



**Service of Worship  
Transfiguration of the Lord  
February 23, 2020  
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**

Roger Atkins, Amy Bickhart, Barry Cobb, Nicole Fox, Sally McBride, Blair McConnel, Debbie McCullough, Mary Lou McDowell, Josh Thomas, Jennifer Trickey, Sandy White, 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. If they prefer, they can follow teachers to classes after the TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN. Please use the identification wristband or stickers in your pew.

- ❖ Ages 2 – 4: **Godly Care**, in *Preschool Suite C*, uses the *Deep Blue* curriculum.
- ❖ K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: **Godly Play**, in the *Ruth Christie Room*, is a place of worship where children learn Bible stories using Montessori-style methods. *Pick up in Preschool Suite*.
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade: **Sing-to-Praise Choir**, in the *Youth Music Room*, uses the *Growing in Grace* curriculum to learn about the Bible, hymns, and music theory. Sing-to-Praise occasionally leads in worship.

**10:10 a.m.** Education for All Ages

- ❖ Ages 2 – 4: **Childcare** in *Preschool Suite C*.
- ❖ K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: **Joyful Noise Choir**, in the *Youth Music Room*, uses the *Growing in Grace* curriculum to learn about the Bible, hymns, and music theory. Joyful Noise occasionally leads in worship.
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade: **Creation Station**, in *Classroom 4*.
- ❖ **Educational Seminars for Teens and Adults** see page 6

**11:15 a.m.** Living Mosaics Worship Rodney Chapel

**12:00 p.m.** Fellowship Time Meeting Room

### Later Today

**5:00 p.m.** 180° Dinner and Fellowship Community Hall  
**Climate Conscious Lent: 5-7pm, 180 Youth Ministry will welcome Melissa DiJulio**, friend of the Earth Care Task Force, to speak to us about climate conscious life disciplines. We'll talk about the ancient practice of Lenten fasting and how to incorporate one of these ideas into a personal Lenten practice. Parents and siblings are encouraged to come for the entire evening.

**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 Anna Mae Robinson, Harry Robinson and Virginia Haycock from Charlie Ingersoll and Dick Jolly.

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](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com) for available dates. The next available dates are March 15 and April 5, 19 and 26.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** John Bowman, Leigh Cook, Julie West, Sandy White, and Mary Young.
- ❖ **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 Margit and Spence Stradley, Don Gerwig, and Eleanor Charles at Country House.
- ❖ **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](mailto: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](mailto:cathylang@wpc.org).

❖ **This week we pray for:**

- ❖ The family of this soldier from the U.S. who died recently:  
Specialist Branden Kimball, age 21, from Central Point, Oregon
- ❖ Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Our guest organist** is Rudolph Lucente, who is in his forty-second year as an assistant at the Wanamaker Grand Court Organ at *Macy's Philadelphia*, and plays regularly at Longwood Gardens and Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City. He also coordinates organ demonstrations for special tour groups at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. At present Rudy is limiting his church work to providing substitute services throughout the tri-state area while continuing an active concert schedule.

**Easy-to-use assisted listening devices** are available for you in the back of the sanctuary and the side entrance off the main hallway.

**Worship Resources** – You can obtain large print hymnals. 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](http://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

*Gracious God, the radiance of Christ pierces the darkness that covers the earth and signals the dawning of justice and peace. May his brightness illumine my life and may I have the courage to walk in your light each day. I ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Seek, not a superficial faith, but a deep faith in the Creator of the cosmos.

**We come with a mixture of both faith and doubt,  
and a yearning for more wisdom.**

Open your mind to mystery, your heart to holiness, and your soul to Spirit.

**We come to affirm God's presence in our lives.**

\*HYMN No. 263

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

CORONATION

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, restore our eyesight and awaken our insight.

We are in the presence of holiness,

**but we fail to discern it.**

We stand in the midst of your dynamic Spirit,

**yet we do not perceive it.**

We walk on the road of newness,

**but we see only the dust and signs of the old.**

Help us to see your activity in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary,

**so that we may be aware of your power and work.**

We pray in the name of the one who

**opens the eyes of the blind,**

**heals the souls of the wounded,**

**and commissions us to spread God's love in the world. Amen.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

arr. Lloyd Larson

"Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit"

arr. Vicki Tucker Courtney

*Joyful Noise and Sing-to-Praise Choirs*

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

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

## ANTHEM

## Prayer for Transfiguration Day

John Weaver

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Christ, your Son,  
You have confirmed the mystery of the faith by the testimony of the apostles.  
In the voice that came from the bright cloud you proclaimed him to be your Son,  
and told us to heed his teachings. O God, make us heirs with Christ,  
in His glory forevermore, Alleluia, Amen.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9

New Testament, page 16  
Dan Weintraub, Lay Reader

## SERMON

Greg Jones

## \*HYMN NO. 190

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

GENEVA

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

## Love Divine

James Biery

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, Let us all thy life receive;  
Return and nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be:  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:  
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crown before thee, Lost in wonder, love and praise.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

## \*HYMN NO. 193

“Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

UNSER HERRSCHER

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

## 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, following the service. He is happy to share  
information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*



## ***Educational Seminars for Teens and Adults***

### ***What is Ihsan? It Is to Live Life As If You Have Made Eye Contact with God***

Grace Hall

Presenter: Dr. Muqtedar Khan, University of Delaware Professor

This lecture will introduce the concept of Ihsan, which literally means to do beautiful things. It will discuss its Quranic and traditional sources and explore how this concept has anchored Islamic mysticism and Sufi traditions for centuries. Can we have beautiful politics based on Ihsan? Can it become the basis of a political system?

A few copies of Dr. Khan's recent book will be available for \$10.00.

### ***Nature, Nurture and Neurons: Adverse Childhood Experiences and their Impact***

Classroom 6

Presenter: Teri Lawler, Delaware Department of Education

Join us for Nature, Nurture and Neurons, a discussion of the impact of trauma and toxic stress on brain development. Participants will explore the conditions that support optimal development; the challenges that can derail it; and, more importantly, what communities have done to support resilience and create conditions where all can thrive.



# A S H

## W E D N E S D A Y

February 26

**Worship service at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary**  
**Soup supper in Community Hall following worship**

## *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](http://www.wpc.org)) or contact the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson at [sniesenthompson@wpc.org](mailto: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**

Sharon Babcock, Interim Director of Music  
Rudolph Lucente: Guest Organist  
Alexis Droke: Director of Music for Children and Youth  
Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Olivia Forney, Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

### **DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Chesna Hinkley

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Teisha Fooks, Director of Preschool Ministries  
Nursery: Beatrice Taylor, Kristen Wolanski

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Chesna Hinkley  
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### **SESSION**

Karen Beer, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Bob Cox, Rich Diver, Michael Enderle,  
Jessica Fischer, Peter Gildner, Carol Hogue, Carla Krupanski, Faith Kuehn, David Máthé,  
Kelly McCulloch, David Michener, Jan Patrick, Chip Pfleegor, Todd Piercy, Roger Reinicker,  
Carrie Saathoff, Kent Smith, Janet Steinwedel, Barb Stratton, Mary Vane, Susan Williamson

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