



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship **8th Sunday after Pentecost** **August 4, 2019** **8:15 a.m. and 10:00 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
Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock,
Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

YOUTH LEADERS

Tommy Neilson
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DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Colleen Falasco

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND SECURITY

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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.

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** for babies and toddlers

10:00 – 10:55 a.m. **Worship** with communion 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. **Summer Tea** in Rodney Chapel and the Meeting Room

11:10 a.m. **Membership Exploration Class** in the Ruth Christie Room

Also Today

11:15 a.m.	Flying Solo Brunch	Off Site Location
1:00 p.m.	Homebound Communion	Members' Homes
6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room

New to Westminster?

Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

Here is some information you might find helpful:

- Hymnals are located beneath your chair (8:15) or on a shelf under the pew in front of you or at the ends of the pew (10:00). Please join us in singing!
- A Friendship Pad at the end of the pew 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 at the back of the church 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) or contact the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson at sniesenthompson@wpc.org or (302) 654-5214 ext. 103.

Please join us for iced tea in Rodney Chapel and the Meeting Room after the 10 a.m. service. Ask someone to show you the way!

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 today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dot and John Hunter.

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 1.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Jeanne Butz and Lola 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 Jim Coker and Margie Lounsbury at Cokesbury.
- ❖ **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 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:

- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
 - Private First Class Brandon Jay Kreisler, age 20, from Stryker, Ohio
 - Specialist Michael Isaiah Nance, age 24, from Chicago, Illinois
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

Music notes:

It's always a pleasure to welcome back **Merideth Hite Estevez**, formerly our director of music for children and youth. This morning Merideth presents the oboe concerto by Italian Baroque composer Alessandro Marcello as part of our August tradition at Westminster: *Month of Musical Masterworks*.

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. 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

*Lord, open unto me.
Open unto me - light for my darkness.
Open unto me - courage for my fear.
Open unto me - hope for my despair.
Open unto me - peace for my turmoil.
Open unto me - joy for my sorrow.
Open unto me - strength for my weakness.
Open unto me - wisdom for my confusion.
Open unto me - forgiveness for my sins.
Open unto me - love for my hates.
Open unto me - thy Self for myself.
Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen.*

Howard Thurman

PRELUDE (10:00)

Oboe Concerto in C minor
I. Allegro moderato
Merideth Hite Estevez, oboe

Alessandro Marcello

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

We do not live by our own strength alone.
God anchors all life, and without God there is no life.
Let us draw close to God, trusting in divine love.
Let us join with all creation in singing God's praise!

*HYMN No. 409

"God Is Here!"

ABBOT'S LEIGH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we confess that our faith is often small
and we fail to trust your promise to be our strength and deliverer.
We have doubted your assurance that you never forsake us,
and we have been anxious and despairing when life becomes difficult.
Whenever darkness envelops our lives,
grant us the awareness of your loving presence
transmitted to us through the love of others.
Bring healing and wholeness to our lives
so that we may, once again, enjoy the blessings of life
and gratefully acknowledge your steadfast love. Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN (10:00)

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

New Testament, page 159

Readers: Brock Jobe (8:15), Jerry Spilecki (10:00)

SERMON

"Jars of Clay"

Greg Jones

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING (10:00)

Oboe Concerto in C minor
II. Adagio

Marcello

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Christ calls us to love God with all our heart, soul and mind.

This is the first and greatest commandment.

Christ also said to love our neighbors as ourselves.

All of God's law is derived from these two commandments.

*HYMN No. 503 (10:00)

"Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"

O QUANTA QUALIA

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

*This is not only a Presbyterian table;
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 tell an usher so that you may be served.

Those sitting in the balcony at 10:00 a.m. will be served in their pews.

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

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Gracious God, you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and earth.
You have fed us with the bread of life,
and renewed us for your service.
Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup,
to become his faithful disciples.
May our daily living be part of the life of your divine realm,
and may our love be your love
reaching out into the life of the world. Amen.**

*HYMN No. 612

"We Praise You, O God"

KREMSER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (10:00)

Oboe Concerto in C minor
III. Allegro

Marcello

GOING FORTH

If you are visiting with us and wish to learn more about our church family, we invite you to meet today's ambassadors, Robin Rosser (8:15) or Ellie and Don Furry (10:00), following the service. They are happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.

Please join us in Rodney Chapel for iced tea after the 10:00 a.m. service.

ARE YOU CONSIDERING MEMBERSHIP AT WESTMINSTER?

Today at 11:10 a.m.

Ruth Christie Room (access through Rodney Chapel or the Ruth Christie Hallway)

Have you been considering membership at Westminster? Are you interested in learning more about this community of faith? Please join us for the second session of our Membership Exploration Series following the 10:00 a.m. worship service, to discuss the Presbyterian tradition, Westminster's ministry and mission, and ways to connect with our church family. There will also be an opportunity to join the Westminster congregation during today's session.



REMINDER! The church office is closed on Fridays in August.



AUGUST 18

Meet Chesna Hinkley

Our new *Director of Christian Education*

and

Alexis Droke

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

Blessing of the Backpacks

During 8:15 and 10:00 a.m. services

Ice Cream Social

11:00 a.m. in Community Hall



WESTMINSTER FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Blue Rocks Game & Fireworks

Singles, couples, and families are all welcome!

Friday, August 30, 2019

Game time: 7:05 PM

Select seating on the third base line offers premier views of the game, fireworks, and other festivities. To participate, email John McGraw at jmt_mcgraw@yahoo.com by **August 16** with "Blue Rocks" and the number of requested tickets in the subject line, or call with any questions (302-507-4989). This event is funded (no ticket cost to you) and organized by the Westminster men's group. Hope to see you at the game! *No outside food or beverages, except water bottles or necessary dietary items, please.*





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 Pils: Sonata for Trumpet and Piano
Robert Skoniczin, trumpet

August 25

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