



Service of Worship
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
June 30, 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, 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 Tea and Reception** 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 the Sanctuary are given by the van Amerongen family with gratitude for the wonderful teachers and mentors of this year's Confirmation class.

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 21 and 28, August 11 and 25.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** William Francis and Mitzi Law
- ❖ **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 Cappy Hanke, Frances Kirkpatrick and Hans Krahmer 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:

- The families of those from the U.S. who were killed in action in Afghanistan:
Main Sergeant Micheal Riley, age 32
Sergeant James Johnston, age 24
- 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 en route to California today and will be back on the bench July 28.

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

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 pew, to the person next to you.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

Wer nur den lieben Gott
(Tune: Hymn #816)
James Laster, guest organist

Paul Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP

A new day has dawned – a day ripe with possibilities.

**Now is the time for new beginnings –
a time to encounter God anew.**

God calls us to new commitments and new actions.

May we be faithful to God's calling.

*HYMN NO. 410

“God Is Calling through the Whisper”

W. ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty Creator, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways.

We hear of your promise amid our own sense of self-doubt.

Hope is proclaimed, yet we seek guarantees.

Christ calls us to obedience, but we set conditions.

When called to follow, we ask to what end.

We applaud commitment, but we treasure our comfort.

Forgive our reluctance to embrace your ways.

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

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

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 9:51-62

New Testament, page 61
Jenn Barrington, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Jesus Raises the Bar”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 432

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

REPTON

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Prelude on *Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION:

CONFIRMATION CLASS LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Sue Spilecki, Diane Chandler, Mike Gnade, Jr., Sandy Wermus

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMAND

Schuyler Andrew van Amerongen

Susan Williamson

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONFIRMAND

Diane Chandler

Do you confess that Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior, the one we trust to lead us in the ways of God?

Do you reject all behaviors and attitudes that alienate you from God and neighbor?

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, striving for peace and justice among all people, protecting and restoring the integrity of God’s creation, and showing Christ’s love in all you say and do?

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, sharing in its worship and ministry through your prayers, gifts, study and service?

QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Susan Williamson

Will you who witness these vows support and pray for Schuyler as he continues his faith journey alongside us as a full member of the Westminster Church community? **We will.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord
(Tune: Hymn #35)

Johann Gottfried Walther

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 a reception in Community Hall.

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 a reception in Community Hall after the service.
Ask someone to show you the way!**

Come Thank Susan Williamson!

in Community Hall

We are hosting a special reception after our worship service to celebrate Westminster member Susan Williamson for all of the leadership and on-the-ground support she has tirelessly offered throughout this past year. As Convener of the Christian Education Committee, her time and efforts allowed Westminster to continue with its excellence in education – without having a Director of Christian Education on the church staff during that time. Susan is NOT going anywhere, but we want to thank her – with a cake and your presence – for her dedication to our congregation.



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

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

YOUTH LEADERS

Tommy Neilson
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper, Molly McPheeters

SUPPORT STAFF

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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,
Janet Steinwedel, Barb Stratton, Mary Vane, Susan Williamson, Helen Zumsteg

BOARD OF DEACONS

Jeff Argus, Roger Atkins, Liz Bacon, Amy Bickhart, Jennifer Blackford, Kyle Carrick, Ron Carrick,
Beatty Chadwick, Barry Cobb, Nancy Diver, Teisha Fooks, Nicole Fox, Laura Holmes, Louis Horton, Tara Lee,
Marsha Mah, Kris Marvel, Luke Máthé, Dan McAllister, Sally McBride, Blair McConnel, Debbie McCullough,
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TRUSTEES

Charley Babcock, Gary Bryde, Denison Hatch, Bobbe Hoy, Fred Iobst, Brock Jobe, Mary Lu Pamm,
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PARTNERS IN WORLDWIDE MINISTRY

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Kananga Presbytery and Members of Kamulumba-Ditalala Parish
Iran, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon – PCUSA Mission Co-workers: the Reverends Elmarie and Scott Parker, Dr. Mary Mikhael
Ibillin and Haifa, Israel/Palestine – Peace Drums Steel Band
Guatemala - CEDEPCA, Rosario Diaz and the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development