



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 8, 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*.
- ❖ **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

5:00 p.m. 180 Fellowship Offsite - Bowlerama
Meet at Bowlerama for two hours of bowling tonight!
Bring a friend and \$12/person. 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 memory of Jeannette Slocum Edwards from the Ells Edwards family.

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:** Fay Barnaby, 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 Paul Thompson at Maris Grove, Kay Johnson at Millcroft, and Doris and Jerry Larson at Shipley Manor.
- ❖ **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

We welcome **Dr. James H. Laster** to the organ bench this morning. In addition to serving on the faculty of the Shenandoah Conservatory (Shenandoah University, Winchester VA) for 27 years, James boasts a varied career including composer, author, actor, and church musician. He and his wife Madlon have recently moved to Delaware to be near their son and grandchildren.

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

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

In the beginning, O God, your Spirit swept over the chaotic deep like a wild wind and creation was born. In the turbulence of my own life and the unsettled waters of the world today let there be new birthings of your Spirit. In the currents of my own heart and the upheavals of the world today let there be new birthings of your mighty Spirit. ~ J. Philip Newell, *Celtic Benediction*

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

Andante

Ernest Tomlinson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Why have we gathered for worship today?

We have come to be born anew.

May we possess the courage to open our lives to the transforming power of God.

Let us embrace God's Spirit and be changed.

*HYMN No. 41

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

LYONS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we have not always lived for you.

You have invited us into new life,

yet we have closed our eyes and ears to your invitation.

You have challenged us to step out of well-worn ruts,

yet we hesitate to venture onto a new path.

Enter our lives and renew our spirits,

so that we will have the courage we need

to make overdue changes in our lives.

We ask this in the name of Christ,

who brings us hope for new life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

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

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

ANTHEM

The Apple Tree

Arr. K. Lee Scott

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ, the apple tree.
His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see, 'tis found in Christ, the apple tree.
I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:1-17

New Testament, page 81
Jerry Spilecki, Lay Reader

SERMON

Greg Jones

*HYMN No. 490

“Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”

BEACH SPRING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Fix These Words
(Based on Deuteronomy 11:18)

Walter W. Schurr

Fix these words of mine in your hearts, in your minds.
Tie them as symbols on your hands;
Wear them on your foreheads to remind you.

Teach them to your children, talk of them at home,
And when you are away, when you rest and when you rise.
Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

That your days and the days of your children may be many
In the land that the Lord promised to give to your forefathers,
As long as the heavens are above the earth.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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

*HYMN No. 774

“There Is Now a New Creation”

STUTTGART

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Andante

John Stanley

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

Friendship House – A Way Home

Classroom 6

Presenter: Kim Eppheimer, Executive Director, Friendship House

Westminster and Friendship House forged a lasting partnership more than 30 years ago. Our Daughtry House and Burton House buildings, adjoining our parking lot, provide transitional housing to men moving from homelessness to independent living and space for the Friendship House offices. Join us as we learn about the current initiatives being employed to meet the growing and changing needs of people in need in our community. This will include the evolving, broadening definition of homelessness, and why loving, supportive communities are an appropriate and needed response for people facing homelessness.

Lent Book Study

Classroom 3

Presenter: Chesna Hinkley

This week we continue reading *You Are What You Love* by James K.A. Smith. There is still room to join us for the next four 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.

Garden Opening

The Clayton Street Community Garden has an opening for one more gardener. If you are interested in this raised bed, please contact Sue Weissinger at (302) 652-5910 or dulcy@aol.com.
First come, first served.



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!**

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

MUSIC STAFF

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Alexis Droke: Director of Music for Children and Youth
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DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chesna Hinkley

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES STAFF

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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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