



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Third Sunday in Lent March 23, 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

**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](http://wpc.org/children-youth).

**The Music:** We are honored to welcome internationally acclaimed concert pianist and Steinway Artist Gayle Martin back to Westminster. The Houston native has given solo performances and appeared with orchestras around the world. She achieved international prominence as the sole American laureate in the sixth International Tchaikovsky Piano Competition in Moscow—the third American woman ever to reach the finals. Gayle is in town to rehearse the Brahms *Requiem* with the Westminster Choir for the Spring Choral Concert on Sunday, May 18 at 3 p.m. Save the date!

**The chancel flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Henry and Martha Tatnall in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event. Currently available dates are May 4, 18, and 25. Please contact Linda Watson at (302) 571-6719 or [lwatson@ycst.com](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com).

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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

Wendy Ingersoll Perry

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

Gregory Knox Jones

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

*Nimrod*  
Gayle Martin, piano

Edward Elgar

We gather as a family of faith to listen for the voice of God.

**We come eager to encounter our Creator  
and to be transformed by God's Spirit.**

Let us open our hearts to God

**so that we may live abundant lives.**

\*HYMN No. 385

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

OLD HUNDREDTH

CALL TO CONFESSION

Randall T. Clayton

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, who would have us give thanks for all things  
and fear nothing but the loss of your presence;  
we confess our faithless fears and our worldly anxieties.  
We have done those things we ought not to have done  
and left undone those things we ought to have done.  
Grant us true repentance, forgive our sins  
and give us grace to put away all that is harmful. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 51

Old Testament, pages 483-484  
Carrie Saathoff, Lay Reader

SERMON

\*HYMN No. 429

*As a Chalice Cast of Gold*  
V. 1: Choir  
Vv. 2-4: All

INWARD LIGHT

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Create in Me*

Layton James

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew the spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of thy salvation; uphold me with a willing spirit.  
Then will I teach transgressors of thy ways and sinners will return to thee.  
—Psalm 51:10-13

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 435

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Postlude on OLD HUNDREDTH*

Paul Fey

**NEW TO WESTMINSTER?** Welcome. We are glad you are here. We hope that you will join us following worship in Rodney Chapel for refreshments and fellowship. There will be a member standing near the blue "Welcome Visitors" sign at the entrance of Rodney Chapel who can answer any questions you might have about Westminster. The Friendship Pad will be passed during the service. We hope you sign it and give us your email or home address so that we might welcome you with a follow-up contact. A gender-neutral, accessible restroom is located between the pulpit transept and the tower entrance.

**Please see the "I'm New" page of our website at [wpc.org](http://wpc.org) for more information about us.**

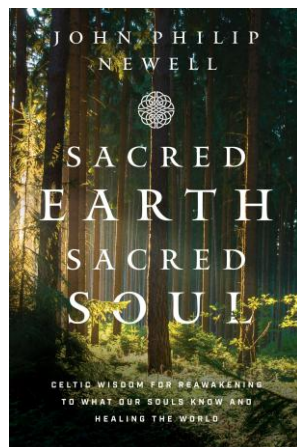
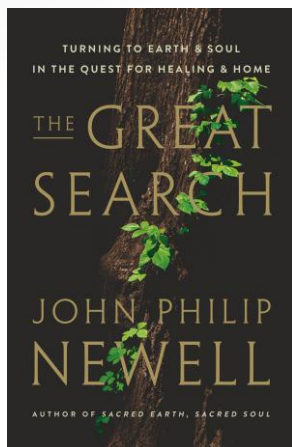
# Sermon Series on Seven Psalms

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 | Psalm 104 | God is Creator of the world               |
| March 2     | Psalm 88  | Does God care that I'm hurting?           |
| March 9     | Psalm 46  | God is our stronghold in times of trouble |
| March 23    | Psalm 51  | Forgive me                                |
| March 30    | Psalm 90  | Teach us to number our days               |
| April 13    | Psalm 22  | Why has God forsaken me?                  |
| May 4       | Psalm 150 | Thanks and praise to God                  |

# John Philip Newell Book Sale

TODAY



John Philip Newell is coming to Westminster May 17 and 18! In preparation for his visit, we are selling his newest book, *The Great Search* (\$15), and *Sacred Earth Sacred Soul* (\$12). Stop by the table in the reception area and pick up a copy of one or both and be on the lookout for discussion group opportunities.

Pay by cash, check (payable to Steve Steinwedel), Venmo (@Steve-Steinwedel), or Zelle (see Steve for details).

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# ADULT EDUCATION

TODAY, MARCH 23

## How to Choose a Retirement Community

*Presented by Janine Davis, Life Care Consultant*

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

Zoom: [bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom](https://bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom) | Meeting ID: 896 1330 5150 | Passcode: 999506

Learn about available options, how to evaluate options, financial and healthcare considerations, resident life, and finding the right “fit.”

## “The Way” by Adam Hamilton *presented by the Rev. Jill Getty*

**10:40–11:30 a.m. | Classroom 5**

Join us for Hamilton’s engaging 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.

## Paths to Belief

*Presented by Richmond Williams*

**10:40–11:30 a.m.**

**Ruth Christie Room**

Topics include C.S. Lewis’ thoughts about the existence of God and the case for Christianity as reflected in his book, *Mere Christianity*; and a column by David Brooks in the *New York Times* entitled, “I Found Faith in a Crowded Subway Car.”

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 30

## How Modern Death Research is Supporting the Teachings of Jesus – Part 2

*Presented by Gary Soulsman, Retired Journalist*

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

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 860 7095 9158 | Passcode: 999506

Gary Soulsman has been a lifelong Christian and was a journalist for 30 years at *The News Journal* where he often wrote about spirituality and religion. When he retired, he explored scientific evidence for the survival of the soul. He’s also taught a course on death and dying.

## Bible Study: Women of the Promised Land

*Presented by Michelle Butler* | **10:40–11:30 a.m. | Cl. 5**

Join us for an engaging class series exploring the lives of remarkable women in the Bible.

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ONGOING/WEEKLY

## Online Bible Studies

**Midweek Manna Bible Study**

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

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

**Thursday Evening Bible Study**

**Thursdays | 6–7 p.m. | Zoom**

Facilitators: Randy Williamson

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

and Mary Anne Peters

## Peace and Justice Thursday Evening Education Event

**Restless Ground: The Untold Story of Mount Olive Cemetery**

*Documentary and discussion with Groundskeeper William Jones and Volunteer Historian Dr. Regina Barry*

**March 27 | 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](#).

# PICKLEBALL SESSION

Tuesday, April 1 • 5-8 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](mailto:dubberlys@yahoo.com).

## Holy Week AT WESTMINSTER

**PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, APRIL 13**

**Worship: 9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

**Exotic Bird Demonstration: 10:40-11:30 a.m. (Walton Community Hall)**

*Nursery care provided from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m. for infants and toddlers.*

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17**

**Worship: 7 p.m. (Sanctuary)**

*Nursery care provided from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m.*

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20**

**Worship: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)**

**Easter Brunch: 10-11 a.m. (Walton Community Hall)**

**Easter Egg Hunt: 10:15 a.m. (Church Lawn)**

*Nursery care provided from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.*

### **PASTORAL STAFF**

The Rev. Dr. Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff  
The Rev. Dr. Randall T. Clayton, Bridge Associate Pastor  
The Rev. Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

### **MUSIC STAFF**

Dr. F. Anthony Thurman, Director of Music/Organist  
Rebecca Hughes; Margaret Mezzacappa; Teddy Austin; Jerry Polman, Section Leaders  
Marjorie Eldreth, Director of Music for Children and Youth  
Madelyn Testa, Choral Assistant for Children and Youth

### **VIDEOGRAPHERS**

Deanna Sparling (lead videographer), Rich Albert, Chip Pfleegor,  
Roger Reinicker, Aaron Wemhoff and Sophia Wolff

### **COMMUNION STEWARDS**

Dan Weintraub and Jenn Barrington

### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES STAFF**

Kathleen Kennan, Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry  
Stephanie Burris-White, Director of Preschool Ministries  
Sasha Latina and Ava Herring, 180 Youth Leaders  
Ava Herring and Beatrice Taylor, Nursery Caregivers

### **SUPPORT STAFF**

Susan Alexander, Reception Area Supervisor  
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### **SESSION**

Brud Bacon, Brenda Bilous, Adam Blackford, Michelle Butler, Sally Buttner, John Carpenter, Clark Collins,  
Bob Cox, Sara Dubberly, Mike Gnade Jr., Chris Hickey, Laura Holmes, Carla Krupanski, Tara Lee, Daniel Malzhan,  
Jen Máthé, KC Morrison, Dave McBride, Susan McPheeters, Carol Neff, Chip Pfleegor,  
Roger Reinicker, Dan Weintraub, Helen Zumsteg

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Barbara Welch, Grace Wermus, Sandra Wermus, Linda Williams, Kathy Wissner, Jill Zehner

### **TRUSTEES**

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John Gavenonis, Lou Hering, Sue Linderman, Laura Scanlan, Craig Stabler, Stan Stevenson

### **PARTNERS IN WORLDWIDE MINISTRY**

DR Congo – PC(USA) Mission Co-workers: Jeff and Christi Boyd, Larry and Inge Sthresley;  
Kananga Presbytery and Members of Kamulumba-Ditalala Parish, Conserv Congo: Adams Cassinga  
Middle East (Syria, Lebanon, Palestine) - Fellowship of Middle East Evangelical Churches (Syria, Lebanon)  
PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker Elmarie Parker (Syria, Lebanon);  
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