



**Service of Worship  
3rd Sunday after Pentecost  
June 30, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4, 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 have died recently:  
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.

**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](http://www.wpc.org) and click the "Donate Now" button or scan the QR code on your smart phone.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## 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

## 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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 9:51-62

Dave Máthé, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Jesus Raises the Bar”

Greg Jones

OFFERING

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

As much as we are loved by God,  
**so we are to love one another.**  
Come to this table of grace with your hearts open wide.  
**We seek to be nourished by the One who loves us.**

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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 just 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

**Loving God, we give you thanks for this holy meal of bread and wine  
that makes us one with Christ.  
Fill us with Christ-like compassion, a thirst for justice  
and a determination to work for peace,  
so that we may live the rich lives you urge us to live. Amen.**

\*HYMN No. 432

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

REPTON

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 ambassadors, Kyle and Ron Carrick, at the back of the center aisle following the service. They are 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](http://www.wpc.org)) or contact the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson at [sniesenthompson@wpc.org](mailto:sniesenthompson@wpc.org) or (302) 654-5214 ext. 103.



## 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](http://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

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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,  
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Marsha Mah, Kris Marvel, Luke Máthé, Dan McAllister, Sally McBride, Blair McConnel, Debbie McCullough,  
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