



Service of Worship
4th Sunday after Epiphany
February 2, 2020
9:00 a.m.

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 Classroom 6, offers free coffee, tea, and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar per item.

Deacon Team of the Month

Nicole Fox, Sally McBride, Debbie McCullough,
Mary Lou McDowell, Lisa Stoddard, Josh Thomas, Jennifer Trickey

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. If they prefer, they can follow teachers to classes after the TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN. Please use the identification wristband or stickers in your pew.

- ❖ Ages 2 – 4: **Godly Care**, in *Preschool Suite C*, uses the *Deep Blue* curriculum.
- ❖ K – 2nd grade: **Godly Play**, in the *Ruth Christie Room*, is a place of worship where children learn Bible stories using Montessori-style methods. *Pick up in Preschool Suite*.
- ❖ 3rd – 6th grade: **Sing-to-Praise Choir**, in the *Youth Music Room*, uses the *Growing in Grace* curriculum to learn about the Bible, hymns, and music theory. Sing-to-Praise occasionally leads in worship.

10:10 a.m. Education for All Ages

- ❖ Ages 2 – 4: **Childcare** in *Preschool Suite C*.
- ❖ K – 2nd grade: **Joyful Noise Choir**, in the *Youth Music Room*, uses the *Growing in Grace* curriculum to learn about the Bible, hymns, and music theory. Joyful Noise occasionally leads in worship.
- ❖ 3rd – 6th grade: **Creation Station**, in *Classroom 4*.
- ❖ 7th – 12th grade: **Agora** –Due to the Souper Bowl of Caring, Agora has been postponed until February 9. See you next week!
- ❖ **Adult Ed: Wilmington Racial History** see page 6

11:15 a.m. Living Mosaics Worship Rodney Chapel

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time Meeting Room

Later Today

11:30 a.m.	Flying Solo Brunch	Off Site Location
1:00 p.m.	Homebound Communion	Members' Homes
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

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 February 16 and March 1, 8, and 15.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently hospitalized Gordon Leigh Cook

- ❖ 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 Jim Coker, Margie Lounsbury, and Reade Tompson 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, Iraq and Syria often seem 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 family of this soldier from the U.S. who died recently:
Specialist Antonio Moore, age 25, from Wilson, North Carolina
Captain Ryan Phaneuf, age 30, from Hudson, New Hampshire
- ❖ Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

Our guest organist is Jane Van Valkenburg, CCM, a retired church musician who has served churches in Michigan, Virginia, Ohio and Texas. A longtime member of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, Jane holds the association's Certified Church Musician designation and currently serves as Secretary of the Executive Board.

Easy-to-use assisted listening devices are available for you in the back of the sanctuary and the side entrance off the main hallway.

Worship Resources – You can obtain large print hymnals. 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.



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 Classroom 6 after the service.

Ask someone to show you the way!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*May my mind come alive today
To the invisible geography
That invites me to new frontiers,
To break the dead shell of yesterdays,
To risk being disturbed and changed.* *John O'Donohue*

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

Meditation on "Break Bread Together"

Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are those who trust in God
and hunger to find purpose and direction for their lives.

**We yearn to deepen our faith in God
and to discover God's guidance.**

Blessed are those who serve God with joy,
touching the lives of others with a spirit of hope.

**We promise to give our best to God,
bearing fruit in all we say and do.**

*HYMN NO. 33

"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"

LLANFAIR

OPENING PRAYER

**Ever-present God, stir in our hearts a holy expectancy
so that we will be alert and willing to hear your voice.
May our spirit be open to the call of your Spirit,
that in listening for you we might hear you,
that in searching for you we might meet you,
that in recognizing you we might follow you. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Chesna Hinkley

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

New Testament, page 3
Becky Hamilton, Lay Reader

SERMON

Greg Jones

OFFERING

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

The heavens are telling the glory of God, The wonder of His work displays the firmament.
To day that is coming speaks it the day, The night that is gone to following night.
In all the land, resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Blessed are the poor in Spirit,
for they are still hungry for God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

*HYMN NO. 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

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The Waters of Life

Biery

The voice of God calls us above the waters.
The glory of the Son shines on us.
The love of the Spirit fills us with life.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 172

"Blest are They"

*Vs. 1: Choir**Vs. 2: All**Vs. 3: Women**Vs. 4: Men**Vs. 5: All**Refrain: All*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Finale on "Blest Are They"

Thomas Keesecker

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, following the service. She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.

WILMINGTON RACIAL HISTORY

Today and February 9, 16, and 23 | 10:10 a.m.



Panel Discussion: “Pivotal Events in Wilmington’s Racial History”

Today in Community Hall – Former Wilmington Mayor James Baker, civil rights leader Bebe Coker and education advocate Helen Foss will share their experiences and perspectives on key events that have impacted Wilmington and helped shape race relations in our communities into the 21st century. Following this panel discussion, we will hold a class on Sunday, February 9, at 10:TEN in Classroom 6, where we will have the opportunity to reflect on the information they provide, share our own experiences and expand our knowledge of Wilmington’s history as, together, we seek paths to peace and justice in our community.

Presented by the Westminster Peace and Justice Work Group:

February 9 (Classroom 6) – Review of panel discussion.

February 16 (Classroom 6) – The history of the interstate system and its relation to race.

February 23 (Classroom 5) – Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and trauma-informed care.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Today



The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national event that collects money for local hunger-fighting organizations. Westminster’s 180 youth group has participated since 1998. Today our 180 youth will collect money after both services. Hanover Food Closet and St. Stephen’s Food Pantry will receive 100% of proceeds directly. Please help us #TackleHunger!

Westminster Women's Luncheon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 • 12–2 PM • \$15

(inclement weather date: February 23)

This luncheon, facilitated by Janet Steinwedel, is a time to gather and explore ideas on how we can strengthen relationships and support each other on our spiritual journeys. **ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!** Lunch includes spinach and meat lasagnas, salad, bread and dessert. Please register with Chesna Hinkley, Director of Christian Education, at chesnahinkley@wpc.org. Include your name, email address, phone number, check payment (\$15.00 per person), and any food allergies. Write checks out to *Westminster Presbyterian Church* with "Women's Luncheon" on the memo line and include with your registration. There are also registration forms on the literature table in the main hallway.



The deadline to register for the luncheon is Thursday, February 13.

Questions? Contact Judy Stoddard at JLStod@aol.com or (302) 397-8867.

All women are welcome!

NEW BIBLE STUDY

Led by Chesna Hinkley, Director of Christian Education

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. OR Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

Westminster Church Library



Eat and exegete! A new Bible study starts this week! This is a drop-in, low-commitment way to read, discuss, and learn from the Bible together. We will read out loud and see where the conversation goes — from start to finish! Join us when you can. Bring a bag dinner or lunch, if you like.

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Chesna Hinkley

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SESSION

Karen Beer, Ty Burns, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Karen Dietz,
Rich Diver, Michael Enderle, Peter Gildner, Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Kelly McCulloch,
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