



Service of Worship
10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 18, 2019
10:00 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 you are and wherever you may be on your faith journey – 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

Deacon Team of the Month

Roger Atkins, Amy Bickhart, Bob Moore, Sandie Reinicker, Martha Spaethling, Hugh Underhill, Debbie Wise

8:15 a.m. **Worship** with Communion in Rodney Chapel

9:45 - 11:15 a.m. **Nursery Care**

10:00 – 10:55 a.m. **Worship** in the Sanctuary

Children are always welcome in worship. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith. Following TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN, children age 2 through 2nd grade may leave for **Summer Sunday School** in the Preschool Suite.

11:00 a.m. Ice Cream Social and Reception for Alexis Droke and Chesna Hinkley - Community Hall

Later Today

11:15 a.m. Flying Solo Brunch Catherine Rooney's

6:00 p.m. Clean But Not Straight – NA Club Room

8:00 p.m. AA Club Room

Note: The church office is closed on Fridays in August.

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 Bob Checkel whose memorial service was held yesterday.

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 is September 1.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Nancy Boden, Clark Miller
- ❖ **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 Tee Jay King, Evelyn Measley and Jay Ritter 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.

Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait often seem 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 those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

We continue our *Month of Musical Masterworks* at the 10:00 o'clock service this morning as **Robert Skoniczin** joins us to present the Trumpet Sonata by Karl Pilss. Rob serves on the music faculty at West Chester University, in addition to a busy schedule as a performer in numerous venues.

Easy-to-use assisted listening devices may be found in the back of the sanctuary and the side entrance off the main hallway.

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 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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*At the starting line of this day,
I call on your name, God of grace.
As I run the race that is set before me,
help me keep my eyes on your goals, not my own.
When I falter, give me fresh strength and courage.
When I am fleet-footed, let me give you the glory.
In the name of Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, I pray. Amen.*

~ Adapted from a prayer by Carol Penner

PRELUDE

Trumpet Sonata
I. Allegro appassionato
Robert Skoniczin, trumpet

Karl Pilss

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Like Moses in the wilderness, prophets in the town square,
and disciples along the lakeshore, God calls us.

**We join together as a family of faith
in prayer and praise, worship and work.**

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
we lay aside all that would weigh us down and hold us back

**to run the race that is set before us –
our eyes fixed on Jesus, our souls sustained by his grace.**

*HYMN No. 826

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,
in baptism you claim us as beloved children,
and set us apart as witnesses to your love.
At times we forget we bear the mark of your grace
and act as if you have no claim on our lives.
You call us to the often risky work of justice and peace,
but we default to what is comfortable and safe.
You call us to ministries of generosity and compassion,
but we make little room in our busy lives for gestures of mercy
beyond moments of spontaneous kindness.
Wash us again with your grace and transform us by your Word,
that we might proclaim your good news in word and deed. Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Blessing of the Backpacks

*Children age 2 through 2nd Grade may leave for Summer Sunday School in the Preschool Suite,
or they may remain in worship.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

New Testament, page 199
Barbara Stratton, Lay Reader

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN NO. 731

“Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm”

REPTON

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Trumpet Sonata
II. Adagio, molto cantabile

Pilss

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*HYMN NO. 846

“Fight the Good Fight”

DUKE STREET

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Sonata
III. Allegro agitato

Pilss

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, Jenn Blackford, 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.

***Please join us after the service for a Reception and Ice Cream
Social in Community Hall.***



TODAY

Meet Chesna Hinkley

Our new *Director of Christian Education*
and

Alexis Droke

Our new *Director of Music for Children and Youth!*

Ice Cream Social

11:00 a.m. in Community Hall



5TH ANNUAL Summer Celebration

AT FRANKS WINE

Thursday, August 22

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a two-hour wine and beer tasting at Franks Wine (1206 N. Union Street, Wilmington, DE 19806). The tastings are BYOG (bring your own glass!), and we'll have light snacks to enjoy. As an added bonus, there is a 10% discount on beer, wine, and spirits purchased during the event. Plus, Franks Wine will donate back 10% of total sales that evening to WPC! Everyone who has attended this event in the past has said they had a really great time mingling with Westminster friends in a casual atmosphere. The cost is \$20 per person. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/y9mkpwp>. Must be age 21 or over to participate.



Month of Musical Masterworks

AT WESTMINSTER

August 2019

Another August, another month of great instrumental music at Westminster. On each of the four Sundays in August, our 10 o'clock worship service is enhanced with a major instrumental work, with the movements interspersed throughout the service as Prelude, Offertory and Postlude. This year the line-up includes two concertos and two sonatas, representing a broad range of timbres and styles.

August 4

Alessandro Marcello: Oboe Concerto in C minor
Merideth Hite Estevez, oboe

August 11

Carl Reinecke: Harp Concerto, Op. 182
Anne Sullivan, harp

August 18

Karl Pilss: Sonata for Trumpet and Piano
Robert Skoniczin, trumpet

August 25

Felix Mendelssohn: Organ Sonata no. 1 in F minor
Paul Fleckenstein, organ

PASTORAL STAFF

Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff
Sudie Niesen Thompson, Associate Pastor
Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Alexis Droke, Director of Music for Children and Youth
Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock, Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chesna Hinkley

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES STAFF

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

YOUTH LEADERS

Tommy Neilson
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper, Molly McPheeters

SUPPORT STAFF

Susan Alexander, Reception Area Supervisor
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SESSION

Karen Beer, Ty Burns, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Karen Dietz,
Rich Diver, Michael Enderle, Peter Gildner, Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Kelly McCulloch,
Mark Mosher, Jan Patrick, Todd Piercy, Margo Reign, Roger Reinicker, Carrie Saathoff, Kent Smith,
Janet Steinwedel, Barb Stratton, Mary Vane, Susan Williamson, Helen Zumsteg

BOARD OF DEACONS

Jeff Argus, Roger Atkins, Liz Bacon, Amy Bickhart, Jennifer Blackford, Kyle Carrick, Ron Carrick,
Beatty Chadwick, Barry Cobb, Nancy Diver, Teisha Fooks, Nicole Fox, Laura Holmes, Louis Horton, Tara Lee,
Marsha Mah, Kris Marvel, Luke Máthé, Dan McAllister, Sally McBride, Blair McConnel, Debbie McCullough,
Mary Lou McDowell, Bob Moore, Emily Pfaff, Sandie Reinicker, Martha Spaethling, Ann Shadduck,
Lisa Stoddard, Josh Thomas, Jennifer Trickey, Hugh Underhill, Lois Underhill, Lowell Underhill,
Gen Wallace-Roe, Pam White, Sandy White, Debbie Wise

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Charley Babcock, Gary Bryde, Denison Hatch, Bobbe Hoy, Fred Iobst, Brock Jobe, Mary Lu Pamm,
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