



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship 2nd Sunday of Easter April 8, 2018 9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL STAFF:

Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff
Sudie Niesen Thompson, Associate Pastor (on maternity leave)
Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

CHURCH EDUCATOR:

Susan Moseley

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Merideth Hite Estevez, Director of Faith Formation through Music
and Arts, Teaching Artist in Residence (on maternity leave)
Kevin Flaherty, Assistant Director of Children's Music
Soloist/Section Leaders: Sharon Babcock, Elizabeth Holmes
David Sharp (guest), Travis Lucas

YOUTH LEADERS

Merideth Hite Estevez, Susan Moseley,
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Tommy Neilson

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.

This Morning at Westminster

8:30 – 11:15 a.m. The Holy Toast Café, in Classroom 6, offers free coffee, tea, and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar per item.

Deacon Team of the Month

Roger Atkins, Liz Bacon, Diane Chandler, Kris Marvel, Lisa Stoddard, Gen Wallace-Roe

8:45 – 11:15 a.m. **Nursery for babies and toddlers**

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

Children are always welcome in worship. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith.

- ❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 through 4 begin in worship with their families. Following the Time with Our Children, they walk with a parent to the **Preschool Suite** where they are greeted by the morning coordinator and escorted into **Classroom A**. The children experience simple worship rituals and learn key stories in the Bible. They respond through crafts, songs and prayers.
- ❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade begin worship with their families. Following the Time with Our Children, they walk with their teachers to the Ruth Christie Room. The children learn the language of God’s people through sacred space, stories, parables and liturgical actions. You may pick up your children in the **Preschool Suite Classroom C**.
- ❖ **Sing-to-Praise Choir Program** – Children in grades 3 through 6 begin worship with their families. Following the Time with Our Children, they meet their leaders in the pavilion and walk together to the Youth Music Room.

10:10 a.m.	Education for All Ages	
	➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers	Preschool Suite D
	➤ Joyful Noise Choir K – 2/Musical Rehearsal K – 8	Youth Music Room
	➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8	Classroom 8

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11:15 a.m. Living Mosaics worship in Rodney Chapel. Children are always welcome.

12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Time	Meeting Room
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Also Today

1:30 p.m.	Instrumental Rehearsal	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	180° Dinner and Fellowship	Community Hall/Classroom 6
6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room



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 today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bob Churchill by his family.

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 for available dates. The next available dates are April 29 and May 6, 27.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Richard Bush, Kathleen Lowthert, and Mary Young.
- ❖ **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 Cornelia Cates, Cappy Hanke, Frances Kirkpatrick and Hans Krahmer 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 and Iraq often seems far away, and we may neglect to realize that Americans, as well as Afghans, Iraqis 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

- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Master Sergeant Jonathan Dunbar, age 36, from Austin, Texas
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome Rabbi Douglas E. Krantz to our pulpit this morning. Now retired and living in Townsend, Delaware, Rabbi Krantz was the Founding Rabbi of Congregation B'nai Yisrael, in Armonk, New York. He graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1970 with an A.B. degree in History, and in 1973 he received a Master of Arts Degree in Hebrew Letters from the Hebrew Union College. Rabbi Krantz was part of the group of 14 that helped to launch J Street, whose aim is to promote American leadership to end the Arab-Israeli and Israel-Palestinian conflicts peacefully and diplomatically.

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 parent or an adult pre-approved by the parent. Thank you for your help.

Worship Resources – You can obtain large print hymnals and hearing devices from any usher. Worship bags for children ages 3-6 include a children's bulletin designed for them. Children's bulletins for ages 7-12 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

I watch this morning for the light that the darkness has not overcome. I watch for the fire that was in the beginning and that burns still in the brilliance of the rising sun. I watch for the glow of life that gleams in the growing earth and glistens in sea and sky. I watch for your light, O God, in the eyes of every living creature and in the ever-living flame of my own soul. If the grace of seeing were mine this day I would glimpse you in all that lives. Grant me the grace of seeing this day. Grant me the grace of seeing.

J. Philip Newell, *Celtic Benediction*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Praeludium in G major

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come together to thank the Creator of life.

We come to praise God's name and to seek God's ways.

We come seeking truth, meaning and hope.

We come eager to be filled with God's wisdom and love.

*HYMN NO. 49

"The God of Abraham Praise"

LEONI

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, we live in turbulent times when our future is shrouded in dense fog.

Fill our hearts with wisdom so that we may live each day with courage.

Creator God, you breathe life into the universe and create all people in your image.

Fill our hearts with love so that we may respect each person as a brother or sister.

Mighty God, you envision a world where everyone lives together in peace.

Fill our hearts with a resolve to seek mercy and justice for all. Amen.

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.

ANTHEM

"Praise God in His Holiness"

Geoffrey Shaw

Praise God in His holiness: Praise Him in the firmament of His power. Praise Him in His noble acts: Praise Him according to His excellent greatness. Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet: Praise Him upon the lute and harp. Praise Him in the cymbals and dances. Praise Him upon the strings and pipe. Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals: Praise Him upon the loud cymbals. Let everything that hath breath Praise the Lord.

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leviticus 19:1-4 and 9-14

Old Testament, page 98

SERMON

“My Blindness”

Douglas Krantz

*HYMN No. 364

“Lift Up the Gates Eternal”

GILU HAGALILIM

OFFERING

We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.

~ Winston Churchill

OFFERTORY

“Alleluia,” from *Exsultate, Jubilate*
Elizabeth Holmes, soprano

W. A. Mozart

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. 772

“Live into Hope”

TRURO

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

Benediction

Don Michael Dicie

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of God, the ruler of the world, to you.
Alleluia, Amen.

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, Tammy Daley, 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.



Sunday Seminars

The Future of Cities

Community Hall

Facilitator: Jim Lee, CFA, CMT, CFP

Professional futurist Jim Lee of Strategic Foresight Investments returns to share his insights on "what happens next?" This year he focuses on the future of cities.

How will cities evolve and change over the next fifty years? Cities are becoming important centers of innovation. Technologies such as autonomous vehicles, the internet of things, blockchain, and green buildings are going to make our built environments radically smarter, flexible, efficient, and liveable. We will also discuss how Wilmington can thrive during the coming urban renaissance.

Violence in Wilmington: A Sunday Seminar Series

Rescheduled

April 15th: Rob Prestowitz from Urban Promise will share how pursuing mutually transformative relationships, in a structured program, empowers youth to achieve sustained positive outcomes, despite the surrounding violence.

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), call the Westminster office at (302) 654-5214, or email Barbara Jobe (Convener, Membership & Evangelism Committee) at bjobe@comcast.net.



Please join us for coffee or tea in Classroom 6 after the service.

Ask someone to show you the way!

Music at Westminster

presents

THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE CHORALE

in concert

Friday, April 27
8:00 p.m.



Under the direction of Dr. Paul Head, the prize-winning UD Chorale once again brings to Westminster an evening of choral artistry at the highest level. If you've heard them before, you know what we are talking about; if you've not yet heard this amazing choir, this is your chance! Be prepared for an unforgettable musical experience.

FREE ADMISSION; OFFERING RECEIVED

Westminster Recognized for Environmental Leadership

For the ninth year in a row, we have been certified by the Presbyterian Church (USA) as an "Earth Care Congregation." This honor recognizes our efforts to be good stewards of the earth's precious resources through our leadership in worship, education, outreach, facilities management, and advocacy. Only 2% of the 10,000 Presbyterian churches have earned this distinction. Read more about the steps we have taken in the April issue of our newsletter, *The Westminster Chimes* (available on our literature table or online at www.wpc.org). And be sure to check out these upcoming opportunities to learn more on Sunday mornings at 10:10 a.m.:

April 15 – Hear how LED technologies can help the planet and save money in your homes and at the church

April 22 – Earth Day! Plant native seeds to take home and support local wildlife and pollinators (all ages welcome)

May 6 – Solar energy for your home

Also, throughout the month of April, we will have a photographic tribute to the breath-taking beauty and awe of nature by photographer Gary Bryde. Enjoy the display in the main hallway across from the reception desk.

