



**Service of Worship**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**May 7, 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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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 Grace Hall, offers free coffee, tea, and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar per item.

### **Deacon Team of the Month**

Pam White, Beatty Chadwick, Sally McBride, Cassandra Piovoso, Sandy White, 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**.

**9:00 – 11:15 a.m. Rehearsal for Musical Program** in Community Hall. Sing-to-Praise choir will begin rehearsal at 9:00 am in Community Hall. Following Time with Our Children, the Joyful Noise Choir will join the Sing-to-Praise choir for rehearsal.

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| <b>10:10 a.m.</b> | <b>Education for All Ages</b>       |                 |
|                   | ➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers    | Preschool Suite |
|                   | ➤ Godly Play 2                      | Classroom 4     |
|                   | ➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8 | Classroom 8     |
|                   | ➤ Sunday Seminars                   | See page 7      |

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| <b>10:30 a.m.</b> | <b>POLO brunch</b> at Buckley’s Tavern | Childcare in Preschool Suite |
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**11:15 a.m. Living Mosaics** worship in Rodney Chapel. Children are always welcome.

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| <b>11:15 a.m.</b> | <b>Flying Solo brunch</b> | 1616 Delaware Ave. |
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| <b>12:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Fellowship Time</b> | Meeting Room |
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### **Later Today**

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| 1:00 p.m. | Home Communion                                   | Member’s homes            |
| 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 from Marsha and Dennie Mah in loving memory of their son, Matthew Hammond Mah.

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](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com) for available dates. Dates available are May 21 and 28.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Lucille Greth
- ❖ **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 Tom Eliason and Cornelia Cates, 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](mailto: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
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:  
1st Lieutenant Weston Lee, age 25, of Bluffton, Georgia  
Sergeant Joshua Rodgers, age 22, of Bloomington, Illinois  
Sergeant Cameron Thomas, age 23, of Kettering, Ohio
- 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](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

*Thank you, God, for the glimpses of your glory, and the whispered words of your promise, which help me to continue from day to day. Help me press onward in the journey of faith, trusting your grace for today and tomorrow, accepting the cost and joy of following Christ, my faithful guide. Amen.*

*~ Ruth Duck, *Flames of the Spirit**

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

The Good Shepherd

Dom Paul Benoit, O.S.B.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift your hearts, lift your eyes and lift your voices!

**The living, moving Spirit of God has called us together.**

We are called together to hear the wisdom of God and to celebrate the love of God.

**We will heed God's Spirit and faithfully follow Christ.**

\*HYMN NO. 327

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

*LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we claim to have no shortcomings,  
we ignore the part of our character that yearns to be healed.

**Let us be honest about our failings.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Faithful Shepherd,  
you show us the direction we should go.  
Yet we confess there are times when we refuse to heed your call  
and to be guided by the values of your kingdom.  
We demonize people who are different  
and we hesitate to reject prejudice.  
Forgive us and continue to pursue us  
so that our feet may return to your sure path,  
that step by step, and day by day,  
we may truly bring honor and glory to you. Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 10:1-10

New Testament, page 90  
Jerry Spilecki, Lay Reader

SERMON

"The Good Shepherd"

Greg Jones

OFFERING

*"Whatever we give carries the energy of our motivation,  
and the level of our integrity and spiritual development."*

~ Mary Cook

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

John Leavitt

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall for nothing want. He makes me lie down in pastures of green beside still waters, He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness. Yea, though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for you are with me, Your rod and your staff they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all my days and I'll dwell in the house of the Lord evermore. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 NO. 523

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

*BICENTENNIAL*

*Verses: Choir*

*Refrain: All*

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM

A Gaelic Blessing

John Leavitt

Deep peace of the running wave to you.  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.  
Peace of Christ, Light of the World to you.  
Amen.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

\*HYMN NO.802

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”  
*Verses 1-4*

*ST. COLUMBA*

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

March in B-flat

Edward Silas

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, Tammy Daley, 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.*

## Upcoming Sunday Schedule

### May 14

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

(Children's musical, "The Adventures of Mago: In the Beginning," at 10:10 a.m. in Community Hall)

### May 21

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

(Westminster Choir and orchestra presents Schubert *Mass in G major* during the service.)

### 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



## Sunday Seminars

### ***An Interfaith Ministry with Veterans***

Today

Classroom 6

Facilitator: Rev. Tom Davis, Ph.D

Veterans suffer from two kinds of affliction: PTSD and moral injury. What is the difference between the two, and how can communities of faith help veterans heal. Our speaker is the Rev. Tom Davis, Ph.D. In 1970 Tom served as a military adviser to the South Vietnamese Navy in the Mekong Delta. He had a life-changing experience of the presence of Jesus in April of that year which moved him to eventually seek ordination. He is now an honorably retired pastor from New Castle Presbytery, a local leader of interfaith ministries, and President of the Interfaith Veterans' Workgroup.

### ***Membership Exploration Class***

Today

Classroom 5

Facilitator: Sudie Niesen Thompson

Are you interested in learning more about Westminster? Have you been considering membership? Please join us today to explore Presbyterian values and life as a member of WPC. There will also be an opportunity to join the church at the end of this session.

### ***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.



# "The Adventures of Mago: In the Beginning"

**Next Sunday, May 14  
10:10 a.m. in Community Hall**

Don't miss the children's musical during the 10:TEN hour on Mother's Day. 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**

**Next Sunday, May 14**

Several Westminster youth will travel to Guatemala this summer for hands-on work and fellowship with our mission partners. Our deacons want to help launch these exceptional young people on their trip...with COOKIES! We're hosting a cookie sale on Sunday, May 14, following our worship service. 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 sell every one of them.

