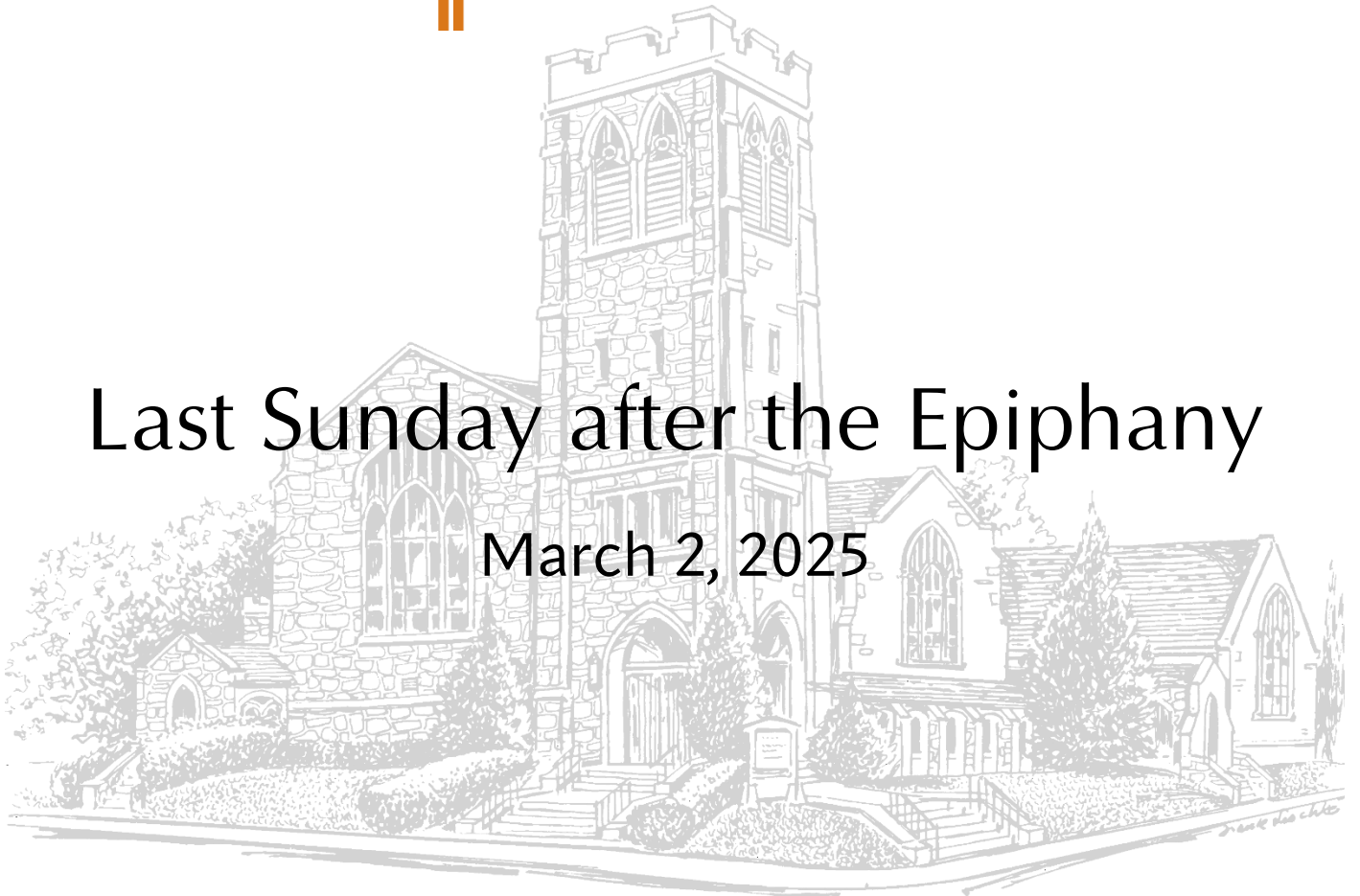




WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

March 2, 2025



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

9:15 – 11:45 a.m. **Nursery Care** for infants and toddlers in Preschool Suite D

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **Worship** in the Sanctuary

Time with Our Children (approximately 9:45 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 (9:45 – 10:30 a.m.)

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

10:30 – 11:15 a.m. **Holy Toast Café!** Join us for complimentary coffee, tea, treats, and time with new and old friends in Rodney Chapel.

10:40 – 11:30 a.m. **Adult Education (see page 6)**
Coffee/tea available in Classrooms

Children and Youth Programming

- Nursery Care: Age 4 and under in Preschool Suite D
- Kids Zone Sunday School: Kindergarten–Grade 5 in Classrooms 1 and 2
- Middle School Faith Zone: Grades 6-8 in Classroom 7
- High School Connect Group: Grades 9-12 in WPC Library

3:00 – 4:30 p.m. **Copeland String Quartet** in the Sanctuary (see page 7)

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. **180° Youth Ministry (grades 6-12)** in Walton Community Hall, Classrooms 6 and 7

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For descriptions of our programs for children and youth, visit wpc.org/children-youth.

The Music: For today's offertory anthem, the Westminster Choir brings one of the most beloved choral works, the "Lacrimosa" from the Mozart *Requiem*. Even if you have never heard it in concert, you will surely recognize it if you saw the movie *Amadeus*. Mozart's Lacrimosa is filled with weeping, tearful musical motives that evoke the meaning of the name of the movement. Would you like to add your voice to the Westminster Choir? Please speak with Tony Thurman after the service or email TonyThurman@wpc.org. The choir is already rehearsing for a spring concert on May 18—the Brahms *Requiem*.

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in gratitude for the people who make our livestream possible. Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event. Currently available dates are March 9 and 16. Please contact Linda Watson at (302) 571-6719 or lwatson@ycst.com.

You can contribute to Westminster Presbyterian Church by visiting our website at wpc.org and clicking the "Donate" button or scan this QR code on your smart phone. → We accept donations by bank withdrawal, credit card, and debit card.



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

Timothy Ohmart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign and pass the friendship pads.)

Gregory Knox Jones

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

Psalm 8: When I Consider the Heavens

Alfred V. Fedak

CALL TO WORSHIP

We seek a deeper faith in the God of the universe.

We come asking, searching, and knocking.

We seek the good gifts only God can provide.

We come to experience God's steadfast love.

*HYMN No. 3

Womb of Life and Source of Being

RAQUEL

CALL TO CONFESSION

Randall T. Clayton

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, our wondrous Hope,
on whom we rely for life and its meaning;
we confess that our hope diminishes
when we fail to accept your promises,
and rely on ourselves to be both the source
and the object of our own faith.**

**Open our eyes to the new possibilities you put before us
so that we may embrace the abundant life you urge us to live.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN (See "Today at Westminster" on page 2 for more information.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 88

Old Testament, page 508

SERMON

*HYMN No. 779

How Long, O God, Will My Prayers Be in Vain?

LAND OF MERCY

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Lacrimosa" from *Requiem*

W.A. Mozart

Lacrimosa dies illa
Qua resurget ex favilla
Judicandus homo reus.
Huic ergo parce, Deus:
Pie Jesu Domine, Dona eis requiem. Amen.

That day of tears and mourning,
when from the ashes shall arise,
all humanity to be judged.
Spare us by your mercy, Lord,
gentle Lord Jesus,
Grant them eternal rest. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

In the midst of doubt and despair,
we celebrate God's promise of faith and hope.
In the midst of trials and suffering,
we celebrate God's promise of strength and courage.
In the midst of bitterness and death,
we celebrate God's promise of love and eternal life.

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...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors, see page 35 of the hymnal)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Supper is open to all who trust in Christ. To receive communion by intinction, please approach the station on either the lectern or pulpit side, take a piece of bread and dip it in the chalice. If you prefer packaged communion elements, you will find those in the breadbasket. Please return to your seat to partake of the packaged elements. If you are unable to come to a station, please tell an usher so that you may be served. If you are seated in the balcony, you will be served in your pew.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Eternal God, you have fed us with bread and wine for the journey.
Let us in turn feed those who hunger in body, mind and spirit,
the lost and the lonely, and all who need your love. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 783

When We Are Tested

ANGELS OF HEALING

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Psalm 71:16: I Will Go in the Strength of the Lord

Douglas E. Wagner

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Sermon Series on Seven Psalms

Dr. Jones is preaching a sermon series on seven psalms that cover a variety of topics and moods: praising God, declaring trust, lamenting hardship, pleading with God, confessing sin, grappling with mortality, voicing doubt, and expressing gratitude. Here is the schedule:

February 23

March 2

March 9

March 23

March 30

April 13

May 4

Psalm 104

Psalm 88

Psalm 46

Psalm 51

Psalm 90

Psalm 22

Psalm 150

God is Creator of the world

Does God care that I'm hurting?

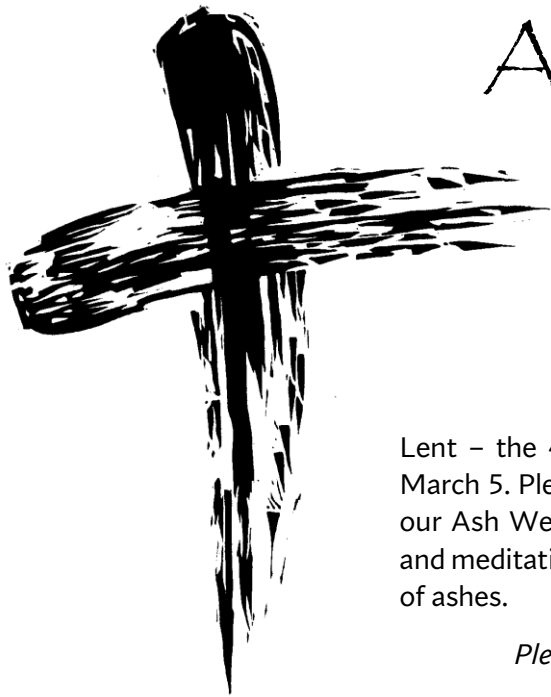
God is our stronghold in times of trouble

Forgive me

Teach us to number our days

Why has God forsaken me?

Thanks and praise to God



Ash Wednesday Service and Soup Supper

Wednesday, March 5
6 p.m. | Sanctuary

Lent – the 40-day season during which we prepare for Easter – begins on March 5. Please join us as we mark the beginning of the Lenten journey with our Ash Wednesday service at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This quiet, reflective, and meditative service includes a reminder of our mortality with the imposition of ashes.

*Please join us for a soup supper in Walton Community Hall
immediately following worship.*

Interested in Learning More About Westminster or Considering Membership?

March 9 and March 16 | 10:40 a.m. | Ruth Christie Room

(access through Rodney Chapel or the Ruth Christie Room Hallway)

Are you interested in learning more about this community of faith? Please join us for a two-session Membership Exploration Series on March 9 and 16 to discuss the Presbyterian tradition, 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 the second session on March 16 for those who desire to do so. Questions? Please contact the Rev. Randall Clayton at rclayton@wpc.org.

ADULT EDUCATION

TODAY, MARCH 2

The Mission of the Church and the Role of Advocacy

Presented by Sonya Starr, Director, Housing Alliance of DE

10:40–11:30 a.m. | Classroom 6 and Zoom

Zoom link (case-sensitive): bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 826 0894 0704 | Passcode: 999506



Christian advocacy seeks to bring justice to those facing violence, poverty, and discrimination, and help more of God's children experience life in all its fullness. How do we learn to advocate effectively? Join us as Sonya shares her experience and expertise to guide us in this essential work.

Bible Study:

Women in the Bible

"Where Are the Women?"

presented by Bob Cox

10:40–11:30 a.m. | Classroom 5

Join us for an engaging class series exploring the lives of women in the Bible, women whose names are known and women with names unwritten. Come explore how their faith and challenges speak to ours today.

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 9

Walking With Courage

Presented by the Rev. Dr. Tracy Keenan and Shannon Hanson, New Castle Presbytery, and Westminster members Lynne Kielhorn and Mike and Shelley Gnade

10:40–11:30 a.m. | Classroom 6 and Zoom

Zoom link (case-sensitive): bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 833 7844 6774 | Passcode: 999506



Those who participated in the pilgrimage to Montgomery and Selma, Alabama, last September will share their encounters and reflections from the powerful experience, reminded that the fight for equality requires the courage to face hard truths with faith and love.

"The Way" by Adam Hamilton

Presented by the Rev. Jill Getty

March 9, 16, and 23 | 10:40–11:30 a.m. | Classroom 5

Join us for Hamilton's engaging six-session DVD study, *Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus*, where he explores the life and ministry of Jesus Christ in the Holy Land. This unique experience includes on-location video footage.

ONGOING/WEEKLY

Online Bible Studies

Midweek Manna Bible Study

Wednesdays | 12 p.m. | Zoom

Contact: Robin Rosser (rlrosser@aol.com)

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Thursdays | 6–7 p.m. | Zoom

Facilitators: Randy Williamson

(randywilliamson1@comcast.net)

and Mary Anne Peters

Peace and Justice Thursday Evening Education Event

2025 Legislative Initiatives

With Alanna Mozeik, MPH,

Delaware Office of Defense Services

Topics: compassionate release, police reform, sentencing reform, and death penalty repeal.

March 6 | 7 p.m. | Zoom

Zoom link: bit.ly/peace-justice-zoom

Hosted by our Peace & Justice Work Group. 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 or check our events calendar at WPC.ORG/EVENTS. Select adult education programs are available as a livestream/recording on our [YouTube channel](#).

CONCERT: Copeland String Quartet

TODAY, March 2 | 3 p.m. | Sanctuary



Our Sanctuary Concert Series continues with the Copeland String Quartet. The Delaware Symphony Orchestra's premiere ensemble will present an afternoon of music by Dvořák and Zemlinsky. All are invited! Free-will offering requested. Suggested contribution: \$20

Join us in person or livestream
at wpc.org/watch or directly
on our [YouTube](#) channel.

PICKLEBALL SESSIONS

March 4 and April 1 • 5-6 p.m.
Walton Community Hall



Church members and their accompanied guests are invited to play pickleball in Walton Community Hall (use 1506 entrance). From **5-6 p.m.**, the two courts are reserved to introduce newcomers and beginners to the game; loaner paddles are available, and children are welcome. From **6-8 p.m.**, the two courts will turn to play for all skill levels with open rotation. Wear sneakers or court shoes and bring your water bottle. Come see why pickleball is the fastest growing game in America, attracting players of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

Questions? Email dubberlys@yahoo.com.



Daylight Saving Time Begins

Sunday, March 9, 2 a.m.

Remember to set your clocks one hour AHEAD before you go to bed on Saturday night, March 9. We don't want you to be late for church on Sunday morning! ☺

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