



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship Reformation Sunday October 27, 2019 10:00 a.m.

PASTORAL STAFF

Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff
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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, Liz Bacon, Laura Holmes, Kris Marvel, Dan McAllister,
Sally McBride, Martha Spaethling, Gen Wallace-Roe, Sandy White, Debbie Wise

9:45 – 11:15 p.m. Nursery Care in Preschool Suite D

10:00 – 10:55 a.m. Worship

Children are always welcome in worship. If they prefer, they can follow teachers to classes after the TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN. Please use the identification wristband or stickers in your pew.

- ❖ Ages 2 – 4: **Godly Care**, in *Preschool Suite C*, uses the *Deep Blue* curriculum.
- ❖ K – 6th grade: **Joyful Noise and Sing-to-Praise Choirs**, in the *Youth Music Room*, uses the *Growing in Grace* curriculum to learn about the Bible, hymns, and music theory. Both choirs occasionally leads in worship.
- ❖ 7th – 12th grade: **Agora**, in *Classroom 7*, meets the first Sunday of every month to discuss a topic related to our walk of faith. We will meet **November 3** for What Is the Deal with the Trinity?

11:00 a.m. Fall Festival – Fun for all ages!

Community Hall/CI 6

Later Today

5:00 p.m.

180° Dinner and Fellowship

Community Hall/CI 6

6:00 p.m.

Clean But Not Straight – NA

Club Room

8:00 p.m.

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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.

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 the Fall Festival 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 gratitude to all of the volunteer leaders past and present who serve or served as Deacons, Elders, and Trustees from Josh, Rick, Alejandro & Leonardo – The Suarez/Thomas 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Tara Hoopes, Tom Speers, Kendal Trickey
- ❖ **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 Polly McPheeters and Jeanne Butz at Foulk Manor North, 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 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

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. 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.



REMINDER: Fall back! Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday, November 3, at 2:00 a.m.
Don't forget to turn your clocks BACK one hour before you go to bed this Saturday.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“It is sad to see that, in our highly competitive and greedy world, we have lost touch with the joy of giving. We often live as if our happiness depended on having. But I don’t know anyone who is really happy because of what he or she has. Pure joy, happiness and inner peace come from the giving of ourselves to others. A happy life is a life for others.”

Henri J. M. Nouwen

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

Allegro, from Organ Concerto no. 2 in B-flat

G. F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**We will love the Lord our God with all our heart,
with all our soul and with all our might.**

Seek to be faithful in all things, great and small
and recognize God’s ownership of all you possess.

We will strive to be generous with all that we have.

*HYMN No. 275

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

EIN’ FESTE BURG

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we are so self-centered that we cannot center ourselves.
We are so preoccupied with things of little consequence
that we cannot appreciate important matters of the heart.
We use other people instead of loving them, and
we neglect those with needs rather than sharing our abundance.
Set us free, we pray, from the selfishness that binds us. 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.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Growing in the Spirit”
“Love the Lord”

Carol Huffman Dickerson
Dennis Allen

Joyful Noise and Sing-to-Praise Choirs

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

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 9:6-8

New Testament, page 161
Blair McConnel, Lay Reader

SERMON

Greg Jones

Testimony of Charles Babcock

CHORAL RESPONSE

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Testimony of Sandy King

CHORAL RESPONSE

Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Testimony of Brock Jobe

CHORAL RESPONSE

Teach us, O Lord, to offer the gifts of our talent,
our wealth and our time,
for we can have no joy without giving,
no peace 'til your work is done.

*HYMN No. 708

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

SCHUMANN

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)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Lord, Here Am I”

John Ness Beck

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey;
Only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.
Teach me the mission appointed for me,
What is my labor, and where it shall be.

*Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,
"Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."*

Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross;
Willing to suffer reproaches and loss;
Willing to follow, if Thou will but lead;
Only support me with grace in my need.

Living or dying, I still would be Thine,
Yet I am mortal while Thou art divine.
Pardon, whenever I turn from the right;
Pity and bring me again to the light.

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. 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Toccata in D minor

Gordon Balch Nevin

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, Jenn Blackford, 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**

TODAY!
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Community Hall
Classroom 6

We will have hot dogs, veggie tray, fruit tray, cheese tray, salad, 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.

**Prophetic Spirituality
2019 Fall Sermon Series**

Do the Scriptures reveal wisdom for not merely *surviving* life in the 21st century, but for sculpting a better world? It is essential for people of faith to spend time alone with God in prayer, to reflect on Scripture, and to attempt to discern the whispers of God deep in our soul. However, our interior life is immature if it does not propel us to work for the common good. We can resist the moral deterioration of today and throw ourselves into nudging the world toward God’s vision by committing ourselves to following the path of Jesus and the prophets.

As followers of Jesus, we focus the bulk of our attention on his teachings and ministry. However, we stunt our faith if we have scant knowledge of the prophets who came before him, because Jesus stands on the shoulders of the Jewish prophets.

This fall, Dr. Jones is preaching a sermon series entitled “Prophetic Spirituality.” To say that our faith is prophetic is to say that we are actively engaged in resisting evil, righting wrongs, and spreading love. To say that our faith is spiritual is to say that it is grounded in worship, prayer, and reflecting on God’s message. Prophetic Spirituality intertwines interior work with outward action so that we can go deeper with God and live the life God calls us to live.

September 8	Introduction to Series	“Prophetic Spirituality”
September 15	Moses	“Let My People Go”
September 22	Amos	“Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters”
October 13	Jeremiah	“This is the Temple of the Lord – If You Walk Justly with One Another”
October 20	Hosea	“Following Other Gods”
November 10	Isaiah	
November 17	Micah	
December 1	Jonah	

Westminster Church Annual Bazaar

**Friday, November 8, 2019
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Collectibles, White Elephants, Children’s Department, Books, Baked and Gourmet Specialties, Gift Boutique, Handcrafts, Holiday Shop

**Hot Dog Stand
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Traditional Spaghetti Dinner
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Our annual bazaar is a colossal one-day-only extravaganza of bargains! Thank you to EVERYONE for donating treasures, time, and energy. Donation drop-off of new or gently used items in good condition begins Sunday, November 3. No donations will be received after Wednesday, November 6. Total proceeds support WPC local and global mission outreach efforts.

GOD'S VISION STARTS WITH YOU



How blessed we are by this community of faith that is Westminster! Our love of God and one another inspires us to give generously to our church's life-changing ministries and programs. This year, we are sharing special videos to explore how God's vision inspires our members to pledge. Check out this week's video on www.wpc.org, and stay tuned for more videos to come. Please give prayerful consideration to your response to God's love and know that your gifts are used wisely in ways that demonstrate God's vision for our church and for our world. Please send in your pledge card or pledge online today at www.wpc.org/pledge. Thank you for your support. Stewardship 2020: God's vision starts with you!

WESTMINSTER HOSTS YWCA DELAWARE EVENING DISCUSSION GROUP

**Wednesdays,
Through November 20
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Ruth Christie Room**

Westminster is hosting a YWCA Delaware-sponsored discussion of the book *White Fragility: Why it's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo. For more information and to sign up, visit: <https://www.ywcade.org/what-we-do/rsj/>

