



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **Service of Worship** **13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** **August 19, 2018** **8:15 a.m.**

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  
Merideth Hite Estevez, Director of Faith Formation through Music  
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YOUTH LEADERS

Merideth Hite Estevez  
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DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND SECURITY

Paul Crothamel

**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.

## **This Morning at Westminster**

### **Deacon Team of the Month**

Don Beddie, Nancy Diver, Blair McConnel, Carol Neff, Jennifer Trickey, Sue Weissinger, Debbie Wise

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

**9:00 a.m.**                      **Backpack Project Meeting** in Preschool Suite D

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

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

Children are always welcome in worship. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith.

❖ **Summer Sunday School** - Following Time with Our Children, children age 2 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may leave for Sunday School in Preschool Suite C.

**11:00 a.m.**                      **Ice Cream Social** in Community Hall

### **Later Today**

11:15 a.m.                      Flying Solo Brunch                      Off Site Location

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

8:00 p.m.                      AA                      Club Room



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 today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Fred Hurlock.

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 August 26, September 2, 16, and 23.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Peggy Cartmell, Jane Palmer.
- ❖ **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 Dottie Gkonos at Brandywine Senior Living in New Jersey, Jerry Greth at Amity Place and Tom Ford at home.
- ❖ **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 and Iraq often seems 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](mailto:cathylang@wpc.org).

### This week we pray for

- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
  - Staff Sergeant Reymund Rarogal Transfiguracion, age 36, from Waikoloa, Hawaii.
  - Sergeant 1st Class Christopher Andrew Celiz, age 32, from Summerville, SC.
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

## WORSHIP NOTES

**This morning** violist *Sheila Browne* brings us the viola sonata by 19<sup>th</sup>-century Belgian composer Henri Vieuxtemps. Accompanied by Paul Fleckenstein at the piano, the three movements of the sonata will enhance our worship service as Prelude, Offertory and Postlude. In addition to a busy international performing career, Ms. Browne currently serves as professor of viola at the University of Delaware. Come prior to the 10 a.m. service to hear the Prelude.

**Worship Resources** – You can obtain large print hymnals and hearing devices 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](http://www.wpc.org) and click the "Donate Now" button or scan the QR code on your smart phone



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Loving God, by whose great generosity I have been granted the gift of life, breathe on the spark of your presence within me, that I may burn with a flame of love that banishes fear, and lights up the world around me. In the name of Jesus, the light and life of the world. Amen.* John Polhill

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign and pass the friendship folder, located at the end of the pew, to the person next to you.*

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here as God's people gathered for worship.

**We have come to praise God and seek God's strength for our lives.**

Let us celebrate the gift of life that God has given us.

**Let us affirm the love and hope of people who follow Jesus Christ.**

\*HYMN NO. 804

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

MARION

## OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we pray that we may be mindful of your presence in and around us.

**We give you thanks for the gift of life and the blessings we enjoy.**

Where we have been weak,

**may we be filled with your strength;**

where we have been uncertain,

**may we discover your guidance;**

where we have been anxious,

**may we be assured you will never leave us,**

and where we have been dead,

**may we be infused with new life. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 6:51-58

Luke Mathé, Lay Reader

SERMON

"How Long Do I Have?"

Greg Jones

OFFERING

*"With a freewill-offering I will sacrifice to you;  
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good." (Psalm 54:6)*

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Jesus said: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me."

**In Christ, we will find rest for our souls.**

Jesus said: "I am the bread of life."

**Whoever comes to him will never be hungry,  
and whoever follows him will have abundant life.**

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Eternal God...

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*The Lord's Supper is open to all who trust in Christ.*

*When you approach a communion station, please take a piece of bread,  
the symbol of Christ's love for you, and dip it in the cup, representing the new life in Christ.*

*If you are unable to come to a station, please raise your hand so that you may be served.*

*For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.*

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

\*HYMN No. 269

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

LANCASHIRE

BENEDICTION

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, Jeanne Checkel, by the door following the service. She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*

**REMINDER!** The church office is closed on Fridays during August.

# IT'S TIME FOR A NEW PICTORIAL MEMBER DIRECTORY!

## Schedule Your Appointment Now Photography Sessions Start in September (Tuesdays – Saturdays)



Our new pictorial directory of Westminster members will not be complete without you! For participating, you will receive a complimentary portrait and a complimentary directory with the opportunity to purchase additional portraits without any obligation. To schedule your portrait appointment online (best method), visit [www.Church-Directories.com](http://www.Church-Directories.com) (don't forget the dash in the web address!) and select Westminster Presbyterian Church. If you are unable to sign up online, you may sign up in person on one of the following Sunday mornings: August 26, September 2, or September 9. Photography sessions begin September 11 in a studio on Westminster's lower level. Thank you for your participation. See you on picture day! (Photographer's tip: The background color is gray.)

For questions, contact Barbara Jobe ([bjobe@comcast.net](mailto:bjobe@comcast.net), 302-478-0054), Nicole Hughes ([nhughes@wpc.org](mailto:nhughes@wpc.org), 302-654-5214 x130), or Sudie Niesen Thompson ([sniesenthompson@wpc.org](mailto:sniesenthompson@wpc.org), 302-654-5214 x103).

## LET'S TALK ABOUT IT – A Periodic Series

**Sunday August 26, 9:00 a.m.**

**Ruth Christie Room**

*Facilitated by Sue Linderman*



White people are unaccustomed to talking about race and its implications in their lives. Yet, at some level, everyone recognizes that racism and prejudice have a profound impact on our communities and our country. We need opportunities to experience the challenges and benefits that come from bringing racial issues into the light of day. All are welcome to join us on August 26 as we continue the journey of exploring our beliefs about race, with openness to differing opinions and respect for one another.

## New to Westminster?

**Welcome! We are so glad you are here.**

Here is some information you might find helpful:

- Hymnals are located underneath your chair. Please join us in singing!
- A Friendship Pad at the end of the row 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 by the Chapel door 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 an Ice Cream Social in Community Hall after the 10 a.m. service.**

**Ask someone to show you the way!**

# Blessing of the Backpacks AND *Ice Cream Social*

## THIS MORNING



During worship this morning, Dr. Jones will bless the backpacks of our children and youth, helping launch them into the upcoming school year with God's abundant blessings and the love and support of our church family. Our goal this year is to distribute 600 backpacks filled with school supplies to students at UrbanPromise; EastSide Charter, Highlands, and Shortlidge elementary schools; and Family Promise. We will present the backpacks to representatives of these organizations/schools, whom you'll have an opportunity to meet informally during the Ice Cream Social. **Thank you so much to everyone who supported this project.**



Immediately *after* the 10:00 a.m. service, we will have our annual **Ice Cream Social** in Community Hall. Enjoy games, face painting, ice cream and other sweet treats!

# Month of Musical Masterworks

August 2018

Continuing our only-at-Westminster tradition, the month of August brings a series of great instrumental works to enhance our 10 o'clock worship services.

Each Sunday during August, outstanding guest instrumental soloists present a major three-movement work as Prelude, Offertory, and Postlude. This year the repertoire is all sonatas, with piano accompaniment by Paul Fleckenstein at the Steinway grand.

Here is the line-up:

**August 5**

Carl Reinecke:

Flute Sonata, "Undine," op. 167

*Kimberly Reighley, flute*

**August 12**

Johannes Brahms:

Cello Sonata no. 1 in E minor, op. 38

*Douglas McNames, cello*

**August 19**

Henri Vieuxtemps:

Viola Sonata in B-flat, op. 36

*Sheila Browne, viola*

**August 26**

Francis Poulenc:

Clarinet Sonata

*Christopher Nichols, clarinet*