

Welcome visitors: Please complete the white VISITOR card in the pew for first-time visitors and drop it in the offering plate. You will receive an information packet as a one-time mailing.

Everyone: Help our ministry to you; complete a blue slip *each week* you worship with us.

Hearing devices for guests and visitors to use in the sanctuary are available from the ushers.

As you enter, begin to worship quietly.

Please silence your phone.

FOR REFLECTION:

“When Jesus came to earth he did not cease to be God; when he returned to heaven he did not cease to be man” (John Blanchard).

“Christ was taken up into heaven, not to enjoy blessed rest at a distance from us, but to govern the world for the salvation of all believers” (John Calvin).

PRELUDE:

Deep River

–Wagner

Exuberant Joy

–Sherman

Easter Alleluia

–Nelson

Westminster Ringers

Beth Ann Shirk – Flute Josie Risser and Dave Yarnall – Percussionists

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Rogers

CALL TO WORSHIP: * *Doxology* (Hymn 731)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav’nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER/INVOCATION:

(8:00) Rev. Walker, (11:00) Rev. Irvine

HYMN 282 *

Lift Up, Lift Up Your Voices Now

CONFESSION OF SIN * (Led by the Pastor)

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE: * 1 Timothy 1:15–17

CONFESSION OF FAITH: * *The Apostles’ Creed* (Inside Front of Hymnal)

GLORIA PATRI * (Hymn 735)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

ANTHEM (11:00) *Somebody's Knockin'* –Spiritual/Berg
Junior Choir Evelyn Allison, Director Cindy Field, Pianist

INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY (8:00) *Alleluia!* –O'Conner-Morris
Kris Kroll, Alto

OFFERTORY (11:00) *Lift High the Cross* (Hymn 263) –Huff
Senior Choir

HYMN 298 * *The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns*
(11:00) Aged 4–K may recess to Room 119 for Children's Worship or remain with families.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Peter 5:1–4 (ESV Pew Bible Page 1016)

SERMON: **The Overseers of God's Flock** Dr. Rogers
#19 in a Series, 1 & 2 Peter: *Born Again to Living Hope*

HYMN 606 * *Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *

POSTLUDE: Fourth Cello Sonata: *Allegro* –Vivaldi

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

Sunday greeters at 8 AM are Dawn Fortna & Alicia Westrate and Chris & Joe Wachter. Greeters at 11 AM are Kate & Ben Stoltzfoos and Valerie & Craig Hise.

Sanctuary flowers are contributed by Keneen Iobst in loving memory of her husband, Russell Iobst.

Easter Offering

Session designates our 2017 Easter offering for Harvest USA's general operating expenses. Harvest USA is a Reformed, Christian organization whose mission is "to partner with and equip the Church in bringing the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ to transform the lives of those affected by sexual sin." The culture inside and outside the Church is rapidly changing. Each day we are confronted by distortions of God's plan for sexuality. Harvest USA faces a \$3000/month shortfall. They need help now to effectively confront these distortions and help men, women and families find healing in Christ from the impact of sexual sin.

April 23, 2017

Evening Worship Service

6:30 PM

PRELUDE

Lord, Be Glorified
As the Deer / Fairest Lord Jesus
I Love You, Lord
Darwin Beale, Pianist

–Hayes
–Hayes
–Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Light

HYMN 296 *

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

INVOCATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING: *I Love You Lord / My Jesus I Love Thee*
Lauren Fritz – Cello (Music Scholarship Recipient)

–Arr. Pethel

MISSION REPORT

HYMN 647 *

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

SCRIPTURE: Mark 12:28–44 (Pew Bible, Page 848)

SERMON: **Loving God With Heart, Soul, Mind and Strength**
#25 in a Series on Mark: *The Gospel in Action*

Dr. Light

HYMN 646*

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *

Officer Recommendations

Due TODAY! All officer recommendations from members of the congregation will be seriously considered as Session acts as our nominating committee this Tuesday, April 25. Forms are available from the registration desk. Submit completed forms to the box at the registration desk today.

Pray for God's leading as our officers serve in 2017:

RULING ELDER: Rick Anderson, Jeb Bland, Mark Espenshade, Rick Frey, Wayland Gillingham, Keith Greer, Robert Hivner, Mark Hook, Kyle Hunt, Thomas Lints, William McLain, James O'Connor, Dana Ormerod, Kevin Snoke, Andrew Soule, Kim Seldomridge and Dale Weaver.

DEACON: Charles Archibald, Andrew Brackbill, Eric Conner, John Davies, James Edwards, David Enzman, Robert Ferguson, Stephen French, Robert Heisey, Quentin Lapp, Jeffrey Levan, Donald Mellinger, Daniel Newhard, Eric Olynik, Douglas Reach, Bryce Ressler, Timothy Sheetz and Gerald Styer.

DEACONESS: Susan Anderson, Charlene Bomberger, Judy Clay, Marilyn DeLong, Carole Denlinger, Nancy Farmer, Joanne Ferguson, Lori Frey, Betsy Graver, Donna Horning, Rebecca Irvine, Diane La Belle, Doris Lownsbery, Carol Mohler, Barbara Ressler, Carol Sunbery, Verna Swartz, Marilyn Thompson, Marlene Varner, Carol Warfel and Theresa Wenger.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, April 23

- 8:00 AM **Worship** (Dr. Rogers), nursery Rooms 109, 110, 111
- 9:30 AM Sunday School classes for all ages, nursery in Rooms 109, 111
- 10:30 AM Beverage Fellowship in the gathering space until 10:50 AM
- 11:00 AM **Worship** (Dr. Rogers), nursery in 109, 110, 111, 121
- 5:00 PM Bible Studies: senior high boys in Pastor Walker's office, 7–12 Grade girls in LL11
- 6:30 PM **Worship** (Dr. Light), report from Rick, nursery in 111

Monday, April 24, WEDNESDAY DINNER RESERVATIONS/CANCELLATIONS DUE BY NOON

- 12:30 PM Women's Home Fellowship meets in Room 103
- 6:30 PM Pray for the lost in Room 117 (Dan Bleecker, 405.7250)
- 6:30 PM Harvest USA family support in Room 123 (Dr. Joan Stratton, 569.2151)
- 6:30 PM Sanctity of Life Ministry meets in Room 126 *All are welcome to attend!*
- 7:00 PM Adult Volleyball in the activity area (Todd Horst, 627.1006)

Tuesday, April 25

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Studies Closing Brunch in the activity area, preschool childcare 9–11 AM
- 6:15 PM Jubilate Ringers (beginning players) rehearsal in Room 203 until 7:15 PM
- 6:30 PM Klim Home Fellowship 3 meets at the Klim home (625.0519)
- 7:00 PM Session meets as a Nominating Committee in Room 103
- 7:00 PM English as a Second Language (ESL) meets in the activity area
- 7:15 PM Westminster Ringers (experienced players) rehearsal in Room 203 until 8:30 PM

Wednesday, April 26

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study meets in Room 103 (Keith Greer, 978.369.8535)
- 5:00 PM Dinner until 6:30 PM (RSVP by noon, Monday, April 24)
- 5:30 PM Primary Choir (Grades 1–3) rehearsal in Room 126
- 5:30 PM Junior Choir (Grades 4–12) rehearsal in Room 216
- 6:00 PM Matins Choir (Grade 9–adult) rehearsal in Room 203
- 6:30 PM Kids Quest Catechism Club for children aged 4–preK, Room 148 until 7 PM
- 6:30 PM Scooters Club for children in kindergarten, Room 120
- 6:30 PM Pioneer Boys Grades 1–2, Rooms 118–119/Grades 3–6, activity room
- 6:30 PM GEMS 1: Girls Grades 1–3 in Room 122 and GEMS 2: Girls Grades 4–6 in Room 213
- 6:30 PM Junior & Senior High Youth Groups meet in Room LL9 (series)
- 6:30 PM Women's Bible Studies meet in Rooms 103 and 123, newborn–aged 3 nurseries
- 6:30 PM Men's series, *Christian Counter Culture*, in Room LL1, newborn–aged 3 nurseries
- 7:00 PM **The Church at Prayer** meets in Room 117 until 7:45 PM *All are welcomed!*
- 7:30 PM Senior Choir (Grade 9–adult) rehearsal in Room 203

Thursday, April 27

- 7:00 PM 50th Anniversary Committee meets in Room 117
- 7:00 PM Young Adult Fellowship meets at the Heidi/John Hayward home, 768 New Holland Ave.
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball in the activity area (Jim Lux, 581.8884)

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Friday, April 28

- 5:30 PM Women's Night Out: Dining and Downtown, meet at Harvey's BBQ, Mount Joy
- 6:00 PM Women's Night Out: Salads at Susan Barry's home, 809 Disston View Drive
- 7:00 PM Women's Night Out: Art and Appetizers at Julia Reed's home, 816 Stumpf Hill Drive
- 7:00 PM Women's Night Out: Games and Goodies at Kerri Rogers' home, 287 Delp Road
- 7:00 PM Heagy Home Fellowship 20 meets at the Hunt home (656.7192)

Sunday, April 30

- 8:00 AM **Worship** (Dr. Rogers), Communicants received, nursery Rooms 109, 110, 111
- 9:30 AM Sunday School classes for all ages, nursery in Rooms 109, 111
- 10:30 AM Beverage Fellowship in the gathering space until 10:50 AM
- 11:00 AM **Worship** (Dr. Rogers), Communicants received, nursery Rooms 109, 110, 111, 121
- 6:30 PM **Youth Night**, nursery in 111

Young Adult Fellowship

Young Adult Fellowship continues a study in Romans at weekly Thursday meetings. Join us April 27, 7 PM, at the home of John & Heidi Hayward, 768 New Holland Ave. Check Facebook for scheduled events or contact John Hayward, if you have questions (799.7649 or email).

Wednesday Nights

Wednesday Fellowship Night, with meals, kids clubs, youth groups, children and adult choirs and adult Bible studies continues this week. Come and join with your church family this Wednesday night. A Fellowship Night brochure and kids club brochures are available at the kiosk.

A **complete meal** is offered this Wednesday, 5–6:30 PM. Cost is \$5 a person, aged 6 and older, maximum \$12 each household. PLEASE KEEP OUR COSTS DOWN; GIVE AN EXACT COUNT. Tell us on your blue slip, or call/email the office BY NOON MONDAY with reservations/cancellations. This week's entrée is hamballs. A gluten-free meal is provided **with a weekly request** on your blue slip.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study meets at 6:30 PM and studies *Jesus Christ: Teacher, Servant and Savior* by John Stott in Room 103 or 123. Childcare is available for newborn–aged 3.

All men are invited to join Wednesday Night Men's Fellowship, 6:30–7:30 PM in room LL1. Come and build Christ-centered relationships through discussion, encouragement and accountability. Discussion will revolve around the John R.W. Stott book, *Christian Counter Culture: The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*. Books will be available at the meeting. Contact Mark Espenshade (286.3447) or Peter Florio (484.256.7484) for more information.

The Church at Prayer meets at 7–7:45 PM Wednesdays in Room 117. Join us for pastor led 45 minutes of praise and directed prayer for various ministries.

Youth Night

Join us next Sunday, April 30, 6:30 for evening worship led by the youth ministry. Come worship God and hear testimonies of how God has worked in their lives and hear a message from God's Word.

Children and Youth Ministry

2017 Vacation Bible School

Join the trek of a lifetime! Gear up to follow Jesus' radical journey and reach the Summit through faith in Him. Register your backpackers now at www.westpca.com for Upward Bound VBS, July 24–27, 9 AM–12 PM. Guides, assistant guides, and many support staff are needed for our hiking crew. Contact Mary Jo Rader (email or 569.2151) with any questions or to volunteer.

Christian School Scholarships (Primary/Secondary)

An estate bequest to influence the lives of young people through Christian education, provides scholarships for students enrolled at the primary or secondary level. Westminster members whose children attend Christian schools may apply for these funds for the coming school year. Scholarships are for tuition support only and the amount will vary, depending upon the number of applications we receive. Applications are available from the youth education mailbox outside the church office, children's ministry office, or www.westpca.com/children. **Please note the deadline is Sunday, May 7.** Address your applications to Lenny Marsch, Christian School Scholarship chairman, use a sealed envelope placed in the *Youth Education* mailbox in the church office lobby. Or you may email.

Christian Camp Scholarships

Camp scholarships are available for Westminster Church members who are interested in sending their child to a Christian camp this summer. Pick up a camp scholarship application from the Youth Education mailbox in the office lobby, on the church web site, or contact Rick Frey (372.7742 or email). **Applications are due by Sunday, May 7,** and can be placed in the Youth Education mailbox.

Women's Ministry

Women's Bible Studies

Women's Bible Studies Closing Brunch will be held this Tuesday, April 25, 9:00–11:00 AM in the activity area. Tuesday and Wednesday Bible study groups are invited to attend. Bring a brunch item to share along with a serving utensil marked with your name. If you have questions, please contact Vicki Becker, Women's Bible Study coordinator (email or 336.6337).

Wednesday evening women's Bible studies continue weekly, 6:30 PM through May 3.

Women's Night Out

Spots are filling fast for our Women's Night Out event this Friday, April 28. Choose one of the fantastic options below. You can sign up online at westpca.com/wno or by your blue slip. Contact Kate Walker (572.9015 or email) with any questions. A flier is available at the kiosk.

1. **GAMES AND GOODIES:** Bring your favorite group game and goodies (sweet or savory) to share at Kerri Rogers' home, 287 Delp Road, Lancaster, 7 PM.
2. **ART AND APPETIZERS:** Learn an art technique called Paper Marbling. Enjoy light appetizers. All art materials provided at Julia Reed's home, 816 Stumpf Hill Drive, Lancaster, 7 PM. Cost: \$10 each.
3. **SALADS AND SOCIALIZING:** Bring your favorite salad topping to share. This will be a time of food and fellowship at Susan Barry's home, 809 Disston View Drive, Lancaster, 6 PM.
4. **DINING AND DOWNTOWN:** Enjoy dinner and 4th Friday in historic downtown Mount Joy. Meet at Harvey's BBQ, 304 E. Main Street, Mount Joy, 5:30 PM. Your dinner is your only cost.

Women Stay Connected

Westminster Women's LINK is available at the literature kiosk, the Women's Ministry bulletin board in the front hallway, and on our website, www.westpca.com. This newsletter (on yellow paper) helps our women stay informed and connected. Women's Night Out event is listed on the front.

Join us on Facebook! Search for Westminster Women's Ministry and click *Request to Join*. Connect with others and receive notifications about ministry events. If you have questions, contact Leisel Allgyer. Facebook name: Leisel Stocker Allgyer or email.

Missions and Outreach

English as a Second Language (ESL) Workshop

Held TODAY! Attend a new ESL workshop today at Wheatland Presbyterian Church, 1125 Columbia Ave., Lancaster, 12:45–3:00 PM. The workshop includes a pizza lunch and materials. There is no pre-registration required. We feature Dr. William Himmele from Millersville University. Dr. Himmele is author of the bestselling book *Total Participation Techniques*.

Pray for the Lost

Meet for prayer every second and fourth Monday, 6:30–7:30 PM in Room 117. Next meeting is tomorrow, April 24. Dan Bleecker will lead prayer that will focus on the lost in our community, around the world and for outreach ministries of the church. Please join us.

Harvest USA Support Group

Are you a family member of someone embracing a homosexual or transgender lifestyle? Learn how to love them with gospel truth and mercy, remaining firm in your biblical convictions about the issues. Harvest USA parents' group, offering confidential encouragement/support, meets this Monday, April 24, 6:30–8 PM, Room 123. If you are a new attendee or have questions, contact Dr. Joan Stratton (569.2151 or email).

Sanctity of Life Ministry

Sanctity of Life Ministry meets this Monday, April 24, 6:30 PM in Room 126. Plan now to join the meeting and explore opportunities to enhance the sharing of ideas and news regarding new and existing initiatives that support the sanctity and dignity of all human life. Anyone interested in supporting the sanctity of human life through combined action, education and community outreach is encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Bob Dunn (396.3838).

CLC Booklink Collection

Bring your used Bibles, reference books, commentaries, biographies and all other Christian books to the CLC box in the church library. Books are sent to CLC bookstores overseas and to hospitals, seminaries and prison libraries where distribution is welcomed. In most areas, no Christian publishing house in the native language exists. However, English is used and materials are eagerly received. CLC is not able to use any electronic media. Help is needed to carry boxes of books and load them into a vehicle. Please contact Penn Tomassetti (385.8458 or email) to volunteer or with any questions.

Clothing Collection

Clothing collection starts next Sunday, April 30, always the last Sunday of each month, outside Room 148. Water Street Ministries picks up your gently used, clean clothes Thursday AM, May 4. Needed: women's purses and umbrellas of any size/type. There is a four-day window for you to donate. **DONATIONS ANY OTHER TIME WILL BE DISCARDED.** Donate new underwear and socks to the blue tub at anytime. We need all sizes for all ages, but especially for men.

Men's Ministry

Men's Ministry invites all married men (and those soon to be married) to join together for a six-week study Wednesdays, May 3–June 7, 6:30–7:30 PM (room TBD). This study is designed to strengthen and encourage men in their marriages as we gain insight into understanding our calling as husbands and the four needs of a wife that only her husband can meet. We will discuss the book, *Loving Our Wives Well* by Gary Yagel, author and founder of Family Builders, Inc. In order to determine room size and order materials, please indicate your interest on your blue slip or sign up at the registration desk. Contact Mark Espenshade (286.3447) or Peter Florio (484.256.7484) for more information.

Property Committee

Cemetery Board

Volunteers keep our cemetery/memorial garden beautiful and we thank them. Cemetery Board seeks volunteers to maintain flower beds in the cemetery. The volunteer periodically weeds a designated flower bed in order to keep the cemetery looking attractive over the summer months. If you are interested in volunteering this season, tell us on your blue attendance slip or contact Ned Sterling (email or 653.4594).

“Mulch Day”—Mark Your Calendar

Serve your church property Saturday, May 6, 8 AM until noon. We will hold a “Mulch Day” to spruce up and beautify the church property. Bring tools for the job. Tell us on your blue attendance slip that you will help or contact Bryce Ressler (email or 572.8135).

Facility Use Reminder

If you want to use any part of the church building (gym, sanctuary, rooms, nurseries, etc.) for any purpose, please be sure to schedule that use through the church administrator's office (use a form provided at the kiosk and literature rack outside Room 116). This is important so that the custodians can plan the cleaning of the building and not be hindered by unscheduled use of areas they planned to clean. Conversely, also alert us if you cancel spaces (help us save on utilities and effort to ready the space for you). Contact Michael Ploutz (email or 569.2151) with any questions.

New Choral Director Floyd E. Rawleigh Jr.



Please welcome Mr. Floyd E. Rawleigh Jr. as Westminster Presbyterian Church's new choral director. Beginning today, Floyd is responsible for leading the Senior and Matins choirs and overseeing the Primary and Junior choirs.

A native of western New York, Floyd received his undergraduate training in music education, voice and piano at Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester and later earned a master of music degree from Temple University. In his 34 years of teaching, Floyd has taught more than 10,000 students how to sing.

For the past 27 years, he has served as a middle school choral director in the Downingtown Area School District. His program currently includes 400 seventh and eighth grade singers in four different, award-winning choirs. During his tenure in Downingtown, he has directed more than 30 music theater productions. He has also taught music theory, voice and choral conducting classes at Lancaster Bible College.

A believer since the age of 7, Floyd was raised in a Christian home. His faith journey led him to the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)—first in 1992 when he became the music director at Proclamation Presbyterian Church in Bryn Mawr. The principles of the Reformed faith spoke to his heart and after a brief time directing in a Baptist congregation north of Philadelphia, he and his family made their theological home in the PCA, where they have remained for 20 years. Mr. Rawleigh has most recently served as the music director at Faith Reformed Presbyterian Church in Quarryville, where he directed the choir and a cappella singers.

Floyd is also the artistic director of the Csehy (pronounced "Shay-he") Summer School of Music, a Christian music camp which meets on the campus of Houghton College in Houghton, New York. There, he teaches voice, music theory and often directs the choir. Floyd's performance credits include numerous appearances as a sacred soloist throughout the Philadelphia and Lancaster areas.

Floyd and his wife, Janet, live in Strasburg. They have two adult sons. Janet is also a music educator. Together, they consider it a great joy to have been instrumental in bringing the love, joy and discipline of music to so many students and to the congregations they have served over the years.

The Worship Committee and Session thank our music director, Pat Bleecker, for serving as choir director during this interim period and, again, thank Warren Whitney for 3 decades of leadership with our choirs. We thank the Lord for bringing Floyd to us and look forward to his leadership in the music department for many years to come!

Bill McLain, elder
Worship Committee chairman

“Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust” And U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Trip

“Memory is what shapes us. Memory is what teaches us. That’s not enough to curse the darkness of the past. Above all, we have to illuminate the future” (Estelle Laughlin, Holocaust Survivor).

Today marks the beginning of our nation’s annual 8-day commemoration of the Jewish Holocaust. The United States Congress established **The Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust (DRVH)** for civic commemorations and special educational programs to help Americans remember and draw lessons from the Holocaust. DRVH begins on the Sunday before *Yom Hazikaron laShoah ve-laG'vurah* —“Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day”—which is the State of Israel's day of commemoration for the six million Jews who died from actions carried out by Nazis Germany and its accessories in World War II, and for Jewish resistance, especially the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, during the war.

As Christians, we value the sanctity and dignity of every human life because each one is created in the image and likeness of our sovereign God. However, throughout history there are many tragic examples of how some nominal Christian and non-Christian societies have selectively stripped the civil and human rights from a segment of their citizenry and then imposed incomprehensible evil and suffering upon them. By examining human tragedies like the Holocaust, we have the opportunity to increase our understanding of the sinful nature of man and the culture, laws, and government he is capable of creating at his worst. Only then, can we hope to understand how such evil behavior occurs and recognize our vulnerability to compromising the sanctity and dignity of all human life that are so integral to our faith and our nation.

“I think the important thing to understand about this cataclysmic event is that it happened in the heart of Europe. Germany was respected around the world for its leading scientists, its physicians, its theologians. It was a very civilized, advanced country. It was a young democracy, but it was a democracy. And yet it descended not only into social collapse but world war and eventually mass murder” (Sara Bloomfield, Director, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum).

As an extension of **The Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust**, the WPC Sanctity of Life Ministry has organized a **one-day bus trip on Saturday, July 15**, to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. This trip offers an in-depth opportunity to learn more about the Holocaust and to explore key questions regarding how such evil was allowed to occur, the impact it had on its victims and those who witnessed or participated in it, and the role everyday people played in protecting and caring for its victims and finally ending this monumental tragedy. Following the Holocaust Museum visit, the bus will provide a windshield tour of the new eight-story, 340,000 square foot Museum of the Bible scheduled to open this November in downtown Washington. Bus travelers will also view a short video that highlights the museum’s mission and the artifacts museum organizers plan to display. The cost is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children 18 and under, with a maximum charge of \$50.00 for each family. Detailed trip information and a sign-up link are available in the “Events” section of our church website.