



Service of Worship
4th Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2019
9:00 a.m.

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

Beatty Chadwick, Teisha Fooks, Dan McAllister, Emily Pfaff, Ann Shadduck,
Martha Spaethling, Lisa Stoddard, Debbie Wise

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.
- ❖ **Sing-to-Praise Choir Program** – Children in grades 3 through 6 in the Youth Music Room.

10:10 a.m.

Education for All Ages

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| ➤ 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 |

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.

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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 in memory of Elizabeth and Rodney Higgins from daughter Cathy.

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 May 19 and 26; June 2, 16, 30; and July 14, 21, 28.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Natalie Freeman.
- ❖ **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 Ellen Clarke, Laura Stevens and Barbara and George Scanlan at Cokesbury.
- ❖ **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:
Specialist Miguel Holmes, age 22, from Hinesville, Georgia
- 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.

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.

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

God of blessing, thank you for a new day to live for you. In the company of all the saints in heaven and on earth, I will sing your praise. Make me a worthy companion of my ancestors in faith; let me love others as I have been loved; and guide me as I seek to leave a guidepost for all who follow me. Amen.

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

“As You Cause the Sun to Rise, O God”

Kenneth Lowenberg

As you cause the sun to rise, O God, bring the light of Christ to dawn in our souls and dispel all darkness. Give us grace to reflect Christ’s glory; and let his love show in our deeds, his peace shine in our words, and his healing in our touch, that all may praise him now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ has passed through the door of death and opened the way to a rich existence.

Because Christ has conquered death, we can truly live.

His presence penetrates our fears and lifts us from despair.

We give thanks to God for new beginnings.

*HYMN No. 4

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Everlasting God, by your Spirit you raised Christ from death,

and by your Spirit you raise us to a new way of living.

We give thanks that you are our Source and Sustainer,

and that you show us the path to holy adventures and a rich life.

Continually renew us in trust and gratitude

that we may proclaim the good news of your love and hope for the world;

through Christ, our risen Lord. 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

“He, Watching Over Israel”

Felix Mendelssohn

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

Barbara Fedeler, Lay Reader
New Testament, page 221

SERMON

Greg Jones

*HYMN No. 440

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

ABERYSTWYTH

OFFERING

*“With a freewill-offering I will sacrifice to you;
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.” (Psalm 54:6)*

OFFERTORY

Clair de Lune

Claude Debussy

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. 246

“Christ Is Alive!”

TRURO

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Electa ut Sol

Henri Dallier

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, Ellie Furry, 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.

Upcoming Sunday Worship Schedule

May 19

One service at **10:00 a.m.** in the sanctuary
Featuring Mozart's *Coronation Mass*, presented by our
Westminster Choir, soloists, and orchestra.

May 26

One service at **10:00 a.m.** in the sanctuary

Beginning June 2 (summer schedule)
Service in Rodney Chapel at **8:15 a.m.**
Service in the sanctuary at **10:00 a.m.**

For a full schedule of all events and programs for children, youth, and adults on Sunday mornings and throughout the week, please check our up-to-date calendar at: **calendar.wpc.org**

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!**

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
Allison Martin, Assistant Director of Children's Music
Mason Lucas, Assistant Director of Children's Music
Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock, Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES: Teisha Fooks

Nursery: Beatrice Taylor, Kristen Wolanski

YOUTH LEADERS

Tommy Neilson
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper, Molly McPheeters

SUPPORT STAFF

Susan Alexander, Reception Area Supervisor
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Cathy Lang, Administrative Assistant
Sextons: Thomas Carter, Robert King, Joan Truitt, John Young

SESSION

Karen Beer, Ty Burns, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Karen Dietz,
Rich Diver, Michael Enderle, Peter Gildner, Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Kelly McCulloch,
Mark Mosher, Jan Patrick, Todd Piercy, Margo Reign, Roger Reinicker, Carrie Saathoff, Kent Smith,
Janet Steinwedel, Barb Stratton, Mary Vane, Susan Williamson, Helen Zumsteg

BOARD OF DEACONS

Jeff Argus, Roger Atkins, Liz Bacon, Amy Bickhart, Jennifer Blackford, Kyle Carrick, Ron Carrick,
Beatty Chadwick, Barry Cobb, Nancy Diver, Teisha Fooks, Nicole Fox, Laura Holmes, Louis Horton, Tara Lee,
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Mary Lou McDowell, Bob Moore, Emily Pfaff, Sandie Reinicker, Martha Spaethling, Ann Shaddock,
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Gen Wallace-Roe, Pam White, Sandy White, Debbie Wise

TRUSTEES

Charley Babcock, Gary Bryde, Denison Hatch, Bobbe Hoy, Fred Iobst, Brock Jobe, Mary Lu Pamm,
Tom Preston, Bob Ridout, Barbara Steen, Bruce Weber, Dan Weintraub

PARTNERS IN WORLDWIDE MINISTRY

Congo – PCUSA Mission Co-workers: Jeff and Christi Boyd, Larry and Inga Sthreshley;
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Iran, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon – PCUSA Mission Co-workers: the Reverends Elmarie and Scott Parker, Dr. Mary Mikhael
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