



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



*Earth Care Sunday*  
*April 21, 2024*

**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 (U.S.A.)**  
**An Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**  
**A Matthew 25 Church of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**  
**A Stephen Ministry Congregation**

# TODAY AT WESTMINSTER

**8:45 – 12:15 p.m.**      **Nursery Care** for infants and toddlers in Preschool Suite D

**9:00 – 9:55 a.m.**      **Worship** in the Sanctuary

**Time with Our Children (approximately 9:15 a.m.)**

*The young and young-at-heart are invited to join the worship leader at the front of the sanctuary. Following the TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN, young ones through fifth grade may be escorted to Children's Programming or they are welcome to remain in worship.*

**Children's Programming (9:20 – 10:00 a.m.)**

- Preschool Sunday School: Ages 3 and 4 in the Preschool Suite Room C
- Joyful Noise Choir: Kindergarten–Grade 5 in the Youth Music Room

**10:00 – 10:45 a.m.**      **Holy Toast Café** in Walton Community Hall  
*Enjoy free coffee, tea, and fellowship.*

**10:10 – 11:00 a.m.**      **Children and Youth Programming**

- Nursery Care: Age 4 and under in Preschool Suite D

**Earth Care Fair** (see page 8)

- Intergenerational event in Walton Community Hall

**11:15 – 12:00 p.m.**      **Living Mosaics worship** in Rodney Chapel

**11:15 – 12:15 p.m.**      **Flying Solo brunch** at Catherine Rooney's (1616 Delaware Ave)  
Followed by a walk at Longwood Gardens

**5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**      **180° Youth Group** in Walton Community Hall and Classroom 6

For descriptions of our programs for children and youth, visit [wpc.org/children-youth](http://wpc.org/children-youth).

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**The Music:** The Westminster Handbell Choir will be ringing 5 octaves of handbells in worship today: 12 players will ring 60 brass bells and 2 hand chimes for the prelude and postlude. Save the dates: Westminster's Joyful Noise Children's Choir will sing in worship on Mother's Day, May 12. The Westminster Choir's spring concert is May 19 at 3 p.m.

**The Sanctuary flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Johnetta Wade Morrison by her husband and daughter, KC and Iyabo Morrison. Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event. Please contact Linda Watson at (302) 571-6719 or [lwatson@ycst.com](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com). The next available dates for flowers are May 5 and June 2.

**The rosebud on the chancel this morning is in celebration** of the birth of Micah Garrett Fooks, born March 21, 2024, to Teisha and Jacob Fooks.

**Westminster's Prayer Team** prays for the needs of our community. Please submit your prayer request to [wpcprayerlist@gmail.com](mailto:wpcprayerlist@gmail.com) or online at [wpc.org/care-support](http://wpc.org/care-support).

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

~ Passages in **bold** print may be spoken by all. At the asterisk (\*) please stand in body or rise in spirit. ~

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

*A Bach Pastorale*

J.S. Bach  
arr. Barbara B. Kinyon

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in awe before the Source of all things.

**We come to praise the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Powerful Presence above us, below us, within us and around us,

**touch us with a sense of wonder and a reverence for your good creation.**

\*HYMN No. 33

*Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

LLANFAIR

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, you proclaim your love for all the world  
and call us to be stewards of your good creation.**

**We confess that we wander from your ways  
when we overpopulate the earth and deplete its natural resources.**

**We work against your desires when we pollute the environment  
and drive species of animals to extinction.**

**Forgive us for our carelessness and our lack of concern for your creation.**

**By your resurrection power, renew us to care for your gifts,  
lest we lose them forever. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

(See "Today at Westminster" on page 2.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1:24-31

Old Testament, page 1  
Lay Reader, Jon McPheeters

SERMON

Gregory Knox Jones

\*HYMN No. 14

*For the Beauty of Earth*

DIX

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Christ Hath a Garden*

English Folk Song  
arr. Gerald Near

Christ hath a garden walled around,  
A Paradise of fruitful ground,  
Chosen by love and fenced by grace  
From out the world's wide wilderness.

Like trees of spice his servants stand,  
There planted by his mighty hand;  
By Eden's gracious streams, that flow  
To feed their beauty where they grow.

Awake, O wind of heav'n and bear  
Their sweetest perfume through the air:  
Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom,  
Till the beloved Master come:

That he may come, and linger yet  
Among the trees that he hath set;  
That he may evermore be seen  
To walk amid the springing green.

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING†

**(L): Lectern Side Congregation Recites (P): Pulpit Side Congregation Recites**

God of creation, we give you thanks and praise for the beauty of this world you have made:

**(L) For the healing waters of life that bring us pleasure, health, cleanliness, and life.**

**(P) For the richness of the earth that brings forth fruit and grain for food, and flowers and trees to delight our souls.**

**(L) For the birds of the air that bring music into our days and lift our hearts with their flight.**

**(P) For the animals of nature that provide companionship, protection, and labor.**

**(L) For the mystery and light of fire that gives warmth and heat in the cold and makes our food savory.**

**(P) For the companionship and love of family, friends, and neighbors who bring joy and purpose to our living.**

**(All) For all creatures great and small, for all the wonders of this world, and for all the blessings of our lives, we give you thanks.**

**Ground of all being,  
Mother of life,  
Father of the universe,  
Your name is sacred, beyond speaking.  
May we know your presence,  
may your longings be our longings  
in heart and in action.  
May there be food for the human family today  
and for the whole earth community.  
Forgive us the falseness of what we have done  
as we forgive those who are untrue to us.  
Do not forsake us in our time of conflict  
but lead us into new beginnings.  
For the light of life,  
the vitality of life,  
and the glory of life  
are yours now and forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 15

*All Creatures of Our God and King*  
vv. 1-3 and 6

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*

Robert Williams  
arr. Dan R. Edwards

**New to Westminster?** Welcome! We're so glad you're here. If you are joining us for the first time, please introduce yourself via our contact form on the [I'm New](#) page of our website or scan this QR code to get there from your mobile device. We look forward to getting to know you.



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# ADULT EDUCATION

TODAY, APRIL 21



## Earth Care

## • FAIR •

### Intergenerational Event

See page 8 for more details.

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 28

### The Gnostic Gospels

*Presented by Bob Cox*

**10:10–11:00 a.m. | Classroom 6 and Zoom**

Zoom link: [bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom](https://bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom)

What is “heresy” and how can it help to define “orthodoxy”? The Gnostics were Jewish and Christian sects beginning in the late first century who emphasized personal spiritual knowledge (“Gnosis”) above orthodox teachings. Their writings flourished across the Mediterranean world until early Christian Church leaders denounced their teachings as heresy. Join Bob Cox as we review Gnostic teachings, both from the perspective of their critics and from the Gnostics own writings rediscovered in Nag Hammadi, Egypt, in 1945. These writings include: The Secret Books of James and John, The Gospel of Truth, The Gospel of Thomas, and a series of apocalyptic writings attributed to Paul, James, Adam, and Peter.

Bob is a long-time member of Westminster with a variety of interests ranging from Biblical history to nineteenth century literature. In his professional work, he is a cyber architect for a large bank.

ONGOING/WEEKLY

### Online Bible Studies

**Midweek Manna Bible Study**

**Wednesdays | 12 p.m. | Zoom**

Contact: Robin Rosser ([rrosser@aol.com](mailto:rrosser@aol.com))

**Thursday Evening Bible Study**

**Thursdays | 6–7 p.m. | Zoom**

*Facilitators: Randy Williamson  
and Mary Anne Peters*

Contact: [randywilliamson1@comcast.net](mailto:randywilliamson1@comcast.net)

### Peace and Justice Thursday Evening Education Event

**Wilmington Water Justice**

*Christian Willaurer of the H.O.M.E.S. Campaign  
will discuss water billing, how lower-income  
residents are impacted by harmful collection  
practices, and opportunities for reform.*

**April 25 | 7 p.m. | Zoom**

Zoom link: [bit.ly/peace-justice-zoom](https://bit.ly/peace-justice-zoom)

Hosted by our Peace & Justice Work Group.  
[zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) | Meeting ID: 860 2752 1655

For full descriptions of our programs and more adult education and small group opportunities, visit [WPC.ORG/ADULTS](https://WPC.ORG/ADULTS) or check our events calendar at [WPC.ORG/EVENTS](https://WPC.ORG/EVENTS). Select adult education programs are available as a livestream/recording on our [YouTube channel](#).

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### **SESSION**

Taryn Albert, Adam Blackford, Michelle Butler, Sally Buttner, John Carpenter, Clark Collins,  
Bob Cox, Sara Dubberly, Rob Gooderham, Laura Holmes, Carla Krupanski, Daniel Malzhan,  
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Guatemala - CEDEPCA, AJPU, the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development,  
and PC(USA) Mission Co-workers Betsey and Eric Moe

# EVENTS

## EARTH CARE FAIR

*Come celebrate Earth Day with fun learning stations and activities!*

**TODAY • 10:10–11:00 a.m. • Walton Community Hall**



- Make a wind turbine and see it spin.
- Learn about native bees and butterflies.
- Filter a glass of water using the filters WPC helps supply to Guatemala!
- Enjoy some vegan ice cream.
- Make a pot from newspaper and plant a native sunflower seed.
- See what products our local company Eco Plastics makes from plastic waste, like the benches in our Sacred Grounds.
- Take a guess at which mode of transportation has the lowest carbon footprint.

**There is something for everyone! The Earth Care Task Force will be there to answer your questions.**

## MEMBERSHIP EXPLORATION SERIES

**Sunday, April 28 | 10:10–11:00 a.m. | Ruth Christie Room**

*(access through Rodney Chapel)*

If you are considering becoming a member of our church family, please join us for our Membership Exploration Class next Sunday.

Learn more about Westminster, discover ways to connect with others in the congregation, and explore ways to serve within and beyond our community. For those who wish to join, you will have the opportunity at the end of this class.



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**Questions? Contact Daniel Malzhan at [dmalzhan@gmail.com](mailto:dmalzhan@gmail.com).**