



2nd Sunday in Lent

March 17, 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
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Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock,
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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

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers➤ Joyful Noise Choir Program Grades K – 2➤ Creation Station for Grades 3 – 8➤ High School and Confirmation Class➤ Sunday Seminars	Preschool Suite C Youth Music Room Art Room 4 Classroom 7 see page 7
10:10 a.m.	Trustee Security Training Storytellers Rehearsal	Classroom 3 Ruth Christie Room
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	8 th and Union Kitchen
4:00 p.m.	Family Promise Ministry	Lower Level
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 honor of Arun Loptes who recently became a United States citizen, by his wife, Karen Asenavage. Arun and Karen are deeply grateful for all the faithful Westminster family who have prayed and supported them on their journey.

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 24 and April 14.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ 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 Les Whitney and Sandi Evans at Maris Grove, Kay Johnson at Millcroft and Doris and Jerry Larson at Shipley Manor.
- ❖ 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:

- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
 - Major Tad Hervas, age 48, from Coon Rapids, Minnesota
 - Sergeant Holli Bolinski, age 37, from Pinckneyville, Illinois (Kuwait)
 - Specialist Johnson Jackson, age 20, from Hillsborough, Missouri (Kuwait)
- 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

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.* A prayer attributed to St. Patrick

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

Wen nur den lieben Gott lässt walten
(Tune: Hymn #816)

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

This one thing I seek from the Lord:
to live in God's house all the days of my life —
**where we may gaze upon our Creator's beauty,
and find shelter in God's sanctuary.**

Like a mother hen gathering her chicks,
Christ draws us into his loving embrace.

**Let us worship the Lord —
our light and our salvation!**

Inspired by Psalm 27 and Luke 13

*HYMN NO. 34

“Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being!”
Vs. 1, 2 & 5

RUSTINGTON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord our God,
you call us to work for a world
where all will be fed and have dignity,
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.
You call us to seek justice and peace,
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
but we do not insist on freedom for all.**

Forgive us, O Lord.

**Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
so that all may know your justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**

From *Book of Common Worship*, 2018

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

SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

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

ANTHEM

"I Sought the Lord"

Kenneth T. Kosche

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew
He moved my soul to seek him, seeking me.
It was not I that found, O Savior true;
No, I was found of thee.

Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold;
I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea;
'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold
As thou, dear Lord, on me.

I find, I walk, I love, but oh, the whole
Of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee!
For thou wert long before-hand with my soul;
Always thou lovedst me.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 13:31-35

New Testament, page 66
Matthew Hoopes, Lay Reader

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN NO. 816

"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

OFFERING

*Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said,
"It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)*

OFFERTORY

"The Lord Is My Light"
Brenton Mattox, bass

Frances Allitsen

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom, then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then, shall I be afraid? Though a host were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in God. For, in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle; yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me, and set me upon a rock of stone.

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN NO. 607)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Vs. 1 & 2: All

Vs. 3: Women

Vs. 4: Men

Vs. 5 & 6: All

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

W. H. Doane

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

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!



Sunday Seminars

Becoming a Stigma-Free Church

Classroom 6

Presenter: Dr. Josh Thomas

One in five Americans will experience a mental illness. Mental health challenges impact many who are living with these diseases or love someone who lives with mental illness. As a church community, we can support each other in a way that helps dissolve the stigma associated with mental illness and create a safe space for everyone. Josh will also share five life lessons from his law enforcement career and apply them to mental health. Dr. Josh Thomas is the Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness in Delaware (NAMI Delaware).

Guatemala Partnership: A New Chapter

Classroom 5

Presenters: Meg Burich and Chris Hickey

Please join our recent Guatemala travelers as they share stories about the new partnership with CEDEPCA, how Westminster's microloan groups are blossoming, and the impact the water filters, stoves and latrines are having on indigenous communities. The progress of our partnerships is exciting!

New Member Class

Staff Conference Room

Facilitator: Greg Jones

Today and March 31

Have you been considering membership at Westminster? Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a two-session series today and March 31 at 10:10 a.m. Membership Exploration series are wonderful opportunities to learn more about Westminster Presbyterian Church, to discover ways to connect with others in the congregation, and to explore ways to serve within and beyond our community. For those who wish to join the Westminster congregation, there will also be an opportunity to do so at the end of the second session.



THE 2019
Spring Musical Gala
AT WESTMINSTER

Friday, March 29, 8:00 p.m.

This year our annual Winter Musical Gala has become a “Welcome Spring” musical gala. Join us as our talented soloists, amazing choir, guest virtuoso clarinetist Chris Nichols, along with Paul Fleckenstein at the organ and piano, bring us a spectacular concert covering the whole gamut of church music, opera, art song, spirituals, and musical theatre. From tears shedding to toes tapping, this is one not to miss! As usual: Admission free (offering received), and great food afterward at the Westminster-style post-concert reception.

VEGETARIAN DINNER AND SPEAKER

Wednesday, April 3
6:00 p.m. in Community Hall



The Earth Care Task Force will host a delicious vegetarian dinner and presentation by Kimi Moore, University of Delaware Cooperative Extension: “Vegetarian and Vegan Diets: Fact and Fiction.” Join us as we continue our Lenten journey, reflecting on our food selections’ impact on God’s creation. The catered dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. in Community Hall, and the presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$8 for adults. Young children are free.

There are three easy ways to RSVP: call the church office (302-654-5214), email Sally Buttner (sarah.L.buttner@gmail.com), or sign up between services this morning or on Sundays, March 24 and 31. Hope to see you there!