Service of Worship
Ordination and Installation of Church Officers
5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 8, 2015
9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL STAFF:  
Gregory K. Jones, Head of Staff
Randall Clayton, Interim Associate Pastor
Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

CHURCH EDUCATOR:  
Susan Moseley

DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES:  
Robin Rosser

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR:  
Debbie Brown

MUSIC STAFF:  
Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Mary Beth Davis, Director of Music for Children, Youth and Handbells
Section Leaders/Soloists: Diana Milburn, Sharon Babcock,
Malcolm Cooper, Jerry Polman

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 a.m. – 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
Bill Kaye, Cassandra Piovoso, Mary Lou McDowell, Sue Frost, Kris Ruebling-Jass, Mark Shiflett

8:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Nursery for babies and toddlers

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
After Time With Our Children, if you wish, your children may leave the Sanctuary and go to:

❖ Godly Care – Children experience simple worship rituals and learn key stories in the Bible. They respond through crafts, songs and prayers. Class meets in the Preschool Suite Classroom A.

❖ Godly Play – Children in Kindergarten through 1st grade gather in the Ruth Christie Room to 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.

❖ Godly Kids’ Awesome Adventures for Grades 2 through 5 – Children meet downstairs in Classrooms 2 and Grace Hall and explore Old and New Testament encounters with God through story, games, and creative activities. You may pick up your children in the Preschool Suite Classroom C.

10:10 a.m. Education for All Ages
➢ Sunday School for Preschoolers Under Six Classrooms
➢ Sunshine Choir for Grades K – 2 Classroom 1
➢ D.R.U.M. for Grades 3 – 6 Meeting Room (Upstairs)
➢ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 - 8 Classroom 8
➢ Confirmation Class for 9th Graders Staff Conference Room
➢ Adult Education Classes See page 7

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

Later Today

5:15 p.m. 180° Dinner and Fellowship Community Hall and 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. We are one of 140 congregations (out of more than 10,000) that has earned this distinction.
The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the Kline family in loving memory of Ann.

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. An available date is February 15.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

❖ Those recently hospitalized: David Henke, Harry Hoopes, Pauline Mason.

Westminster’s Covenant Prayer Group prays weekly for specific needs of the faith community. 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.

Afghanistan often seems far away, and we may neglect to realize that Americans, as well as Afghans 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 Colleen Falasco: 302-654-5214 ext. 131, or cfalasco@wpc.org.

This week we pray for

- Those known to the WPC Community presently serving in various locations:
  - Brian Gorman

- Those who have returned from service, possibly suffering from wounds or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may by deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Resources – You may 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.

All children who leave the sanctuary after Children’s Time must have a completed yellow security label on their back. If you do not find a security label in the pew pocket, you may obtain one in the Preschool Suite. This policy is for your child’s protection. Thank you for your help.

Are you wearing a nametag? Whether you are a long-time member or new to the church, 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 may 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

MUSIC OF THE TOWER BELLS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE    Fantasia in C major
            Johann Ludwig Krebs
            Kimberly Reighley, flute

Please sign your name and pass the friendship folder to the person next to you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

By God’s Spirit we were baptized into one body,
    and chosen by God for loving service to the world.
Let us sing praises to God for making us partners in mission.
    Let us worship God in wonder and joy!

*HYMN NO. 35 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

What does the Lord require of us?

To do justice,
    to love kindness, and
    to walk humbly with our God.  Micah 6:8

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age there have been men and women who have lived faithful and obedient lives.
We confess that we are not always in harmony with your will.
You call us to proclaim the truth in love,
but there are times when we are silent.
You command us to do what is just,
but too often we are idle.
You beckon us to live faithfully,
but minor matters distract us.
Forgive us and transform us
so that we may follow your guidance
and share Christ-like love with the world.  Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS
RESPONSE: HYMN NO. 447  “We Are Forgiven”
1st time: Choir
2nd time: All

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN  “Do You Know Who Made the Day?”  Hal H. Hopson
Sunshine Choir
Narrators: Sophia Wolff, Ella Stoddard, Autumn Hearn
Children through Grade 5 may leave for Godly Care, Godly Play, and Godly Kids, or they may remain in worship.

SCRIPTURE LESSON  Isaiah 58:1-9a  Old Testament, page 647
Suzie Hurlock, Lay Reader

ANTHEM  “And Then Shall Your Light Break Forth”  Felix Mendelssohn
Westminster Choir
And then shall your light break forth as the light of morning breaketh, and your health shall speedily spring forth then, And the glory of the Lord ever shall reward you. Lord our Creator, how excellent Thy Name is in all the nations. Thou fillest heav’n with Thy glory. Amen.

SERMON  “Empty Worship”  Greg Jones

OFFERING  “All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing the LORD your God has given you.”
(Deuteronomy 16:17)

OFFERTORY  “Here I Am, Lord”  Daniel L. Schutte
Sharon Babcock, mezzo-soprano
(arr. Craig Courtney)
(Text: Hymn #69)

RECOGNITION OF TRUSTEES

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION
Do you, the members of Westminster, receive Gary Bryde, Tom Preston and Kris Qualls as your trustees, and do you promise to support the trustees in their work for our congregation?
We do.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS

OPENING WORDS
There are different gifts,
But it is the same Spirit who gives them.
There are varieties of ways to serve God,
But it is the same Lord who is served.
God works through people in different ways.
But it is the same God who inspires a faithful response.
Each one is given gifts by the Spirit, to use for the common good.
Together we are the body of Christ.
PRESENTATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

ELDERS
Chad Chandler  Fred Carspecken
Art Colbourn  Barry Cobb
Rich Diver  Laura Holmes
Roger Reinicker  Kristen Marvel
Jerry Spilecki  Natalia Thompson

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church accept these men and women as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

ORDINATION PRAYER

All ordained ruling elders and teaching elders (Ministers of the Word and Sacrament) are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

*HYMN NO. 767 “Together We Serve”  SAN ANSELMO
Verse 1: Choir
Verses 2-4: All

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Partita in A minor  J. S. Bach
IV. Bourée anglaise

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, following the service. She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.
Adult Education Classes This Morning

Expectations, Power, Jealousy, and Control: Understanding Complicated Relations
Presenter: David Wilson
Today and February 15
Classroom 5
All relationships (friendships, marriages, families, business partnerships) go through times when people are out-of-synch with one another. However, “out-of-synch” sometimes drifts into emotional patterns that are destructive or abusive. What constitutes abuse? What are the psychological roots of such behavior? What resources are available for both abuser and victim? The discussions will be led by David W. Wilson who is a psychoanalyst practicing in Wilmington, Delaware. He has been an invited speaker at professional conferences locally, nationally and internationally on topics including relationship issues, sexuality, therapeutic relationships, and substance use. David is currently a faculty member of the Interregional Center for Contemporary Psychoanalysis in St. Petersburg, Russia.

The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion
Presenter: Dave McBride
Classroom 6
Our own Dave McBride returns with another thought provoking program based on the book, The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion by Jonathan Haidt. As America descends deeper into polarization and paralysis, social psychologist Jonathan Haidt has done the seemingly impossible – challenged conventional thinking about morality, politics, and religion in a way that speaks to everyone on the political spectrum. Drawing on his twenty five years of groundbreaking research on moral psychology, Haidt shows how moral judgments arise not from reason but from emotions and intuitions. Join Dave as he leads the discussion and helps us figure out ways to break down the walls between ourselves and fellow Christians.
Wednesday, February 18

Worship at 6:00 p.m.
Soup Dinner in Community Hall following worship

The Season of Lent Begins!