



1st Sunday in Lent

**March 10, 2019
9:00 a.m.**

**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

Roger Atkins, Jenn Blackford, Beatty Chadwick, Barry Cobb, Tara Lee, Luke Mathé, Blair McConnel, Lois Underhill, Lowell Underhill, Gen Wallace-Roe, Pam White

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 4 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

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

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 March 17 and 24; April 14.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Susan Alexander, Anne Gunn and Kathleen Lowthert.
- ❖ **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 Ann Jacobs and Elinor Ranck at Maris Grove.
- ❖ **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 long-lasting and deep.

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

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The 40 days of Lent give us a rigorous roadmap to follow Jesus. We walk several steps behind him as we watch him fast, pray, discipline himself, reflect on his thoughts and actions, and care for the needy. First we watch, then we emulate the way he treats others and honors God. As we sit in the pew and focus our eyes on the Resurrection window, we ask God to crack open our tired souls and closed minds to let today's words be fresh air.

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

Méditation

Louis Vierne

CALL TO WORSHIP

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a humble spirit.
We will strive to follow the way that leads to a worthy life.

*HYMN NO. 166

“Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”

ST. FLAVIAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are tempted to trust many gods other than the one true God.
Let us confess our need for clarity of vision and strength of will.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we confess that we are attracted to false gods who lure us from you.
The “god of easy answers” tempts us to reject the cost of discipleship,
and embrace only its joy.
The “god of busy schedules” invites us to delay doing your will until some other day.
The “god of comfortable friendships” calls us to love those who love us,
rather than building community among diverse peoples.
Forgive us for being drawn toward misleading idols that vie for our attention.
Give us strength to resist the temptations that assail us
so that we may serve you faithfully in thought, word and deed. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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.*

ANTHEM

“Forty Days and Forty Nights”

Harrison Oxley

Forty days and forty nights
 Thou wast fasting in the wild,
 Forty days and forty nights
 Tempted and yet undefiled.

And if Satan, vexing sore,
 Flesh or spirit should assail,
 Thou, his vanquisher before,
 Grant we may not faint nor fail.

Sun-beams scorching all the day,
 Chilly dew-drops nightly shed,
 Prowling beasts about thy way,
 Stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

So shall we have peace divine,
 Holier gladness ours shall be,
 Round us too shall angels shine,
 Such as minister'd to thee.

Let us thine endurance share,
 And from earthly joys abstain,
 With thee watching unto pray'r,
 Strong with thee to suffer pain.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
 Ever constant by thy side,
 That with thee we may appear
 At th'eternal Eastertide.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

New Testament, page 53
 Debbie Wise, Lay Reader

SERMON

Greg Jones

*HYMN No. 783

“When We Are Tested”

ANGELS OF HEALING

OFFERING

“We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.”
 ~ Winston Churchill

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Psalm III

T. Charles Lee

Lord, how are they increased that trouble me! Many are they that rise up against me. Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help, no help for you, no help in God. But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head. I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the Lord sustained me. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people that have set themselves against me round about. Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God. Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: thy blessing is upon thy people.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER (page 35 in our *Glory to God* hymnal, using “debts” and “debtors”)

*HYMN No. 275

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

EIN’ FESTE BURG

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

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, Jenn Blackford, 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

Preparing for the Public Reading of Scripture

Facilitator: Sudie Niesen Thompson
Sanctuary

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:15). At Westminster, we value having a diversity of voices "bring good news." That's why we invite congregants to read Scripture aloud in worship. Whether you are a seasoned Lay Reader or someone who is new to the public reading of Scripture, proclaiming the Word requires practice and preparation. This session is an opportunity to learn techniques for the oral interpretation of Scripture so that you are equipped to read aloud with confidence and clarity. Whether you would like to hone your skills as a Lay Reader or try your hand at reading Scripture in worship, this session is for you!

Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise: Making a Meaningful Life

Presenter: Janet Steinwedel
Classroom 6

The media seems to be awash with how to be happy, but is happiness enough? Are we all meant to be happy? Do we even know what makes us happy? More than happiness, most people want lives that have value. How can we truly make a meaningful life for ourselves? Our health, our wealth and our wisdom are important aspects of making a truly good life. Come and share your thoughts and go home with some new insights and ideas for making the most of "your one wild and precious life."*

*From "Summer Day" by Mary Oliver

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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