



Service of Worship
6th Sunday after Pentecost
July 21, 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 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, Liz Bacon, Laura Holmes, Tara Lee, Blair McConnel, Hugh Underhill, Pam 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. 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. **Summer Tea** in Rodney Chapel and the Meeting Room.

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

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 in loving memory of Natalie Freeman from her family.

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 are July 28 and August 25.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Ann Jacobs
- ❖ **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 Helen Christie at home and James Williams at Ingleside.
- ❖ **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 were killed in action in Afghanistan:
Sergeant Major James Sartor, age 40, from Teague, Texas
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome **Dr. James H. Laster** to the organ (and piano) bench this morning. In addition to serving on the faculty of the Shenandoah Conservatory (Shenandoah University, Winchester VA) for 27 years, James boasts a varied career including composer, author, actor, and church musician. He and his wife Madlon have recently moved to Delaware to be near their son and grandchildren.

Paul Fleckenstein is the guest organist this morning at the First United Methodist Church of Santa Barbara, CA.

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

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*God of grace,
you have given us minds to know you,
hearts to love you,
and voices to sing your praise.
Fill us with your Spirit,
that we may celebrate your glory
and worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

From Service for the Lord's Day and Lectionary for the Christian Year

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

PRELUDE

Prelude in B flat minor
James Laster, guest organist

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

With Mary, whose tidings summoned great joy, we proclaim:
The Living Lord is in our midst!
O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!

*HYMN No. 240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

ALLELUIA NO. 1

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,
you send us to proclaim the good news
to all who are lost,
all who are afflicted,
all who are captive,
all who have been cast out.
But we are content to proclaim the gospel
within familiar communities
where we know others will receive this news
with nods of agreement.
Push us beyond what is comfortable and safe,
and strengthen us for lives of compassionate service,
so that we might be the witnesses you call us to be. 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

Bob Stoddard

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:1-18
Shelley Gnade, Storyteller

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN No. 325

"By All Your Saints Still Striving"

KING'S LYNN

OFFERING

*Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said,
"It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)*

MUSICAL OFFERING

Prelude on *Crimond*
(Tune: Hymn #801)

Alec Rowley

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dick Jolly

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

*HYMN No. 733

"We All Are One in Mission"

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Théodore Dubois

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, Bill Nace, at the back of the center aisle following the service. He is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.

Please join us for summer tea in Rodney Chapel.

Second Impressions: A Closer Look at Three Biblical Women

There are biblical figures whom we have come to know through Sunday school lessons and children's musicals, myth and tradition, and – even – their representations in art and pop culture. But, when we delve deeper into Scripture, we realize that these characters' reputations are not always faithful to the biblical text. In a three-week sermon series, the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson will be inviting us to take a closer look at three "misunderstood" women in the Old and New Testaments and to consider what their stories teach us about the life of faith.

- ❖ July 7 – Eve
- ❖ July 14 – Mary, the Mother of Jesus
- ❖ July 21 – Mary Magdalene

New to Westminster?

Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

Here is some information you might find helpful:

- Hymnals are located on a shelf under the pew in front of you, or at the ends of the pew. Please join us in singing!
- A red 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 summer tea in Rodney Chapel after the service.
Ask someone to show you the way!**

REMINDER! The church office is closed on Fridays in July and August, except on July 26 for Vacation Bible School.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

JULY 22-26

8:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Preschool to Rising 6th Graders

Discover the wonders of God's universe! Become voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take you.



PLAN NOW TO JOIN US AT WPC FOR A FUN-FILLED VBS!

Cost: \$25 per child/\$40 maximum per family

Pick up a registration form on the literature table or download online at: www.wpc.org



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 WPC friends in a casual atmosphere. Keep an eye out for more details regarding cost and registration. Must be age 21 or over to participate.

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES STAFF

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

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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,
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