



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship **6th Sunday of Easter** **May 6, 2018** **9:00 a.m.**

PASTORAL STAFF:

Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff
Sudie Niesen Thompson, Associate Pastor (on maternity leave)
Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Merideth Hite Estevez, Director of Faith Formation through Music
and Arts, Teaching Artist in Residence
Kevin Flaherty, Assistant Director of Children's Music
Soloist/Section Leaders: Elizabeth Holmes, Sharon Babcock
Christian Sanders, Travis Lucas

YOUTH LEADERS

Merideth Hite Estevez
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Tommy Neilson

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.

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 for available dates. The next available dates are May 27, June 3, June 24 and July 1.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Jamie Cartmell
- ❖ **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 Tom Ford at home, Jerry Greth at Amity Place and Dottie Gkonos at Brandywine Senior Living in New Jersey.
- ❖ **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 and Iraq often seems far away, and we may neglect to realize that Americans, as well as Afghans, Iraqis 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 Gabreil D. Conde, age 22, from Loveland, Colorado
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome Back, Erin

We are pleased that the Reverend Erin (Potter) Kaye will be assisting in worship today. She grew up in Westminster, was ordained here, and is currently serving as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Camden, Arkansas.

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 parent or an adult pre-approved by the parent. Thank you for your help.

Worship Resources – You can obtain large print hymnals and hearing devices from any usher. Worship bags for children ages 3-6 include a children's bulletin designed for them. Children's bulletins for ages 7-12 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

Loving God, you have led me apart from the frantic world into the serenity of your house. May I be attentive to your presence and alert to your nudges that challenge me to live as Christ lived and to love as Christ loved. May I worship you not only with my words, but with my deeds each day of my life. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the friendship folder, at the end of the pew, to the person next to you.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude in E minor

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift your hearts! Lift your eyes! Lift your voices!

The living, moving Spirit of God has called us together.

We gather to hear the wisdom of God and to celebrate the love of God.

We will heed God's Spirit and faithfully follow Christ.

*HYMN NO. 366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God,

We give thanks for our community of faith

and for the ways it serves as our extended family:

by welcoming us when we are anxious and lonely,

by embracing us when we are marginally lovable,

by encouraging us when our confidence is evaporating,

by elevating us when we feel dispirited,

by cheering us when we have something to celebrate,

and by supporting us when we face challenges.

Help us to share your love with one another

and with a divided world that is starving for love.

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Bob Stoddard

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*

SERMON

Greg Jones

OFFERING

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?" (1 John 3:17)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Blessed Be the God and Father"

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Which, according to His abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation. Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear. See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently. Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth forever. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*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.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

When Jesus enjoyed a meal with tax collectors and sinners,
he proclaimed that God's love knows no bounds.

We accept both the comfort and the challenge of that witness.

All are invited to share this meal and to be nourished by the Bread of Life.

HYMN #526

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

LINSTEAD

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

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**God of grace,
you renew us with the bread of life and cup of salvation.
May these elements inspire us to love you by loving others
and to serve you through our service to others.
We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Epilogue

Norman Gilbert

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, Tammy Daley, 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 13

One service at **10:00 a.m.** in the sanctuary
Children’s musical at 11:00 a.m. in Community Hall

May 20

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

May 27

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

Beginning June 3 (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**



Sunday Seminars

Let's Talk About It – A Periodic Series

Ruth Christie Room

Facilitator: Sue Linderman

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 in this journey of exploring our beliefs about race, with openness to differing opinions and respect for one another. On **May 6th**, we will consider the recent event at the Starbucks in Philadelphia, sharing perspectives on what happened and the implications for the ways we deal with cross-racial experiences.

Solar Power Education – Earth Care

Classroom 6

Presenter: Sally Buttner

Interested in learning about solar for your home? Want to learn how you can reduce your carbon footprint? Come hear representatives from Delmarva Power tell us the basics of how solar power works, which houses are good candidates for solar power, what state and federal incentives are available, and how you would go about installing solar power at your own house.

Genealogy

Classroom 3

Presenter: Bob Cox

Where were your ancestors fifty, one hundred, or one thousand years ago? What were their names? What were their lives like? Genealogy has been rising in popularity, as evidenced by the number of television shows promoting it: "Finding Your Roots", "Who Do You Think You Are?", and "DNA Detectives", to name a few. Bob Cox will share thirty years of experience, resources, and techniques for discovering family history. This week we cover genetic genealogy.

New Member Class

Classroom 5

Facilitator: Greg Jones

Are you interested in learning more about Westminster? Have you been considering membership? Please join us today to explore Presbyterian values and life as a member of WPC. Gathering together to share.... see you there!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Plant Sale

This Morning in Grace Hall

A variety of flowering and vegetable plants, great for neighborhood and home gardens, will be available. Proceeds benefit local mission efforts.



• NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 13 •



Cookie Sale

Benefits Youth Mission!

Before and After

the one 10:00 a.m. service

\$5.00 per box



CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

**"Life of the Party: The Story
of Mary & Martha"**

Community Hall

11:00 a.m.

(immediately following
the one 10:00 a.m. service)