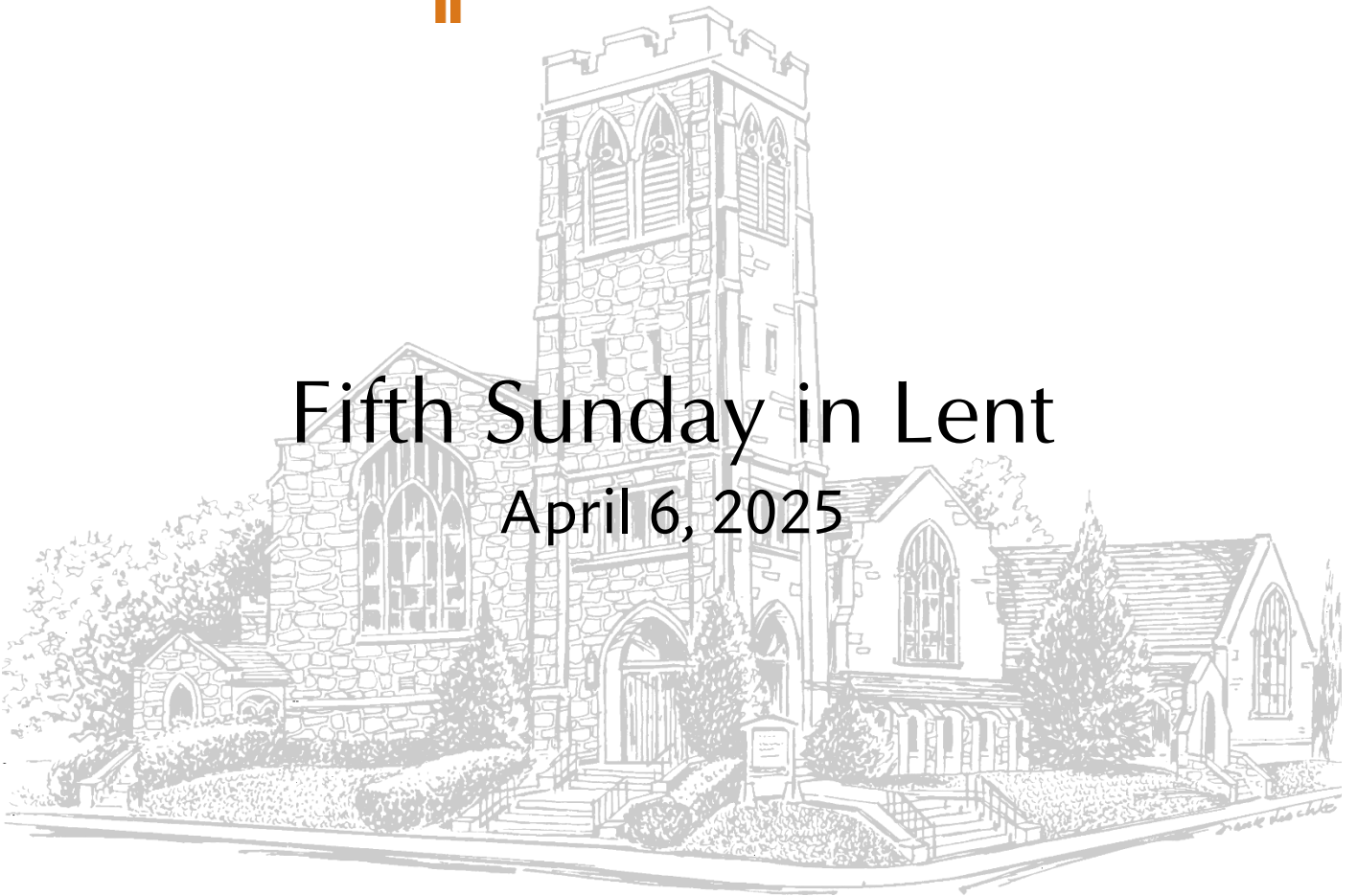




WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Lent April 6, 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.

10:45 – 11:35 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 in WPC Library

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

STAY CONNECTED
WITH OUR
COMMUNITY OF
FAITH!



Subscribe:
wpc.org



Like Us:
[@wpcdelaware](https://www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware)



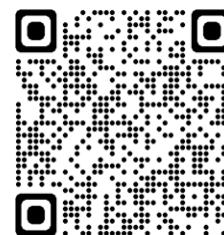
Follow Us:
[@wpcdelaware](https://www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware)

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

The Music: The music of John Stainer is largely forgotten and rarely heard today. The British composer and organist lived at the end of the nineteenth century and made large contributions to the choral repertory. His best-known work, *The Crucifixion*, is an oratorio based on the biblical narrative of the Passion story. “God So Loved the World” is beloved by church choirs and sung around the globe. Stainer was organist at St. Paul’s Cathedral in London and died on Palm Sunday at the age of 60 in 1901.

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Jerry Lee, by Virginia Lee and family. Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event. Currently available dates are May 25, June 1, and June 8. 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

Susan Spilecki

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

Randall T. Clayton

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

Prelude in C Major

Felix Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, it was like a dream.

Then our mouths were filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Let those who plant with tears reap the harvest with joy.

Let those who go out weeping come home with shouts of joy.

(adapted from Psalm 126)

*HYMN NO. 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

DARWALL'S 148TH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace,

we have stumbled from the path that you have set before us.

We have embraced a mind-set of scarcity

instead of trusting your abundance.

We have hoarded treasures to ensure our own comfort

instead of sharing your gifts with our neighbors.

We have hurt our neighbors by the things we have done

and through the things we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, and mind

or our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us, and correct us, O God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

Marjorie Eldreth

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 12:1-8

New Testament, page 92

Mary-beth Howard and Shelley Gnade,
Westminster-by-Heart Storytellers

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God So Loved the World (from The Crucifixion)

John Stainer

God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*HYMN NO. 504

We Come as Guests Invited

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

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

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Almighty God, we give thanks that by your Spirit

we have been united with Christ

through these gifts of bread and cup.

May they be fuel for our journey

and may they empower us to follow

Christ's example of what it means to serve and to love. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major

Mendelssohn

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

Previous sermons may be found in the sermon rack on the literature table, and on our website.

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 for more information about us.

Permissions and Copyrights

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE #A-736679 and CCLI License #CSPL187609. All rights reserved.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King! Sydney Hugo Nicholson.

Music desc. copyright © 1985 Hope Publishing. All rights reserved.

Used by permission under ONE LICENSE #A-736679.

We Come as Guests Invited, Timothy Dudley-Smith.

Copyright © 1984 Hope Publishing. All rights reserved.

Used by permission under ONE LICENSE #A-736679.

ADULT EDUCATION

TODAY, APRIL 6

Earth Care: American Rivers

*Presented by Adam Shellhammer,
Mid-Atlantic Region Director, American Rivers*

10:45–11:35 a.m. | Classroom 6 and Zoom

Zoom: bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom | Meeting ID: 869 7832 1014 | Passcode: 999506



Adam will share valuable insights into the work American Rivers is doing in our area and the surrounding Philadelphia region. He will discuss the organization's primary focus on clean water and rivers, as well as land use issues that impact our water supplies.

Bible Study: Women in Acts

Presented by Margo Reign

10:45–11:35 a.m. | Classroom 5

Join us for an engaging class series exploring the lives of women in the Bible. Whether you're familiar with their stories or being introduced to them for the first time, come explore with us how their faith and challenges speak to ours today.

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13

EXOTIC BIRD Demonstration

Multi-generational Event

10:45–11:35 a.m. | Walton Community Hall



Join us for a captivating presentation by Phung Luu of Animal Behavior and Conservation Connections. Come experience amazing, winged creatures and discover the spiritual connection we share. Adults and children alike can engage with these incredible birds and deepen our appreciation for God's creation.

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

**Join the Conversation: Safety
and Justice in Our Communities**

*With Loretta Sackey and Anna Bauman of
the Council of State Governments (CSG)
Justice Center*

April 10 | 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](#).



2024 EASTER LILIES



Deadline: Thursday, April 10

You are invited to make a contribution toward our celebration of Easter in memory of, or in honor of, loved ones. Each lily is \$20. The deadline is **April 10** for memorial/honoree names to be listed in the Easter Sunday worship bulletins. For any form received *after* that date, the names will be listed in the April 27 bulletin. Please complete a paper form (available on the literature table in the main hallway) or complete it online by scanning the QR code here → or going to bit.ly/easter-lilies-2025 (case sensitive link). **DONATION AND FORM MUST BOTH BE RECEIVED.**



Holy Week AT WESTMINSTER

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, APRIL 13

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

All children/youth are invited to join the procession of palms (led by a real donkey!) to herald Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Inspirational anthems will be offered by the Westminster Choir and Joyful Noise Children's Choir.

Exotic Bird Demonstration: 10:45-11:35 a.m. (Walton Community Hall)

See page 6 for more information.

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

Worship: 7 p.m. (Sanctuary)

The service will include stirring music by the Westminster Choir, communion, and our biblical storytellers. For the first time, they will be telling a new version of an old story – the final hours of Jesus' life as recorded in the Gospel of John.

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

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

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

Identical services will include an inspirational sermon and joyous music, including Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*. A "Fun and Faith" class will be held during both services for children aged three through fifth grade following the Time with Our Children.

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

Everyone is invited to join us for joyful conversation and a delicious complimentary brunch. No reservation needed!

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

All children aged 11 and under are invited. Bring your own basket or use a bag/basket provided. The hunt happens quickly, so don't be late! Rain location: Grace Hall

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
Beth Bouchelle, Dave Brinkley, Mary Clark, Administrative Assistants
Paul Crothamel, Director of Facilities and Security
Doug Gerdt, Manager of Accounting and Reporting
Nicole Hughes, Director of Marketing and Communications
Delilah Gainey; John Jordan; Robert King; Joan Truitt, Sextons
Craig Checkel, Office Support and Security

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

BOARD OF DEACONS

Liz Bacon, Susan Baddorf, Lisa Bianchi, Russ Butler, Beatty Chadwick, Diane Chandler,
David Cole, Tammy Daley, Erin Downing, Beth Emmons, Ellie Furry, Sara Gavenonis,
Jamie Hickey, Rick Holmes, Charlie Ingersoll, Barbara Jobe, Elaine Lunardi, Sarah Mentzer, Pattie Miller,
Gathoni Murugi-Jenkins, Lynne Perkins, Rachel Psaros, Patti Ridout, Robin Rosser,
Carrie Saathoff, Robin Shaeffer, Zora Stevens, Carol Tatnall, Claudia Van Lenten, Sue Weisinger,
Barbara Welch, Grace Wermus, Sandra Wermus, Linda Williams, Kathy Wissner, Jill Zehner

TRUSTEES

Rich Albert, Dave Brinkley, Tom Brooks, Gary Bryde, Matt Fischer, Nancy Fleming,
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);
Wi'am Palestinian Conflict Transformation Center in Bethlehem (Palestine)
Guatemala - CEDEPCA, AJPU, the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development