

**Westminster Presbyterian Church PC (USA)  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**



*Please enter the sanctuary prepared  
to prayerfully experience the presence of God.*  
**God Brings Us Together and Encounters Us ...**

**April 15, 2018  
11:00 AM**

**And you are witnesses of  
these things.**

**—Luke 24:48**



**Prelude**

**Julian Gilder**

**Passing of the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship (Responsive)**

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!  
**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**  
Beloved, we are God's children now;  
**when Christ is revealed, we will be like him.**  
Let us worship God.

**\*Opening Hymn #353**                      *"My Hope Is Built"*

**...Transforms Our Hearts and Minds ...**

**Invitation to Confession**

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You sent the Lord of life among us, yet we gave him up to die. You raised him from the dead, yet we still do not believe. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to receive with gratitude the great gift of love you offer and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Response #456**                      *"Listen, God Is Calling"*                      (refrain only)

**Listen, listen, God is Calling, through the Word inviting,  
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.**

**Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)**

Hear the Good News!  
**We are forgiven.**  
Hear the Good News!  
**We are redeemed.**  
Hear the Good News!  
**We are free! Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn #695**                      *"Change My Heart, O God"*

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Scripture Reading**

Acts 3:12-19

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The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Offering of Food Items** *(The children will collect the food items and bring them to the tubs near the pulpit)*

**Joys and Concerns of the Congregation** *(Please note the printed announcements)*

**Prayers of the People**

**Second Scripture Reading** Luke 24:36b-48 Page 965  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Proclamation of the Word** Pastor Larry Green

**\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)** *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26*  
**Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.**

**\*Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts of Income**

**Offertory Music**

**\*Response Hymn #288** *“Spirit of the Living God”*

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Prayer of Dedication of Offerings**

**\*Parting Hymn #649** *“Amazing Grace”*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response #821** *“My Life Flows On”* (verse 4)

**The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain every springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I’m clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

**.....and Leads Us Out to Be Witnesses to the Risen Christ,  
to Rest and to Live Joyfully.**

Ministers	Each of Us	Pastor	Rev. Larry Green
Parish Associate	Rev. Dr. Ina Boyd	Refreshments	Carol Alderson
Nursery Volunteer	Deanna Henriksen	Nursery Worker	Katie Parrish
Clerk of Session	Linda Spurny	Treasurer	Helen McCune
Accompanist	Julian Gilder	Music Director	Dr. Will Kesling
Venturers & Friends	Lucille Schlichting		

## NEWS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE....

We are glad that God has brought us together to worship. We invite everyone to enjoy refreshments, conversation and fellowship with us at 10:30am. We look forward to talking with you. The church belongs to Christ. We are a caring, inclusive, diverse church and welcome people of all races and nationalities, those struggling with addictions, rich and poor, regardless of marital status or sexual orientation. Christ welcomes all, and so do we. *We are committed to lives of service to people in need and to changing the unfair systems that keeps them in need, and we invite you to join us in our ministries. Trust in Christ is the sole requirement for membership.* Anyone wishing to take this important step is cordially invited to contact the church office.

**Children, even noisy children, are very welcome during worship.**

A changing station, available to all, is located in our Nursery (room#1) and  
In the 'family' bathroom in the back hallway.

**Hearing assistance devices are available for use during worship.**

**Please ask a Greeter for assistance.**

Large print bulletins/hymns are available. If needed, please ask a greeter for a copy .

**TODAY:**

**Worship 9:30 • Refreshments 10:30-11:00**

**Sunday School 11:00 • Worship 11:00**

## *Message from Pastor Larry*



**Your presence here is a gift to us,  
and we *thank you* for  
worshiping with us today.**

Session invites you to consider serving on the **Nominating Committee**. The committee is comprised of 2 Session members and 3 representatives of the congregation. This committee is tasked with identifying and nominating church members to serve on Session. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please touch base with Linda Spurny, Colin Hines, or Larry Green.



**NURSERY CARE** is available for children birth—5 years old during **Worship through Sunday School**. (9:15am-12:15pm) Please register your children to ensure the best care for them.

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS** and **WORSHIP BAGS** with activities are available on the Children's table in the Dickson foyer. **At home go to [games.childrensbulletins.com](http://games.childrensbulletins.com) and enter the secret code for the week to unlock games related to this weeks Scripture readings. Ages 3-6 is DQNNV5 & 7-12 is DYJ365.**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN** during worship provides a way for children to become more involved in the service. All children are invited and encouraged to come forward at this time or they can remain seated with their families.

**Sunday School Classes for Elementary age children will meet in Classroom #2.**

**Middle & High School age will meet in the Community Building.**

**Adult Seminar I** meets in **Classroom #3** and will discuss the *How Should I Live in This World?* by R.C.Sproul. Don Eitzman is the discussion leader.

**Adult Seminar II** meets in the **Christian Education Office**. This is an interactive opportunity open to anyone who wants to extend their understanding of the scripture and sermon in today's worship service. Paul Carter is the discussion leader.

**Adult Seminar III** (leader Gwen Lombard) will NOT be meeting starting April 15th, through the Summer months. They will resume meeting in the fall.



- Sherie Baker
- Mark Bondurant (G.Lane)
- Lina Colondres & Family
- Bruni DePaz' family in Puerto Rico
- Don Eitzman
- Linda Ellwood
- Marissa Fisher
- Jonathan Gil
- **Nancy A. Griffin**
- Kenneth Jones (Norma Green's Godson)
- Rev. Charles Landreth
- Gladys Lane
- Lori Nason
- Charles, son of Hugh Putnam
- Susan Richards (Barbara Seymour's daughter)
- Brenda Robinson
- Lucille Schlichting
- Adela vanAntwerp (friend of the Carters)
- Stacy Webster, son of Louise Black
- All students
- Our Country & those that serve in all military branches
- Missionaries from the Presbytery of St. Augustine
- Our sister church in Havana, Cuba



## TODAY AT WESTMINSTER

There are several **Visioning Group Sessions** planned for you to have the opportunity to give your input on where, as a church, we are and where we are going. Please plan to attend one of the sessions.

**Sunday, April 15th** at **11am** in the CB (Bob Lombard)  
 & at **12pm** in the Foyer (Anne, Colin & Margaret)  
 Thursday, April 19th at 7pm in the Foyer (Anne, Colin & Margaret)  
 Thursday, May 10th at 7pm in the Foyer (Anne, Colin & Margaret)



Earth Care Ministry Team will meet on

**Sunday, April 15th** at **6:30 pm** at the Hostetler's residence.

Study <sup>the</sup> Bible  
with us



each Tuesday, at  
**10:30 am**  
 in Classroom #3

each Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm  
 and Sunday mornings at 9:00am



See link below for pictures:

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/389ycpsjx8e56vr/AAAlu7aDlGfWB\\_DnzN5WQ14Ha?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/389ycpsjx8e56vr/AAAlu7aDlGfWB_DnzN5WQ14Ha?dl=0)

**Pastor's Coffee Hour:** each **Thursday** from **9-10am** at the Coffee Culture (2020 NW 13th St). Stop by and spend some time chatting about anything you'd like. No appointment is necessary, just stop by and get a cup of coffee. Everyone Welcome!



**Visioning Group Session**  
**April 19th, 2018**  
 at **7:00pm** in the Foyer

The Building & Grounds Committee will meet on **April 21st at 11am** at the church. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

**Save the Date**—Celebrate Cinco de Mayo by coming to the **May 5th** WPC Workday. Meet at 9am and celebrate till 11am by working together cleaning up the grounds.



**April is Earth Day Month** and Westminster Earth Care Ministry has planned several events. Please consult the center bulletin board in the foyer for events both at Westminster and in the Community.

**Presentations:** **Sunday, April 22 @ 11am**, Susan Nugent, Climate Realty Project Leader will speak on climate issues and efforts to address these concerns.

**Sunday, April 29th @ 11am**, Linda Burleson, IFAS Master Gardener, will speak on Butterfly and Pollinator Gardening.



### Pollinators

**Westminster Presbyterian church is now pollinator certified!** This certification from the Xerces Society for invertebrate conservation is an affirmation that our church congregation has

pledged to protect pollinators with 9 conservation measures. As a church we have promised not to use pesticides in the butterfly garden, will work toward eradicating invasive plants on church property, that we have a sustainable ecosystem providing host and nectar sources for multiple insect species three seasons of the year and a water source for insects. This certification indicates that we recognize the vital importance of pollinators to plant life and subsequently to humans. 90% of the world's flowering plants rely upon pollinators. Without them most plants could not produce fruits or seeds. Pollinators sustain our ecosystems.

The agent responsible for transporting pollen from the male part of a flower (anther) to the female part (stigma) is known as a pollinator. Pollinators include water, wind and animals. 87% of pollination has evolved into a cooperative or mutualistic relationship between plant and pollinator as both derive some biological advantage. The pollinator gains access to a food source, either pollen, nectar or both while pollination in the plant allows for fruit/seed development.

A wide variety of animal pollinators have been identified including birds, bats, shrews, opossums, mongooses, genets, lizards, skinks, reptiles -the list goes on and on. Of course the major animal group involved in pollination is the insects. We automatically think of honey bees in this regard but many other insect groups are known to fulfill the role of plant pollinators including butterflies, a wide variety of bee species, wasps, beetles, flies, and mosquitoes. Human interest in this topic is more than just academic. Many of our crop plants, fruits and vegetables would never make it to market were it not for the role played by pollinators. The next time you slice a cucumber for a salad, bite into a delicious peach or have a piece of bread



The **Congregational Care Committee** will meet on **Wednesday April 25th @ 4:30pm** in the Dickson Foyer



The Carter family welcomes a new family member. Rose Renee Carter was born 0355 on April 5th to Jonah and Natasha in California. Baby Rose was 6 lbs 13 oz., and measures 20.5 inches long, with reddish blonde hair and a sweet disposition. Mom and baby are doing well and family is adjusting nicely.



- Stephen Marsh 4/9
- Lori Nason 4/12
- Ellie Livingston 4/13
- Doug Barrett 4/18

## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH



The next Bible and Brew will be on **Thursday, April 26th** from 7pm – 9pm at **The Midnight** and **all are welcome** to join us as we discuss various theological issues.

# Visitation Ministry

**Congregational Care** – If you or someone in the congregation would like a visit or phone call from the Pastor or someone else from the church, please share this information with the Pastor, one of the Elders, or contact the Church Office. If you are ill or aware of someone else that is ill, please contact the church office or the Congregational Care Committee (CCC) representative for the month. The CCC members will handle the following parish nurse responsibilities for a short term need following surgery, traumatic event or birth: resource for transportation to medical appointments when feasible and appropriate, medical equipment loan outs, provision of meals, and general emotional support.

## Congregational Care Comm. Representatives

**April**

**Barbara Scott @ 372-7191**  
**Nancy Dickson @ 316-0295**

**Elder of the Month for April is**  
**Margaret Marcus @ 371-9850**

Please contact the Elder regarding emergencies in the absence of the pastor.



- Sun 15**
  - Worship Service @ 9:30am
  - Visioning Session @ 11am**
  - Sunday School @ 11:00am
  - Worship Service @ 11:00 am
  - Visioning Session @ 12n**
  - **Earth Care Team Mtg@6:30pm**
- Tues 17** Bible Study@10:30 am
- Wed 18** Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm
- Thur 19** Pastor's Coffee Hour @ 9am
- **Visioning Session @ 7pm**
- Sat 21** **B&G Meeting @ 11am**
- Sun 22**
  - Worship Service @ 9:30am
  - EarthDayPresentation@11:00**
  - Sunday School @ 11:00am
  - Worship Service @ 11:00 am
- Tues 24** Bible Study@10:30 am
- Wed 25** **CCC Meeting @ 4:30pm**
- Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm
- Thur 26** Pastor's Coffee Hour @ 9am
- Bible & Brew @ 7pm
- Sat 28** **Men's Breakfast @ 8:30am**
- Sun 29**
  - Worship Service @ 9:30am
  - Sunday School @ 11:00am
  - Worship Service @ 11:00 am
  - Congregational Luncheon@12**



**My On-line Giving**

<http://www.wpcgainesville.org>.

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