



Service of Worship
6th Sunday of Easter
May 26, 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

Beatty Chadwick, Teisha Fooks, Dan McAllister, Blair McConnel, Emily Pfaff, Ann Shadduck,
Martha Spaethling, Lisa Stoddard, Debbie Wise

9:45 – 12:15 p.m. Nursery Care in Preschool Suite D

10:00 – 10:55 a.m. Worship

Children are always welcome in worship. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith.

❖ **Sunday School** - Following TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN, children age 2 through 2nd grade may leave for Sunday School in the Preschool Suite C.

11:00 a.m. Coffee and Tea in Rodney Chapel and the Meeting Room

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 to the glory of God and in observation of Lupus Awareness Month and with deep gratitude for my Westminster family's support, given by Julie West.

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 to schedule. The next available dates are June 30; and July 21, 28.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Natalie Freeman (hospice care).
- ❖ **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 Margit and Spence Stradley at Country House, and Helen Kelley 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, Iraq, and Syria often seem far away, and we may neglect to realize that Americans, as well as Afghans, Iraqis, Syrians 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:
Private First Class Michael A. Thomason, age 28, from Lincoln Park, Michigan
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

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 guardian or an adult pre-approved by the guardian. Thank you for your help.

Worship Resources – You can obtain large print hymnals and listening devices from any usher. Worship bags for children ages 3 through 6 include a children's bulletin designed for them. Children's bulletins for ages 7 through 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

Eternal God, in my time of gloom, you send your light. When I am weary and discouraged, lift me up. Open my eyes to the joy of discovery so that I may catch a glimpse of the possibilities you put before me. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the friendship folder, located at the end of the pew, to the person next to you.

*PASSING THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Sonata no. 3 in C minor
I. Prelude: Allegro maestoso

Alexandre Guilmant

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift your hearts! Lift your eyes! Lift your voices!
The living, moving Spirit of God calls us together.
What will happen to us if we open our lives to God's Spirit?
We will be alert for the surprises of God.

*HYMN No. 32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, our wondrous hope,
on whom we rely for life and its meaning;
we confess that our hope diminishes
when we fail to accept your promises,
and rely on ourselves to be both the source
and the object of our own faith.
Open our eyes to the new possibilities you put before us
so that we may embrace the beautiful life you urge us to live. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE (HYMN No. 581)

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

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

Children through 2nd grade may leave for Sunday School, or they may remain in worship.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 5:1-9

New Testament, page 83
Walt Huzar, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Self-Imposed Limitations”

Greg Jones

*HYMN No. 684

“Faith Begins by Letting Go”

LUX PRIMA

OFFERING

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Sonata no. 3
II. Adagio Molto

Guilmant

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN No. 609)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER (page 35 in our *Glory to God* hymnal, using “debts” and “debtors”)

*HYMN No. 700

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Sonata no. 3
III. Fugue: Allegro

Guilmant

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, Marlys Kerr, 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.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 2 – August 25

8:15 a.m. Worship service with communion in Rodney Chapel
10:00 a.m. Worship service in the sanctuary
*Join us for Summer Tea hosted by our Deacons following
the 10:00 a.m. service.*

TO EXPLORE OUR FULL CALENDAR,
VISIT CALENDAR.WPC.ORG

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 coffee or tea in Rodney Chapel after the service.
Ask someone to show you the way!**

THURSDAY EVENING ADULT EDUCATION: GNOSTIC GOSPELS

**Thursday, June 6
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in Rodney Chapel**



The Gnostic Gospels and the Gospel of Thomas
with Alan Fox, University of Delaware Professor Philosophy and Religion

The "Gnostic" Gospels are a collection of non-canonical texts, which – like the canonical Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John – are narratives testifying to the Messiah-ship of Jesus. We will consider the reasoning behind the early Church's decision to include the familiar four and exclude the rest. We will contextualize the texts by establishing the history and significance of Gnosticism as it existed before and after the rise of Christianity. Free admission; good will offering applied towards speaker honorarium. For more information and to register, visit www.cil-de.org.

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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