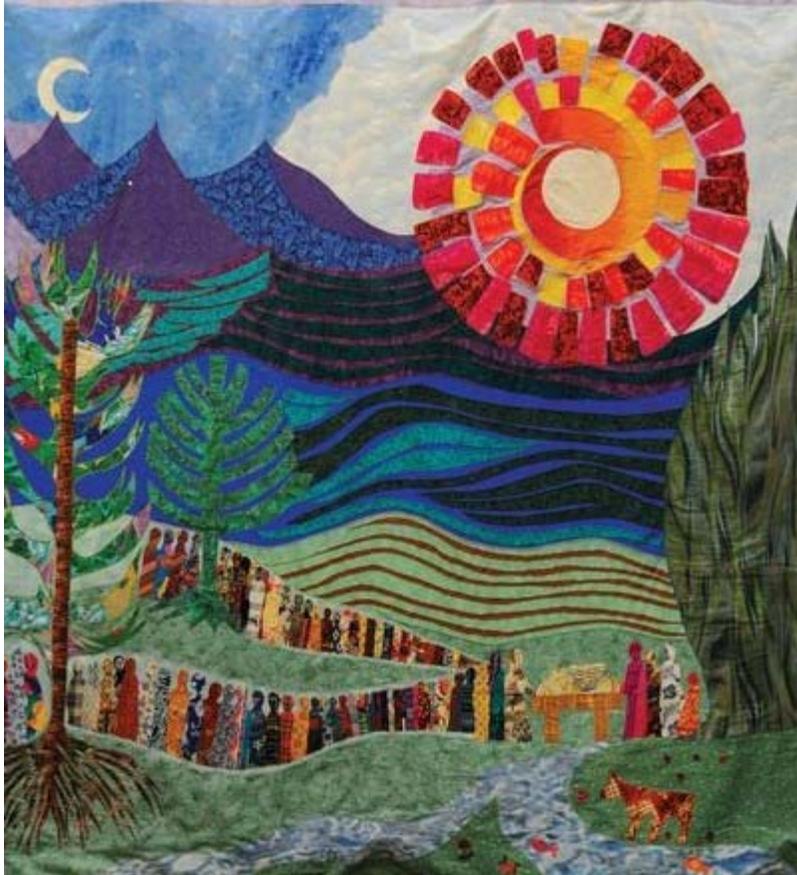




WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

World Communion Sunday



October 6, 2019 | 9:00 a.m.

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Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff
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An Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

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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

Roger Atkins, Liz Bacon, Laura Holmes, Kris Marvel, Dan McAllister,
Sally McBride, Martha Spaethling, Gen Wallace-Roe, Sandy White, Debbie Wise

8:45 – 12:15 p.m. **Nursery Care** in Preschool Suite D

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. **Worship with communion in the Sanctuary.**

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 – 2nd grade: **Godly Play**, in the *Ruth Christie Room*, is a place of worship where children learn Bible stories using Montessori-style methods. *Pick up in Preschool Suite.*
- ❖ 3rd – 6th grade: **Sing-to-Praise Choir**, in the *Youth Music Room*, uses the *Growing in Grace* curriculum to learn about the Bible, hymns, and music theory. Sing-to-Praise occasionally leads in worship.

10:10 a.m. **Education for All Ages**

- Ages 2 – 4: **Childcare** in *Preschool Suite C*.
- K – 2nd grade: **Joyful Noise Choir**, in the *Youth Music Room*, uses the *Growing in Grace* curriculum to learn about the Bible, hymns, and music theory. Joyful Noise occasionally leads in worship.
- 3rd – 6th grade: **Creation Station**, in *Classroom 4*, responds artistically to the sermon text.
- 7th – 12th grade: **Agora**, in *Classroom 7*, meets the first Sunday of every month to discuss a topic related to our walk of faith. Join us TODAY for *How can the Bible actually be true?* There will be donuts!
- **Educational Offerings for Adults** see page 7

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

12:00 p.m. **Fellowship Time** Meeting Room

Later Today

11:30 a.m.	Flying Solo Brunch	Off Site Location
1:00 p.m.	Homebound Communion	Members' Homes
5:00 p.m.	180° Dinner and Fellowship	Community Hall/Classroom 6
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 Art and Barbara Gorman to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents. The flowers in the Narthex of the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frederick Johnston, Jr. whose memorial service was held yesterday.

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:** James Cartmell and Leucia Venable.
- ❖ **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 Grace and Jack Barrington at home, and Gordon Lewis and Caroline Sparks 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 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.

The cloths adorning our communion table for World Communion Sunday are from: Guatemala, Democratic Republic of Congo, Italy, France, Turkey, Jordan, India, and Haiti.

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.



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 Community Hall after the service.

Ask someone to show you the way!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*You have come from afar and waited long and are wearied:
let us sit side by side sharing the same bread drawn from the same source
to quiet the same hunger that makes us weak.
Then standing together let us share the same spirit, the same thoughts
that once again draw us together in friendship and unity and peace.*

✠ Prieres d'Ozawamick, Canadian Indian liturgical text

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

Let the Earth Rejoice

Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to the feast!

**We come to eat the bread of heaven,
and drink from the cup of new life,
to taste and see that the Lord is good.**

God calls us to the feast!

**We gather with sisters and brothers around the world
to break bread and share one cup,
to celebrate our unity in Christ.**

God calls us to the feast!

Let us join the celebration. Let us worship God!

*HYMN No. 637

“O Sing to the Lord”

CANTAI AO SENHOR

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, Mother of Mercy, Father of Grace –
You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course.
You have promised us the abundance of all creation,
but in our greed, the world goes without.
You have promised us the bread of life itself,
but in our selfishness, the world goes hungry.
You have promised us the waters of justice,
but in our discord, the world goes thirsty.
And now we are famished, too, Lord.
Forgive us, we pray.
Transform us at this table
and send us from this table as servants of your justice and peace. Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE (HYMN NO. 585)

"Glory to God"

MACHU-PICHU

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Greg Jones

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 17:5-10

New International Version
Matthew Hoopes, Lay Reader

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"With a Voice of Singing"

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name,
make his praise to be glorious.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

This table is for all of us,
**near and far, high and low,
east and west and north and south.**
This table is for all of us, but it is not our table.
**It's not a Presbyterian table. It's not an American table.
It's God's table, and it's a table of grace.**
So come and take your place at the table.
You are welcome, you are invited, you are called.
Come, let us share this meal together!

*HYMN NO. 515

"I Come with Joy"

DOVE OF PEACE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

The Lord's Supper is open to all who trust in Christ.

For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.

Today we join the global Christian community in celebrating World Communion Sunday. As we come to the table, we remember our sisters and brothers who are breaking bread together in churches around the world, and we celebrate our oneness in Christ. The different breads we use for communion today remind us of the beautiful diversity of the body of Christ.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“If Ye Love Me”

Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, That He may abide with you for ever; E'en the Spirit of Truth. And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

✠ Adapted from a prayer by Geonyong Lee, Korea

**We receive your blessing –
Jesus, Lord divine;
all your love confessing
in this bread and wine.
Send us out, O Christ,
strengthened and sustained –
let your will be done, O Lord, let your will be done;
let your kingdom come, O Lord, let your kingdom come. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 526

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

LINSTEAD

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“Behold, the Tabernacle of God”

Paul Sjolund

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, Don and Ellie Furry, following the service.
They are happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*

✠ denotes liturgy from *Prayers Encircling the World: An International Anthology* (Westminster John Knox Press, 1998). The Prayer of Confession and Invitation to the Table are adapted from the Peace and Global Witness resource for World Communion Sunday (www.pcusa.org).

Every year our third graders have a special Sunday to receive a Bible from the church. This will take place during the Time with Our Children on October 20. If you can't be there that day but would still like to receive yours, please email Chesna (chesnahinkley@wpc.org).



Today's Educational Offerings for Adults

Retirement & Beyond: Diving Into New Waters (Home) For Retirement

Classroom 5

Presenter: Fred Schmitt

Fred will help future retirees answer "What do I need for retirement living?" by reviewing 15 facts about independent living locations. This series is not only for people thinking about retirement living, but also for adult children helping their parents consider their options.

Peace and Justice: Economic Justice

Classroom 6

Presenter: Sudie Niesen Thompson

Scripture has a lot to say about economic justice and our call as people of faith to care for the most vulnerable among us. With this class, Sudie Niesen Thompson will kick off a three-week series on economic justice by examining how passages from the Old and New Testaments present God's vision of well-being for all and inform our charge to care for neighbors in need.

DINNER AND DISCUSSION WITH DR. SERGE MAKOLO

Tuesday, October 8, 6:00 p.m. (Classroom 6)



Come join our Church in the World Mission Committee and Dr. Serge Makolo, medical director of Institut Medical Chrétien du Kasai (Christian Medical Institute of the Kasai, or IMCK) in Democratic Republic of Congo, for a light dinner and informative discussion. Learn about the hospital's extraordinary healing efforts and support of the surrounding community in less-than-desirable circumstances. Dr. Serge Makolo comes to us as part of a speaking tour of the US, facilitated by the PC(USA) Congo Mission Network. See the current October/November issue of *The Westminster Chimes* newsletter for an article with more information about Dr. Serge. Please RSVP Mark Mosher your intentions to attend: mrmosher@comcast.net or (856) 769-1988.

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This six-foot banner at the denominational offices in Louisville was created to illustrate the Peacemaking Offering for World Communion Sunday on October 5, 1997. This design was originally drawn in oil pastels by Dorothea B. Kennedy and was translated into fabric by Gloiela Yau Dolak. As the mountains and hills rejoice, the thirsty of all nations are invited to come to the water; the hungry are invited to come to the table. Everyone is welcome. (<https://www.shadysidepres.org/>)

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/>

