



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **Service of Worship** **21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** **October 14, 2018** **9:00 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  
Allison Martin, Assistant Director of Children's Music  
Soloist/Section Leaders: Ryan Colbert (guest), Sharon Babcock,  
Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

YOUTH LEADERS

Merideth Hite Estevez  
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper,  
Molly McPheeters, 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**

**8:30 – 11:15 a.m.** The Holy Toast Café, in Community Hall, offers free coffee, tea, and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar per item.

### **Deacon Team of the Month**

Dan McAllister, Kyle Carrick, Lois and Lowell Underhill, Jennie Wagner, Gen Wallace-Roe, Sandy White

**8:45– 12:15 p.m.** **Nursery Care**

**9:00 – 9:55 a.m.** **Worship**

Children are always welcome in worship. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith. Children are escorted to classes after TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN during worship.

- ❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 through 4 in Preschool Suite C.
- ❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in the Ruth Christie Room.
- ❖ **Sing-to-Praise Choir Program** – Children in grades 3 through 6 in the Youth Music Room.

**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.

<b>10:10 a.m.</b>	<b>Education for All Ages</b>	
	➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers	Preschool Suite C
	➤ Joyful Noise Choir Program for K – 5	Youth Music Room
	➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8	Art Room
	➤ High School/Confirmation Class Grades 9 – 12	Classroom 7
	➤ Sunday Seminars	See page 7

**11:15 a.m.** **Living Mosaics Worship in Rodney Chapel.**

**12:00 p.m.** **Fellowship Time after Living Mosaics** Meeting Room

### **Later Today**

<b>This afternoon</b>	Stewardship Home Gatherings	Members' Homes
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Family Promise Ministry	Lower Level
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	180° Dinner and Fellowship	Off Site Location
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	AA	Club Room

*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](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.

**Please join us for coffee or tea in Community Hall after the service.**

**Ask someone to show you the way!**

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jay Spilecki, born October 15, 1978, by the Spilecki family.

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 October 21, 28; November 25; December 16 and 30.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Elizabeth Uhlinger and Randy Williamson.
- ❖ **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 Ken Barnaby and Ruth Joslin at home, and Fred Carspecken.
- ❖ **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:  
Specialist James A. Slape, age 23, from Morehead City, North Carolina
- 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.

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



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.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*God, I know that you are ever-present, even in the bleak times of my life. Help me not turn away from you in my time of grief. Help me instead to trust your presence and to lean on you for strength. I pray that I may see your hand at work in the days ahead and that I may survive my ordeal. 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

Voluntary in D

George Dyson

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear  
though the earth should change,  
and the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.**

The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter.

**The God of hosts is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our refuge.** *From Psalm 46*

\*HYMN NO. 12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, restore our eyesight and awaken our insight.

We are in the presence of holiness,

**but we fail to discern it.**

We stand in the midst of your dynamic Spirit,

**yet we do not perceive it.**

We walk on the road of newness,

**but we see only dust and signs of the old.**

Help us to see your activity in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary,

**so that we may be aware of your power and work. Amen.**

ANTHEM

“Praise”

Alec Rowley

To the Master of music and loveliness:

Praise, power, dominion for ever.

To the Lord of the Word of Creation be praise, power, dominion for ever.

To the maker of movement, colour and light:

Praise, power, dominion for ever.

To the Builder, Designer, Creator, be praise, power, dominion for ever.

To the Theme of all song, Inspiration of Love:

To the Artist of Life, to the Greatest and Least:

Praise, power, dominion for ever.

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

For He is the greatest upon His high throne,  
And He was the least as the child of a maiden:  
Praise then to Jesus whose Mother was Mary.  
And praise now to Christ who is God in the midst of us.  
Lord of all beauty, adoring we come to Thee:  
Give us Thyself both in time and eternity.  
Lord of all beauty, adoring we come to Thee,  
Off'ring all that we are or can hope to be.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sudie Niesen Thompson

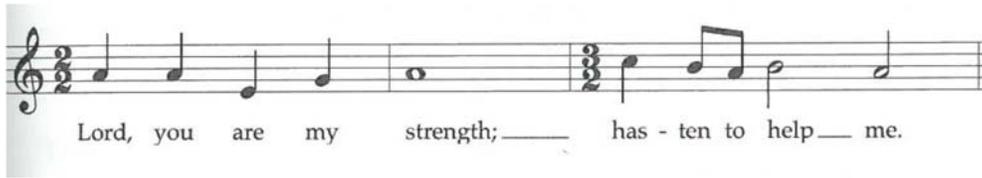
*Children through Grade 6 may leave for Godly Care, Godly Play 1, and Sing-to-Praise Choir,  
or they may remain in worship.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 22:1-15

Old Testament, page 463

Refrain:



SERMON

“My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?”

Greg Jones

\*HYMN NO. 783

“When We Are Tested”

ANGELS OF HEALING

OFFERING

*“Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in your love for us – we want you to excel also in this grace of giving.” (2 Corinthians 8:7)*

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

from *Elijah*  
Brenton Mattox, baritone

Felix Mendelssohn

Draw near, all ye people, come to me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel; this day let it be known that Thou art God, and I am thy servant! O shew to all this people that I have done these things according to Thy word! O hear me, Lord, and answer me; and shew this people that Thou art Lord God; and let their hearts again be turned!

*(Choir)* Cast thy burden upon the Lord; and He shall sustain thee.  
He never will suffer the righteous to fall; He is at thy right hand.  
Thy mercy, Lord, is great, and far above the heav'ns.  
Let none be made ashamed that wait upon Thee!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

\*HYMN NO. 802

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

ST. COLUMBA

*Vs. 1-2: All*

*Vs. 3: Men*

*Vs. 4: Women*

*Vs. 5-6: All*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“Saranam, saranam”

(Punjabi melody)

(*Meaning: I Take Refuge*)

(Text: Hymn #789)

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, Jeanne Checkel, 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.*



**FALL  
FESTIVAL**

**Sunday, October 28  
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Community Hall  
Following one Worship  
Service at 10:00 a.m.**

We will have hot dogs, apple cider, games, prizes, face painting and plenty of TREATS! All ages and costumes are WELCOME. Hope to see you there! Hosted by the Westminster Deacons. Questions? Please contact Amy Bickhart at (302)-547-5631.



## ***Sunday Seminars***

### ***The Challenge of Paul***

Today through December 16

Classroom 3

Facilitator: Bob Cox

*The Challenge of Paul* is an educational video series of lectures featuring historical Jesus scholar, John Dominic Crossan, who guides participants through the three-dimensional world of the Apostle Paul's time and place. Crossan pushes past generations of doctrine and dogma to reveal the real-life character of Paul who shaped a generation of courageous Christ-followers to challenge boldly the greed and violence of the Roman Empire, the overlord of the first century Mediterranean world.

### ***The Gospel of Mark***

Today, October 21, and November 4

Classroom 6

Presenter: Greg Jones

How much do you know about the life and teachings of Jesus? When were the gospels written? Did the authors of the gospels work independently of one another or did subsequent writers have access to the first gospel? What is the spiritual wisdom of Jesus and how does it relate to our lives in 21<sup>st</sup> century North America?

For answers to these questions and more, join us for this study of the first half of Mark's Gospel. Previous knowledge of the gospels is not a prerequisite!

### ***Race In America: Legacy and Future***

Today, October 21, and November 4 and 11

Classroom 5

Facilitators: Sue Linderman and Dave McBride

*Race—the Power of an Illusion*

This session is based upon a PBS series of the same name and *Fatal Invention: How Science, Politics and Big Business Re-create Race in the Twenty-First Century* by Dorothy Roberts (the George A. Weiss University Professor of Law and Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania). Is our concept of race based upon biology and genetics or is it a social construct created for economic and political reasons?

*This series will use portions of a motion picture in each class, with a subsequent full showing and discussion of each film on a week night following the Sunday morning 10:TEN session. This week, the film Loving will be shown in the Ruth Christie Room on Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m.*

# PACEM IN TERRIS ANNUAL DINNER 2018

**Thursday, October 18, 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. in Community Hall**

You are cordially invited to celebrate 51 years of peace and justice work of Pacem in Terris. The speaker will be Joyce Ajlouny, General Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, formerly the director of Ramallah Friends School in Palestine. Also, a traditional part of Pacem's Annual Dinner is the recognition of "Peacemakers Among Us." Pacem honors several unsung but highly deserving people who have dedicated themselves to making the world, and our community, a better place. One of this year's recipients is our very own Rev. Dr. Gregory Knox Jones! Dinner reservations are \$30 per person are due by October 14. For more information, go to the home page of our church website ([wpc.org](http://wpc.org)) and click on the Pacem in Terris icon.



# PILGRIMAGE TO PEACE

**Thursday, October 25, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in Community Hall**

A Jewish Israeli, a Palestinian Christian and an American Christian faith leader discuss prospects for peace.

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