



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship **10th Sunday after Pentecost** **July 29, 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
and Arts, Teaching Artist in Residence

YOUTH LEADERS

Merideth Hite Estevez
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper, Tommy Neilson

DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Colleen Falasco

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, Laura Holmes, Blair McConnel, Carol Neff, Sue Weissinger, Pam White

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

9:00 a.m. **“Let’s Talk About It” – A Periodic Series** in Ruth Christie Room

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. **Summer Tea** in the Meeting Room

Later Today

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

8:00 p.m. AA Club Room

2:00 p.m. Urban Promise 20th Anniversary Service Sanctuary

3:30 p.m. Urban Promise 20th Anniversary Celebration Community Hall



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 memory of El Graef from wife Sally, and sons Charles, Pete, Fred and David.

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 August 5 and 26, September 2, 16, and 23.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Margaret Stevens
- ❖ **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 Grace and Jack Barrington, Ed Hagopian, and Leucia Venable 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.

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 those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome **David Herman** to the piano bench for this morning's service.

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 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

*God of the past –
accept the person I have been
and the baggage I drag behind me.*

*God of the present –
accept the person I am now
and the potential that lies within me.*

*God of the future –
accept the person I can be
and, by your Spirit, transform me.*

Adapted from a prayer by John Birch

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

The God of Abraham and Sarah, David and Bathsheba calls us together.

We come — one household united in faith.

The God of steadfast love draws near to us.

We gather — heirs of the promise, freed by grace.

The God who dwelled with our ancestors is in our midst.

Hallelujah! Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN No. 41

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

LYONS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

How many times, O Lord, have we heard ourselves say: “It’s tempting. . .”?

How many times have we found the strength to turn away?

For that grace we are grateful.

But we know that there have been times in our lives

when our judgment has faltered,

when our choices have caused hurt or harm,

when we have prioritized personal good over the well-being of others.

We beg for your mercy.

Forgive us our missteps,

our small transgressions,

even the huge mistakes that haunt us with regret.

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

You have called us to be your people,
and have entrusted to us the care of planet and of community.

**Give us hearts full of compassion,
hands that are generous,
and minds that are kind,
that our actions may build a kingdom of welcome and well-being for all.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Mary Field, Lay Reader

SERMON

"Dirty Laundry"

Sudie Niesen Thompson

OFFERING

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."
Maya Angelou

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!
**We come from east and west,
and from north and south
to sit at table in the kingdom of God.**
Come! This is the Lord's table;
all who hope in Christ are welcome here.
Let us share the feast Christ has prepared!

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Eternal God...

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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

**God of Grace –
Send us out from our Lord's table
to answer his summons into new life
and to follow him with joy and gladness.
Set our feet in his holy way,
that our lives may be signs of his life
and all we do may show forth his love. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

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

The Prayer Following Communion is from the revised *Book of Common Worship* (WJKP, 2018).

REMINDER! The church office is closed every Friday in August.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT – A Periodic Series

Today at 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 this morning as we continue the journey of exploring our beliefs about race, with openness to differing opinions and respect for one another. This morning's topic is: Confederate Monuments- Stay or Go?

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 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 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) or contact the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson at sniesenthompson@wpc.org or (302) 654-5214 ext. 103.



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