



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

5th Sunday in Lent

April 7, 2019

9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL STAFF:

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

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Sandie Reinicker, Interim Director of Children's Music
Allison Martin, Assistant Director of Children's Music
Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock,
Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

YOUTH LEADERS

Tommy Neilson
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper, Molly McPheeters,

DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Colleen Falasco

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND SECURITY

Paul Crothamel

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

Liz Bacon, Amy Bickhart, Nicole Fox, Tara Lee, Marsha Mah, Kris Marvel, Emily Pfaff, Martha Spaethling

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. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith. Children are escorted to classes after TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN during worship.

- ❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 through 5 in Preschool Suite C.
- ❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade in the Ruth Christie Room. Children are picked up in Preschool Suite A after worship service.
- ❖ **Sing-to-Praise Choir Program** – Children in grades 3 through 6 in the Youth Music Room.

All children who leave the sanctuary after TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN must have a completed yellow security label on their backs. If you do not find a security label in the pew pocket, you can obtain one in the Preschool Suite. This policy is for your child's protection. Children will only be released to a guardian or an adult pre-approved by the guardian. Thank you for your help.

10:10 a.m.	Education for All Ages	
	➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers	Preschool Suite C
	➤ Joyful Noise Choir Program Grades K – 2	Youth Music Room
	➤ Creation Station for Grades 3 – 8	Art Room 4
	➤ High School and Confirmation Class	Classroom 7
	➤ Sunday Seminars	see page 7
11:15 a.m.	Living Mosaics Worship	Rodney Chapel
12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Time after Living Mosaics	Meeting Room

Later Today

11:15 a.m.	Flying Solo Brunch	Off Site Location
1:00 p.m.	Homebound Communion	Members' Homes
5:00 p.m.	180° Dinner and Fellowship	Downstairs
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 Bob Kline whose memorial service was held yesterday. The blue and white were chosen to honor Bob's love for his alma mater, Penn State.

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 to schedule. The next available dates are May 19 and 26.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Natalie Freeman
- ❖ **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 Hans Krahmer, Gordon Lewis and Caroline Sparks at Stonegates.
- ❖ **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

Easy-to-use assisted listening devices may be found in the back of the sanctuary and the side entrance off the main hallway.

Worship Resources – You can obtain large print hymnals and listening devices from any usher. Worship bags for children ages 3 through 6 include a children's bulletin designed for them. Children's bulletins for ages 7 through 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

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Extravagant God, lavishing your love on our poverty of heart:
inspire us to give with generosity, to love life so that we may find it again,
and thus the world will be filled with the fragrance of your love;
through Jesus Christ, who offers himself for us. Amen.*

A prayer from the Anglican Church of Canada

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the friendship folder, located at the end of the pew, to the person next to you.

*PASSING THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Allegro non troppo

Charles V. Stanford

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in Christ's presence to worship the Anointed One.

Pour out your Spirit upon us, and wash us with your grace.

We gather in Christ's presence to offer ourselves in service.

Pour out your Spirit upon us, and help us show your love.

*HYMN NO. 610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess, Anointed One, that we excuse ourselves
from reaching out to those who need your care.**

**We take your words – that there will always be unmet needs –
as a reason not to try to meet the needs we can.**

Forgive us, and help us to change.

**Renew our determination to live
as faithful followers, faithful disciples, faithful Christians.**

**Help us to work with you for the well-being of your creation,
that the fortunes of all your peoples may be restored. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth!"

Let us bear witness to God's new life moving within and among us.

Let us rejoice and give thanks!

(Inspired by Isaiah 43:18-19)

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

*Children through Grade 6 may leave for Godly Care, Godly Play 1, and Sing-to-Praise Choir,
or they may remain in worship.*

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

CHORAL RESPONSE

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"I Will Lift Up My Eyes"

Robert C. Lau

I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from where comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved. He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will not slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. And the Lord will keep you from all evil. And the Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time and evermore.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Jesus was always the guest.

In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Mary and Martha,

he was always the guest.

Upsetting polite company,
befriending isolated people,
welcoming the stranger,

he was always the guest.

But here – at this table – Christ is the host.

Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him.

Those who want to follow him, must first be fed by him.

Those who would wash his feet must first let him make them clean.

For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished.

Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables,

now invites us to be guests at his.

(The Iona Community, adapted)

*HYMN NO. 704

"To My Precious Lord"

Vs. 1 & 3

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...

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Supper is open to all who trust in Christ.

For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

(Organ)

Lamento

Denis Bédard

(Choir)

“Ave Verum Corpus”

W. A. Mozart

Ave verum Corpus,
natum de Maria Virgine:
Vere passum,
immolatum in cruce pro homine:
Cujus latus perforatum,
unda fluxit sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

*Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
Who has truly suffered,
was sacrificed on the cross for mortals,
Whose side was pierced,
whence flowed water and blood:
Be for us a foretaste (of heaven)
during our final examining.*

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 703

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

ST. CATHERINE

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ
(We thank Thee, Lord Jesus Christ)

J. S. Bach

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, Jeanne Checkel, at the back of the center aisle following the service. She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.

Holy Week AT WESTMINSTER

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY – APRIL 14

**Worship – 9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary) and
11:15 a.m. (Rodney Chapel)**

Rejoice with a procession of palms as we begin the journey of Holy Week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 18

Worship – 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

The basis of our service this year is a work by Hal Hopson: *Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness*. The service includes scripture passages recounting the Passion and Death of Christ, told by our Biblical Storytellers, *Westminster By Heart*, with music involving congregation, choir, organ, and oboe. Nursery care provided from 6:45 – 8:30 p.m. for infants and toddlers.

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 19

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Reflect on the crucifixion through silent prayer and meditation in the Sanctuary.

EASTER VIGIL – APRIL 20

Worship – 6:30 p.m. (begins on our front lawn)

Join us for a family-friendly worship service on this Saturday evening as we tell the story of God's love for us, receive our Confirmation Class into membership, and celebrate communion. The Easter Vigil is a traveling service and includes opportunities for participation; comfortable attire is recommended.

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 21

8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast in Community Hall

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Christ is risen! Join us for festive worship services in the Sanctuary celebrating Christ's triumphant resurrection, with an inspirational sermon by Dr. Jones, and joyous music led by the Westminster Choir, trumpets, timpani, and organ.

10:15 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt (parents and children through 2nd grade meet in Grace Hall)



Sunday Seminars

Stress: Why Can't I Find My Keys and Why Can't I Touch My Toes?

Classroom 6

Presenter: Kathleen S. Matt, PhD

Kathleen S. Matt, PhD, is the dean of the University of Delaware's College of Health Sciences. In this presentation, she will discuss the impact that stress has on the mind and body and share strategies for reducing stress and improving overall health. Come learn how nutrition, mindfulness, and other tools can be used to live your best life.

Calling All Caregivers of Children – Parents & Grandparents!

Classroom 5

Facilitator: Yvonne Nass

Join us for a lively discussion on how to approach the topic of race with our children and/or grandchildren. At some time in every child's life, they will have to deal with racism either personally or inadvertently. Will they be equipped as children of God to understand what is happening? Let's share our experiences as caregivers on how to best equip one another by talking about race and the implications on children's lives. All are welcome to join us as we embark on a journey of exploring ways to empower each other as parents/grandparents, with openness and respect.

Staying Connected: How to Use Your Phones and Tablets to Connect with Loved Ones

Classroom 3

Presenter: Hugh Underhill

Having difficulty getting your grandkids to return your phone calls? Learn how to get your grandkids to respond to you in Hugh Underhill's presentation (an already tested approach with his grandparents). This workshop will focus on texting, facetimeing, emailing and using some social media to communicate with loved ones. Please bring your device with you to the workshop. Note: This workshop will not focus on repairing devices.

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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2019 Easter LILIES

If you wish to make a contribution toward the decoration of the church on Easter Sunday, you may do so in memory of, or in honor of, loved ones. Please complete this form, make checks payable to *Westminster Presbyterian Church*, and place in the offering plate or return to the reception desk **by 12:00 noon on Monday, April 8**. For any form received *after* that date, the names will be listed in the April 28th bulletin.

DONATION AMOUNT

\$20 \$40 \$60 \$80 \$100 Other \$ _____

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

❖ In Memory Of: (FOR THE DECEASED)

Deceased Person's Name

❖ In Honor Of: (FOR THE LIVING)

Living Person's Name

❖ Given By:

Donor's Name and Telephone Number

If you wish to take a lily home with you, you may do so following the 11:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday. Plants remaining after that service will be delivered to our homebound members.