

Westminster Presbyterian Church PC (USA)  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

**April 8, 2018  
11:00 AM**

Believe!

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John 20:19-31

**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!**  
How very good and pleasant it is  
**when the people of God live in unity.**  
Let us worship God.

**\*Opening Hymn #463**                      *“How Firm a Foundation”*

**. . .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. We claim that we have no sin but you know the truth about us. We say that we have not seen you even when you stand among us now. Forgive us, God of grace. Breathe on us with your Spirit to set us free from doubt and sin, so that we may be at peace with you; 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)**

The saying is sure, and worthy of full acceptance.  
**Through Christ we have been forgiven and reconciled with God.**  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn #667**                      *“When Morning Gilds the Skies”*

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Scripture Reading**

Acts 4:32-35

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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**

<b>Second Scripture Reading</b>	1 John 1:1—2:2	Page 1110
<b>Third Scripture Reading</b>	John 20:19-31	Page 989
The Word of the Lord.		
Thanks be to God.		

**Proclamation of the Word** **Rev. Dr. Ina Boyd**

**\*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 #840** *“It is Well With My Soul”*

**\*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	Susie Gonzalez
Nursery Volunteer	Debbie Powell	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.**



**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 DPZE68 & 7-12 is QKYQX3.**

**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** meets in **Classroom #4** and will be studying the book *A World Ablaze: the Rise of Martin Luther and the Birth of the Reformation* by Craig Harline. Gwen Lombard is the discussion leader..



- 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
- Italo Lenta
- 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 will be 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. The first one is **today, at 11:00 am** with Group Leader Mike Hazlett, in the Community Building (CB). Other sessions are scheduled for:

Wednesday, April 11th at 1pm in the Foyer (Mike Hazlett)

Sunday, April 15th at 11am in the CB (Bob Lombard)

& at 12pm in the CB (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)



The Stated Session Meeting will be at 6:00 pm in the Community Building

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/AAAlu7aDlglfWB\\_DnzN5WQ14Ha?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/389ycpsjx8e56vr/AAAlu7aDlglfWB_DnzN5WQ14Ha?dl=0)

The **Worship Committee** will meet on

**Wednesday,**

**April 11th**

at 7:30pm in Classroom #3

**Visioning Group Session**

**April 11th, 2018**

at **1:00pm** in the Foyer

Everyone welcome!



**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!



The next Bible and Brew will be on **Thursday, April 12th** from 7pm – 9pm at **The Midnight** and all are welcome to join us as we discuss various theological issues.



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.



**Make Your Voice Heard—  
Get Involved  
Ready for 100%**

Local organizations, faith groups, and individuals are working together on a plan to put the City of Gainesville and surrounding communities on a path to 100% clean affordable energy by the year 2050. The project is called **Ready for 100%**. Westminster, with the approval of Session, is a faith community supporting member of this group. It is an excellent way to make our voice heard. Other organizations that are involved include the NAACP, the League of Women Voters, Suwannee St. Johns Sierra Club, Women's March Gainesville, and the United Church of Gainesville.

A team of energy experts and community leaders will be working on the following issues:

**Community Outreach** - Members will attend events, organize forums, and seek input from the community about their energy concerns. The team plans to educate citizens on the importance of a clean energy future and to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to benefit, including those who are now negatively impacted by current energy systems.

**Creating and Advocating for Policy** - The team plans to develop and implement a strategy to reach 100% clean affordable energy by 2050, including all electricity and transportation systems. Members will advocate for policy at the City and County level that will set in motion the steps needed to reach the goals of Ready for 100%.



Sign up for the **April 14th Picnic at Camp Montgomery by Tuesday 10th**. There will be swimming available before lunch; lunch at noon, and boating after lunch. We need to know if you are coming in order to provide food for all. Signup on Bulletin Board or contact the church office.



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

**Visioning Group Session  
April 15th, 2018**

at **11:00pm** in the Community Building  
And at **12 noon** in the Community Building  
Everyone welcome!

Earth Care Ministry Team will meet on  
**Sunday, April 15th**  
at 6:30 pm at the Hostetler's residence.

# 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 08**
  - Worship Service @ 9:30am
  - Visioning Session @ 11am**
  - Sunday School @ 11:00am
  - Worship Service @ 11:00 am
  - Stated Session Meeting @ 6pm**
- Tues 10** Bible Study@10:30 am
- Wed 11**
  - Visioning Session@ 1pm**
  - Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm
  - Worship Comm Mtg@7:30pm**
- Thur 12**
  - Pastor's Coffee Hour @ 9am
  - Bible & Brew @ 7pm
- Sat 14** **Church Picnic @ Montgomery**
- 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**
- Sun 22**
  - Worship Service @ 9:30am
  - EarthDayPresentation@10:30**
  - Sunday School @ 11:00am
  - Worship Service @ 11:00 am



**My On-line Giving**

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

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