



1st Sunday in Lent

March 1, 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 Community Hall, offers free coffee, tea, and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar per item.

Deacon Team of the Month

Jenn Blackford, Eadie Churchill, Cathy Glober,
Paul Kelly, Kris Marvel, Robin Rosser, Sandra Wermus, 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. 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*, is learning about the seven I Am statements in John.

❖ **Educational Seminars for Teens and Adults** 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
5:00 p.m.	180 Dinner and Fellowship	Community Hall

180 Youth Fellowship: Meet at Bowlerama for two hours of bowling on **March 8!** Bring a friend and \$12/person. Let Chesna know if you need a ride by March 1 at chesnahinkley@wpc.org. NO DINNER!

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 loving memory of our parents the Rev. Dr. William F. Atkins and the Rev. Janet W. Atkins by their children.

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 date is April 19.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** John Bowman, Leigh Cook, 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 Ann Jacobs, Elinor Ranck, and Donna and Tom Shaw at Maris Grove.
- ❖ **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 those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

Our guest organist is Rudolph Lucente, who is in his forty-second year as an assistant at the Wanamaker Grand Court Organ at *Macy's* Philadelphia, and plays regularly at Longwood Gardens and Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City. He also coordinates organ demonstrations for special tour groups at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. At present Rudy is limiting his church work to providing substitute services throughout the tri-state area while continuing an active concert schedule.

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.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The 40 days of Lent give us a rigorous roadmap to follow Jesus. We walk several steps behind him as we watch him fast, pray, discipline himself, reflect on his thoughts and actions, and care for the needy. First we watch, then we emulate the way he treats others and honors God. As we sit in the pew and focus our eyes on the Resurrection window, we ask God to crack open our tired souls, full hearts and closed minds to let today's words be fresh air.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a humble spirit.
We will strive to follow the way that leads to abundant living.

*HYMN NO. 275

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

EIN' FESTE BURG

OPENING PRAYER

**God of grace and mercy,
in these forty days of Lent
you lead us into the desert of self-examination.
We pray that through a pilgrimage of prayer and reflection
we might draw closer to the life you call us to live.
Help us to let go of the false gods that lead us away from you
and give us the courage to embrace new Christ-like ways of living.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*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 4:1-11

New Testament, page 3
KC Morrison, Lay Reader

SERMON

Greg Jones

OFFERING

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

Turn Thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.
 Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy holy Spirit from me.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

As members of the Body of Christ, let Christ live in you.
May we be filled with his love.
 Eat the bread of life and drink the cup of salvation,
so that we may become the light of Christ to others.

HYMN #783

"When We Are Tested"

ANGELS OF HEALING

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

Bread of Heaven

Peter Mathews

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed, For thou art our food indeed;
 Ever may our souls be fed with this true and living Bread;
 Day by day with strength supplied, Through the life of him who died.

Vine of heaven, thy Blood supplies this blest cup of sacrifice;
 Lord, thy wounds our healing give, To thy cross we look and live;
 Jesus, may we ever be grafted, rooted, built in thee.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

*HYMN No. 463

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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



Educational Seminars for Teens and Adults

An Immigrant's Story of Resettlement in the U.S.

Classroom 6

Presenter: Sadiq Mohammadi

Three years ago, Westminster had the privilege of helping an Afghan family seek refuge from terrorism and resettle in Delaware. Sadiq Mohammadi will share his fascinating experiences of before and after coming to America.

Lent Book Study

Classroom 3

Presenter: Chesna Hinkley

This week we begin reading *You Are What You Love* by James K.A. Smith. There is still room to join us for the next five weeks! The book is \$15.

The Qur'an

Classroom 5

Presenters: Bob Cox and Kara Francis

Join Bob Cox and Kara Francis in an exploration of the literary, theological, and historical influences behind the Qur'an. We'll use video lectures, presentations, and classroom discussions to facilitate an open and honest exploration of what is, and is not, in this text that over 1.3 billion people consider sacred. It will surprise you.

Membership Exploration

Ruth Christie Room

Facilitator: Greg Jones

Have you been considering membership at Westminster? Are you interested in learning more about this community of faith? Please join us for the second session of our Membership Exploration Series to discuss Westminster's ministry and mission, and ways to connect with our church family. There will also be an opportunity to join the Westminster congregation at the end of today's session.

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!**

PASTORAL STAFF

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

MUSIC STAFF

Sharon Babcock, Interim Director of Music
Rudolph Lucente: Guest Organist
Alexis Droke: Director of Music for Children and Youth
Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Olivia Forney, Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chesna Hinkley

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES STAFF

Teisha Fooks, Director of Preschool Ministries
Nursery: Beatrice Taylor, Kristen Wolanski

YOUTH LEADERS

Chesna Hinkley
Josh Cox, Emily Knepper, Molly McPheeters, Tommy Neilson

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SESSION

Karen Beer, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Bob Cox, Rich Diver, Michael Enderle,
Jessica Fischer, Peter Gildner, Carol Hogue, Carla Krupanski, Faith Kuehn, David Máthé,
Kelly McCulloch, David Michener, Jan Patrick, Chip Pfleegor, Todd Piercy, Roger Reinicker,
Carrie Saathoff, Kent Smith, Janet Steinwedel, Barb Stratton, Mary Vane, Susan Williamson

BOARD OF DEACONS

Jeff Argus, Roger Atkins, Liz Bacon, Amy Bickhart, Jennifer Blackford, Russ Butler, Kyle Carrick,
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PARTNERS IN WORLDWIDE MINISTRY

DR Congo – PCUSA Mission Co-workers: Jeff and Christi Boyd, Larry and Inge Sthreshley;
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Guatemala – CEDEPCA, AJPU, Rosario Diaz and the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development