



**Service of Worship
3rd Sunday of Easter
May 5, 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 Grace 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 grade 3 – 6 may join Godly Play today. Children are picked up in Preschool Suite A after worship service.

10:10 a.m.	God’s Amazing Winged Creatures (all ages)	Community Hall
10:10 a.m.	Family Promise Training	Rowell Conference 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	Off Site Location
1:00 p.m.	Homebound Communion	Members’ Homes
1:30 p.m.	Betty Kelley Memorial Service	Sanctuary
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 Beatrice (Betty) Kelley whose memorial service will be held here today at 1:30 pm.

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, 9, 16, 30; and July 14, 21, 28.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Natalie Freeman and Tenney Wheatley.
- ❖ **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 Jim Coker, Margie Lounsbury, and Reade Tompson 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:
Private First Class Michael A. Thomason, age 28, from Lincoln Park, Michigan
- 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

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God of grace, you have given me a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a voice to sing your praise. Fill me with your Spirit, so that I may worship you with passion and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

PRELUDE

Chanson de Mai
Janet Witman, harp

Alphonse Hasselmans

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are those who trust in God
and hunger to find meaning in their lives.

**We yearn to deepen our faith in God
and to discover God's guidance.**

Blessed are those who serve God with joy,
touching the lives of others with a spirit of hope.

**We intend to give our best to God,
bearing fruit in all we say and do.**

*HYMN No. 363

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

DARWALL'S 148TH

OPENING PRAYER

**God of our lives,
you are always calling us to follow you into the future,
inviting us to new ventures, new challenges,
and new ways to touch the hearts of all.
When we are fearful of the unknown,
give us courage.
When we worry that we are not up to the task,
remind us that you would not call us
if you did not believe in us. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

*Children through Grade 2 may leave for Godly Care or Godly Play, or they may remain in worship.
Children grades 3-6 are invited to join Godly Play in Ruth Christie Room.*

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:15-17

SERMON

Greg Jones

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Lord of the Dance”
(Text: Hymn #157)

arr. John Ferguson

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

We come to the table as children of God.

We share a common desire to become faithful disciples.

We come to be transformed into people
who live according to the loving spirit of Jesus.

May Christ transform us and bring us peace.

*HYMN NO. 828

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Eternal God...

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord’s Supper is open to all who trust in Christ.

For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

(Choir)

“You Are My All in All”
(Text: Hymn #519)

Dennis Jernigan

“Panis Angelicus”
Jason Berger, tenor

César Franck

Panis angelicus, fit panis hominum,
Dat panis caelicus figuris terminum.
O res mirabilis manducat Dominum,
Pauper, servus, et humilis.

*The bread of angels becomes the bread of men.
The heavenly bread gives an end to (earthly) forms.
O marvelous sacrament! The Lord will nourish
the poor, humble servant.*

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Loving God, we pray that we may know Christ’s transforming love
so that we may live generous and bountiful lives.**

**Give us who are nourished by him,
the grace to share our bread with those hungry in body
and with those hungry in spirit
so that all may know God’s love. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Cello Suite no. 3 in C major
I. Prelude
Lawrence Stomberg, cello

J. S. Bach

GOING FORTH

If you are visiting with us and wish to learn more about our church family, we invite you to meet today’s ambassadors, Ellie and Don Furry, at the back of the center aisle following the service. They are happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.

Upcoming Sunday Worship Schedule

May 12

Traditional service in the sanctuary at **9:00 a.m.**
Living Mosaics service in Rodney Chapel at **11:15 a.m.**

May 26

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

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.

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 Grace Hall after the service,
then go to Community Hall to experience God’s Amazing Creation.**

Ask someone to show you the way!

GOD'S AMAZING WINGED CREATURES: AN INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE

Today at 10:10 a.m. in Community Hall



Experience and appreciate God's amazing winged creatures! Join us for a visit from Phung Luu and his birds. Phung Luu is owner/operator of Animal Behavior and Conservation Connections. Our goal is to help Westminster members and children realize their intimate and spiritual connection to the natural world by experiencing the wonder of these birds. Author and environmental activist Thomas Berry said: *We need the sun, the moon, the stars, the rivers, and the mountains and birds, the fish in the sea, to evoke a world of mystery, to evoke the sacred.*

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

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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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PARTNERS IN WORLDWIDE MINISTRY

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Larry and Inga Sthreshley, Cecilé de Sweemer, MD; Kananga Presbytery and Members of Kamulumba-Ditalala Parish
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