



Service of Worship
5th Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2017
9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL STAFF:

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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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This Morning at Westminster

8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Coffee and tea in Classroom 6

Deacon Team of the Month

Pam White, Beatty Chadwick, Sally McBride, Susan McPheeters, Cassandra Piovoso, Sharlym Torres, Debbie Wise

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, 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 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 and Joyful Noise** – Children in today’s musical production go directly to Community Hall for rehearsal.

10:10 a.m. Children’s Musical – An Intergenerational Event Community Hall

History of the Bible – Sunday Seminar Classroom 3

Later Today

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

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Elizabeth and Rodney Higgins from their daughters Cathy Higgins and Molly Cole.

The rosebud on the chancel this morning is in celebration of the birth of Kaylea Ann Donaghy, born May 7 to Sara and Charlie Donaghy, granddaughter of Alice Donaghy.

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. Dates available are May 21 and 28.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Donna Nelson and Kenneth Barnaby.
- ❖ **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 Jane Arthur Hamlin and Cappy Hanke, 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 Brian Gorman, grandson of Art and Barbara Gorman, serving in the United States military.
- 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 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. 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

God of many names, my name is known to you.

I am held in the hand of your life, and I do not know what you will make of me.

All I know is that I cannot make myself any more than I could in my mother's womb.

But this I can do, this I choose, to give myself into the hand of your continuing creativity.

~ From a prayer by Kathy Galloway, Prayers Encircling the World

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

Voluntary in D major

William Boyce

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

We long for abiding peace and friendship that renews our souls.

Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

We seek wisdom that endures and guidance for our journey.

Jesus says, "Where I am, there you may be also."

We come to encounter Christ. Let us worship our God!

*HYMN No. 645

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

MIT FREUDEN ZART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, in baptism you claim us as beloved children, and set us apart as witnesses to your love. At times we forget we bear the mark of your grace and act as if you have no claim on our lives. You call us to the often risky work of justice and peace, but we default to what is comfortable and safe. You call us to ministries of generosity and compassion, but we make little room in our busy lives for gestures of mercy beyond moments of spontaneous kindness. Wash us again with your grace and transform us by your Word, that we might proclaim your good news in word and deed. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

1 Peter 2:10

"Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

**We have been marked as God's own
and welcomed into the family of faith!**

People of God, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Susan Moseley

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Oliver Bramble Krill
Son of Catharine Maloney and Nicholas Krill
Grandson of Cathy Globber and John and Rosemary Krill

*The congregation is asked to please refrain from taking photographs
or video recording during the worship service.*

PRESENTATION OF THE PARENTS AND CHILD

Elder Jeanne Checkel

OPENING WORDS

As this child is helpless without adults,
may we learn how helpless we are without God.
As this child is curious to explore the world,
may we be curious to explore the ways of faith.
As this child will trust and be open to others,
may we learn to trust God's ways for us.

PROMISES OF COMMITMENT

Catharine and Nicholas, do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? **We do.**

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and to teach that faith to your son? **We do.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOLLOWING BAPTISM

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

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:1-14

New Testament, page 95
John Gavenonis, Lay Reader

ANTHEM

“How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place”
Westminster Choir

Johannes Brahms

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my soul and body crieth out, Yea, for the living God.

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN NO. 850

“In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness”

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

OFFERING

*“Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.”
(Psalm 96:8)*

OFFERTORY

“In My Father’s House Are Many Mansions”
Sharon Babcock, mezzo-soprano

James MacDermid

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: Not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. In my Father’s house are many mansions: If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; That where I am ye may be also; And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. 361

“O Christ, the Great Foundation”

AURELIA

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Meditation
(In memory of Mari Fleckenstein, 1915-2005)

J. S. Bach/Charles Gounod

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, Ellie and Don Furry, 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.



History of the Bible

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.

Children's Musical "*The Adventures of Mago: In the Beginning*" at 10:10 a.m. in Community Hall.

Upcoming Sunday Schedule

May 21

One service at **9:00 a.m.**

Westminster Choir, with orchestra, presents Schubert *Mass in G major* during the service.

Dr. Jones will preach.

May 28

One service at **10:00 a.m.**

June 4 through August 27

8:15 a.m. service in Rodney Chapel

10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary



"The Adventures of Mago: In the Beginning"

TODAY

10:10 a.m. in Community Hall

Don't miss the children's musical during the 10:TEN hour today. The Joyful Noise and Sing-to-Praise choirs, along with some of our 180° youth, will present the story of creation in a "creative" new way. The script for the musical, "The Adventures of Mago: In the Beginning," was written by Merideth Hite Estevez (WPC's Director of Children and Youth Music for K-12) and Edwin Estevez. It will be performed for the first time at Westminster! Please support our children and youth with your presence.

Cookie Sale Benefits Youth Trip to Guatemala

TODAY

Several Westminster youth will travel to Guatemala this summer for hands-on work and fellowship with our mission partners there. Our deacons want to help launch these exceptional young people on their trip...with COOKIES! We're hosting a cookie sale TODAY, outside Rodney Chapel and Community Hall before and after worship. For a small investment – just \$5 – you'll enjoy a box of delicious cookies and the satisfaction of supporting our kids on their remarkable journey. We're preparing 100 boxes of cookies, and we hope you'll help us to sell every one.

