



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Service of Worship
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
June 23, 2019
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.

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, Jenn Blackford, Kyle Carrick, Ron Carrick, Tara Lee, Kris Marvel, Marsha Mah, Sally McBride, Blair McConnel, Bob Moore, Sandie Reinicker, Martha Spaethling, Josh Thomas

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 Brunch** in Community Hall

Later Today

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 Rodney Chapel and the reception area are from yesterday's memorial service for Patsy I. Knepper, given in loving memory by Marty Knepper, Barb Stratton, Alex Knepper and Emily Knepper.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are joyfully given by Roger and Sandie Reinicker from the celebration of the marriage of their daughter Polly Reinicker to Steven LeCompte yesterday.

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 June 24; July 21 and 29, August 4, 11 and 25.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** William Francis
- ❖ **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 Betty Drennen, Tom Eliason, and Nancy and Howard Horne at Stonegates.
- ❖ **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

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

*O Sun behind all suns,
O Soul within all souls
grant me the grace of the dawn's glory
grant me the strength of the sun's rays
that I may be well in my own soul
and part of the world's healing this day. Amen.* J. Philip Newell, *Celtic Benediction*

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

Jesus, you are the light of the world,
the light no darkness can overcome.
Let your light scatter the darkness,
and illumine your church.

*HYMN NO. 744

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

FESTAL SONG

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the depths, searcher of hearts, you know the tumult of our lives:
**a busyness that bruises those nearest, a loneliness that claws at the soul,
a fearfulness that leads to distrust and cynicism.**
You know our longing for a more centered life:
**time for reflection in prayer, unhurried times with friends and family,
opportunities to deepen our faith and witness.**
God of our days and our hopes,
help us to let go of the things that pull us from your path.
**Grant us the courage to persist in prayer,
to excel in kindness,
and to walk gently on the earth.**
Forgive the errors we commit, heal the wounds we carry,
and lead us to new life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 8:26-39

Barbara Hoover, Lay Reader

SERMON

Greg Jones

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

OFFERING

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

According to the standards of our culture, this is not an elaborate feast.

It is not how the world teaches us to eat, drink and be merry.

Yet this meal is the ultimate celebration because at this table we receive food for our souls.

Let us feast on the spiritual food that unites us with God and one another.

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 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.

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

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Mighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven,
your Son, our Lord.**

**Grant that we who have received this sacrament
may abide in him and he in us,**

**that we may be filled with the power of his endless life,
now and forever. Amen.**

*HYMN No. 792

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

BALM IN GILEAD

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

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



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
Summer Brunch
TODAY
in Community Hall
following the 10:00 a.m. service

There will be a variety of delicious breakfast casseroles, salads, and desserts provided by the Westminster Deacons. This is a great time for fellowship and to gather with our church family. We look forward to seeing you there!

AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE “WHITE PRIVILEGE”

YWCA of Delaware has an opportunity for you to participate in a conversation about “white privilege.” Each of these discussions will be facilitated by two of the five panel members who participated in the YWCA Forum “Stand Against Racism: Witnessing Whiteness” on May 2.



- **June 26** (6:00 – 8:30 p.m.) at Westminster Presbyterian Church
- **July 17** (6:00 – 8:30 p.m.) at Bear Library
- **August 15** (6:00 – 8:30 p.m.) at The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew
- **August 25** (2:00 – 4:30 p.m.) at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark

These groups will each be limited to 15 people to facilitate discussion, so sign up now at <https://tinyurl.com/y4cxltsb> for the date/location that best fits your calendar.

Hope to see you there!

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

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