



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 24, 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

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 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.

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

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 loving memory of Art Connolly, Jr. by his wife, Joan.

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 April 14 and May 5, 19 and 26.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Kathleen Lowther
- ❖ **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 Betty Drennen and Tom Eliason at Stonegates, and Margaret and Jim Hodges at The Summit.
- ❖ **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:
Chief Cryptologic Technician Shannon M. Kent, age 35, from New York
- 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

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Good Shepherd,

You are the still center of every storm.

In you is calm, whatever the wind outside.

In you is reassurance, however high the waves.

In you is strength, however contrary the tide.

Eddie Askew

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

CHORAL PRELUDE

Contemplation of the Cross

K. Lee Scott

Westminster Choir

Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,
Which before the cross we spend,
Life and health and peace possessing
From the sinner's dying friend.

Truly blessed is the station,
Low before his cross to lie,
While we see divine compassion
Pleasing in his dying eye.

Here we find our hope of heaven,
While upon the Lamb we gaze;
Loving much, and much forgiven,
Let our hearts o'erflow with praise.

Lord, in loving adoration
Fix our hearts and eyes on thee,
Till we taste thy full salvation,
And thine unveiled glory see.

For thy sorrows, Lord, we praise thee,
For the griefs that wrought our peace;
Gracious Savior, we implore thee,
In our hearts thy love increase.

CALL TO WORSHIP

With all that is within us, let us praise God,

who loves us and creates us in God's image.

God lifts us and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

Let us give praise and thanks to God.

*HYMN NO. 41

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

LYONS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion,

look with favor upon us as we confess our weaknesses:

Our faith is fragile in the face of crisis.

Our trust wavers when troubles arise.

Our hope collapses when life turns mean.

Mighty God, embolden us with your Spirit.

When our vision dims, restore our sight.

When our confidence wanes, give us courage.

Strengthen our resolve to live according to your ways

so that we may once again be your faithful people.

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

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM

“Feed My Lambs”
Joyful Noise/Sing-to-Praise choirs

Natalie Sleeth

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep,
Over all a vigil keep;
In my name lead them forth
Gently as a shepherd.
When they wander, when they stray,
Their protector be,
As ye do unto my flock,
Thus ye do to me.
Unto all who lose the way,
Hope and comfort be.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*Children through Grade 2 may leave for Godly Care and Godly Play 1, or they may remain in worship.
Sing-to-Praise Choir will remain in worship today.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 13:1-9

New Testament, page 66
Janet Patrick, Lay Reader

SERMON

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 718

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

BOURBON

OFFERING

*“Remember the LORD your God, for it is God who gives you power to earn wealth.”
(Deuteronomy 8:18)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Ho, Every One That Thirsteth”
*Westminster Choir
Jason Berger, tenor
Hye Eun Choi, soprano*

Will C. Macfarlane

Ho, ev’ry one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? And your labor for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. I heard the voice of Jesus say, Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live. I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

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**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“Hear the Good News of Salvation”

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, Carrie Saathoff, 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.



2019
Easter
LILIES

~ EASTER LILY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE LITERATURE TABLE ~

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 place a completed form and a check (made payable to Westminster) in the offering plate or return to the reception desk **by 12:00 noon on Monday, April 8.**

VEGETARIAN DINNER AND PRESENTATION

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



The Earth Care Task Force will host a catered vegetarian dinner and a 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 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 next Sunday, March 31. Hope to see you there!



Sunday Seminars

Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise: Making a Meaningful Life – Part II

Presenter: Janet Steinwedel

Classroom 6

No need to have participated in the first class to benefit from this class. 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

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

Classroom 3

Today, March 31 and April 7

Facilitator: 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.

“Let’s Talk About It”

Ruth Christie Room

Facilitator: Sue Frost

White people are unaccustomed to talking about race and its implications in their lives. Yet, at some level, everyone recognizes that racism and prejudice have a profound impact on our communities and our country. We need opportunities to experience the challenges and benefits that come from bringing racial issues into the light of day. All are welcome to join us as we continue our journey by discussing thoughtful responses when confronted by racist remarks. We will work in small groups and join together to share discoveries.

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!

Welcome Spring!
Join us for...

THE 2019

Spring Musical Gala

AT WESTMINSTER

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

A concert sampling a wide range of great music:
Sacred, Opera, Musical Theatre, Art Song, Spirituals, and more

Featuring



Hye Eun Choi,
soprano



Sharon Babcock,
mezzo-soprano



Jason Berger,
tenor



Brenton Mattox,
bass



Christopher Nichols,
clarinet

And
The Westminster Choir
Paul Fleckenstein, organ and piano

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