesus Taught"

Greg Jones

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee"

Johannes Brahms

Let nothing ever grieve thee, distress thee, nor fret thee; heed God's good will, my soul, be still, compose thee. Why brood all day in sorrow? Tomorrow will bring thee God's help benign and grace sublime in mercy. Be true in all endeavor and ever ply bravely; what God decrees brings joy and peace, He'll stay thee. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is open to all who trust in Christ.

For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

As much as we are loved by God,
so we are to love one another.
Come to this table of grace with your hearts open wide.
We seek to be nourished by the One who loves us.

HYMN #516

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

KINGDOM

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Eternal God...

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Verses of the German chorale version of the Lord's Prayer
interspersed with organ settings by J. S. Bach

Our Father, Lord of heav'n and earth,
Let praise and honor clothe Your name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done;
Throughout the world complete Your reign.
Teach us, O Lord, to trust in You
For bread and breath each day anew.

Forgive us, Lord, our sins and debts
As we to debtors show Your grace.
Remove us from all tempting paths
And guard us from the devil's ways;
For glory, strength, and heaven's throne
Belong to You, and You alone.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 36

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Lord’s Prayer
Christian Sanders, tenor

Albert Hay Malotte

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

Violence in Wilmington: A Sunday Seminar Series in March

Community Hall

March 4th: Lynne Kielhorn will review the background and recent trends related to Wilmington’s street violence.

March 11th: Mayor Mike Purzycki will discuss the city’s efforts and plans to address Wilmington’s gun violence.

March 18th: 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.

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.

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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.

Music at Westminster presents

The 2018 Winter Musical Gala

Friday, March 9, 8:00 p.m.

FEATURING



Elizabeth Holmes, soprano



Sharon Babcock, mezzo-soprano



Christian Sanders, tenor



Travis Lucas, baritone

AND

The Westminster Choir
Paul Fleckenstein, organ & piano

with special guest
Timothy Schwarz, violin

Join us for a festive evening of sacred music, opera, operetta, musical theatre, and more!

FREE ADMISSION; OFFERING RECEIVED

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)