



Service of Worship
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 20, 2017
8:15 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 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.

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An Earth Care Congregation of the PC (USA)

This Morning at Westminster

Deacon Team of the Month

Laura Holmes, Blair McConnel, Susan McPheeters, Lola Miller, Bob Moore, Jennie Wager, Sue Weissinger, Sandy White

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.

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

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

11:45 a.m. **Flying Solo brunch** at Catherine Rooney's

Later Today

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

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 date is September 17.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Jean May, Wayne Sparling and Tone Truitt.
- ❖ **Westminster's homebound** who can no longer attend worship with us, by sending a card, saying a prayer, or visiting. This week we ask you to remember Hans Krahrmer at Stonegates and Kay Johnson at Millcroft.
- ❖ **Westminster's Covenant Prayer Group** prays weekly for specific needs of the faith community. **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.

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.

This week we pray for

- This week we pray for Brian Gorman, grandson of Art and Barbara Gorman, serving in the United States military.
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
 - Sergeant Roshain Euvince Brooks, age 30, from Brooklyn, New York
 - Specialist Allen Levi Stigler Jr., age 22, from Arlington, Texas
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

All children who leave the sanctuary after Children's Time 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. Thank you for your help.

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 and click the "Donate Now" button or scan the QR code on your smart phone.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Wise and eternal God, speak to me in this morning's worship, that I may be grounded in your truth. Where I am lacking understanding, clarify your ways. Where I am deficient in devotion, inspire my commitment. Where I am short on courage, strengthen my resolve. I pray that I may become a faithful follower of Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

From the shadows of darkness, reach for the light.

God is our rock and foundation.

Reject evil and seek God's truth.

The way of justice and love is the hope of the world.

*HYMN NO. 756

“O God of Every Nation”

LLANGLOFFAN

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, forgiveness.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine master,

**Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love.**

For it is in giving that we receive.

It is in forgiving that we are forgiven,

and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen.

Francis of Assisi

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 15:21-28

Dave Mathe, Lay Reader

SERMON

Greg Jones

OFFERING

*“Bring your tithes and your donations, your votive gifts, your freewill-offerings...
because the LORD your God has blessed you.” (Deuteronomy 12:6-7)*

At the asterisk (), please stand as you are able*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*HYMN NO. 346

"For the Healing of the Nations"

ST. THOMAS (WADE)

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 communion servers, please take 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 forward, please tell an usher so that you can be served.

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

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 339

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

BENEDICTION

Right: May God bless you with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that you may seek truth boldly and love deep within your heart.

Left: May God bless you with a holy anger toward injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people.

Right: May God bless you with the gift of tears to shed with those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.

Left: May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you really can make a difference in this world, so that you are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.

If you are visiting with us and wish to learn more about our church family, we invite you to meet today's ambassador, Robin Rosser, following the service.

She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.

REMINDER! During the month of August, the church office is open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and closed on the following days:

- Fridays in August
- Tuesday, August 22 – It's our 10th Annual Summer Cleaning Day! While the phones will go to voice mail, the staff will be busy cleaning out closets, going through files, and straightening up. They will be preparing for the coming program year.

Blessing of the Backpacks AND *Ice Cream Social*

FOLLOWING 10:00 SERVICE



During worship this morning, Dr. Jones will bless children's backpacks, helping launch the school year with God's abundant blessings and the love and support of our church family. Our goal is to distribute 500 backpacks filled with school supplies to students at EastSide Charter, Highlands, UrbanPromise, and Shortlidge elementary schools. We will present the backpacks to representatives of these 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!

PASTORAL STAFF

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

CHURCH EDUCATOR: Susan Moseley

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Merideth Hite Estevez, Director, Faith Formation through Music and Arts -Teaching Artist in Residence

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Susan Moseley, Josh Cox, Merideth Hite Estevez

SUPPORT STAFF

Susan Alexander, Reception Area Supervisor
Paul Crothamel, Director of Facilities and Security
Colleen Falasco, Director of Financial Operations
Nicole Hughes, Director of Communication and Database Management
Jerry Hunter, Financial Assistant
Suzie Hurlock, Administrative Assistant
Cathy Lang, Administrative Assistant
Sextons: Roger W. Atkins, Robert King, Joan Truitt, John Young

SESSION

Jen Barrington, Ty Burns, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Jeanne Checkel, Art Colbourn, Joe Daley,
Rich Diver, Michael Enderle, Mike Gnade, Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Kali Kniel,
Kelly McCulloch, Jon McPheeters, Mark Mosher, Margo Reign, Roger Reinicker, Craig Stabler, Barb Stratton,
Mary Vane, Susan Williamson, Helen Zumsteg

BOARD OF DEACONS

Liz Bacon, Don Beddie, Amy Bickhart, Beatty Chadwick, Barry Cobb, Tammy Daley, Nancy Diver, Teisha Fooks,
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TRUSTEES

Charley Babcock, Gary Bryde, Jim Carter, Denison Hatch, Bobbe Hoy, Fred Iobst, Bill Nace, Mary Lu Pamm,
Kris Qualls, Bob Ridout, Bruce Weber, Dan Weintraub

PARTNERS IN WORLDWIDE MINISTRY

Congo – PCUSA Mission Co-workers John and Gwenda Fletcher, Jeff and Cristi Boyd,
Larry and Inga Sthreshley, Cecilé de Sweemer, MD, Members of Kamulumba-Ditalala Parish
Iran, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon – Mission Co-workers the Reverends Elmarie and Scott Parker, Dr. Mary Mikhael
Peace Drums Steel Band – Ibillin and Haifa, Israel/Palestine
Guatemala - Rosario Diaz and the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development, CEDEPCA, Leslie Vogel, and
Sandi and Brian Thompson-Royer



Month of Musical Masterworks

August 2017

Once again, the month of August brings the only-at-Westminster (as far as we know) program of major three-movement instrumental works presented each Sunday morning, interspersed throughout our 10 o'clock worship services as Prelude, Offertory and Postlude. Outstanding instrumental soloists from the region join organist/pianist Paul Fleckenstein to add this festive touch to our Sunday morning worship. Here is the line-up for this year.

August 6

Robert Henriques: Suite for Oboe and Piano, op. 16
Merideth Hite Estevez, oboe

August 13

Denis Bédard: Sonata for Saxophone and Organ
Todd Groves, saxophone

August 20

Camille Saint-Saëns: Violin Concerto no. 3 in B minor, op. 61
Timothy Schwarz, violin

August 27

Franz Danzi: Sinfonia Concertante, op. 41
Eileen Grycky, flute
Christopher Nichols, clarinet