

World Communion Sunday

October 7, 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

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Teaching Artist in Residence

Allison Martin, Assistant Director of Children's Music

Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock, Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

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 with Communion in Sanctuary.

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 4 in Preschool Suite C.
- **❖ Godly Play 1** − Children in Kindergarten through 2nd 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.

10:10 a.m.	 Education for All Ages ➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers ➤ Joyful Noise Choir Program for K – 5 ➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8 	Preschool Suite C Youth Music Room Art Room
11:15 a.m.	 High School/Confirmation Class Grades 9 – 12 Sunday Seminars Living Mosaics Worship in Rodney Chapel. 	Classroom 7 See page 7
12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Time after Living Mosaics	Meeting Room

Later Today

11:15 a.m.	Flying Solo Brunch	Off Site Location
1:00 p.m.	Homebound Communion	Members' Homes
5:00 p.m.	180° Dinner and Fellowship	Classroom 6
6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room

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.

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:

- ❖ 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 Tee Jay King and Mary Longenecker at Country House.
- ❖ 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 by 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 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 and click the "Donate Now" button or scan the QR code on your smart phone



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We all drink from one water, we all breathe from one air, we rise from one ocean, and we live under one sky. Remember we are one. The newborn baby cries the same, the laughter of children is universal, everyone's blood is red, and our hearts beat the same song. Remember we are one. We are all brothers and sisters, only one family, only one earth, together we live and together we die. Remember we are one. Peace be on you, brothers and sisters, peace be on you.

Anwar Fazal, Malaysia

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

Suite du Deuxième Ton I. Plein Jeu II. Duo Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come from north and south, from east and west.

Thom Shuman

God's people are called to the Table where simple grace nourishes us.

From down the street to across town, from single households to apartment dwellers:

God's people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.

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From every class, every race, and every status;

God's people are called to witness to God's hope, and to work for peace in divisive times.

*HYMN No. 33

"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"

LLANFAIR (Wales)

OPENING PRAYER

Mighty God, you create human beings in your image and call on us to respect what is sacred and holy. We pray for people of faith throughout the world who respond to your call to share love with one another and to work for a world where there is justice for all. Let us never be so sure of ourselves that we close our minds to new possibilities, but may we be ready to discover more truth, so that we may be in harmony with your Spirit. Amen.

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.

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

New Testament, page 174 Molly McPheeters, Lay Reader

SERMON

"Striving for the Same Mindset as Christ"

Greg Jones

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Shall We Now Gather"

Kinley Lange

Shall we now gather as one; shall we now join the world in community? Shall we now join ourselves in festivity? Shall not the ear and eye, the hand and foot join with the heart and voice to become one flesh united and strong in our Lord, Jesus Christ. Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. This is my body broken for you; this is my blood that was shed for you. Take and eat and do this in remembrance of me.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*HYMN No. 532

"Sheaves of Wheat" Verse 1: Choir Verses 2-4: All

UNA ESPIGA (Spain)

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...

RESPONSES

...We join our voices with the faithful of every land who sing your praise:

HYMN No. 556

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name.
Hosanna in the highest.

...Great is the mystery of faith:

HYMN No. 557

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. ...now and forever:

HYMN No. 568

Amen, amen, amen! Amen, amen, amen!

LORD'S PRAYER (page 35 in our *Glory to God* hymnal, using "debts" and "debtors")

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Today we join the global Christian community in celebrating World Communion Sunday. As we receive the sacrament, we remember our sisters and brothers who are breaking bread together in churches around the world, and we celebrate our oneness in Christ. The six breads we use for communion today – challah, chapati, naan, pita, rice crackers, and tortillas – remind us of the many faces of the Body of Christ.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Ave Verum Corpus"

Colin Mawby

Ave verum Corpus, natum de Maria Virgine: Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: Cujus latus perforatum, fluxit aqua et sanguine: Esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine. O Jesu dulcis! O Jesu pie! O Jesu, Fili Mariae. Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals, Whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood: Be for us a foretaste (of heaven) during our final examining. O Jesu sweet, O Jesu pure, O Jesu, Son of Mary.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

*HYMN No. 526

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

LINSTEAD (Jamaica)

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

arr. Mark Sedio

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.

Later this Week: Racism in America: Exploring Our History

Thursday, October 11 at 6:30 pm in Classroom 5

Presenter: Sue Linderman

We know that racism in America traces its roots back to slavery, but how did we get from there to here? Join us as we explore the path of American history that shapes our society and our perspectives today. This program is an updated consolidation of the two-part 10:TEN presentation by Sue Linderman on January 14 and 21, 2018. This is an eye-opening exploration of history we were never taught that sheds new light on issues of race in our country.



Sunday Seminars

The Challenge of Paul

Today through December 16 in 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 14, 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 21st 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!

Beyond Backpacks: Mentoring is Life-Changing

Classroom 5

Facilitator: Lynne Kielhorn

Grab a cup of coffee or tea and join us in Classroom 5 as we hear from educators, mentors and students about the transforming power of these adult/student relationships. Even if you are not able to get personally involved at this time, take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the needs and programs that Westminster supports. Maybe you know someone who is looking for a way to get involved, to make a transforming difference in a child's life – and their own. We look forward to seeing you!

"How Beautiful are the Feet": Preparing for the Public Reading of Scripture

Today and December 9 in the Sanctuary

Facilitators: Sudie Niesen Thompson and Chip Pfleegor

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:15). At Westminster we value having a diversity of voices "bring good news." That's why we invite congregants to read Scripture aloud in worship. Whether you are a seasoned Lay Reader or someone who is new to the public reading of Scripture, proclaiming the Word requires practice and preparation. This session is an opportunity to learn techniques for the oral interpretation of Scripture so that you are equipped to read aloud with confidence and clarity. Whether you would like to hone your skills as a Lay Reader or try your hand at reading Scripture in public, this session is for you!



Friday, October 12 8:00 p.m

Finally, a truly memorable musical evening is on the horizon as our own resident staff musicians join forces to present the opening concert of the season at Westminster. The fare for the evening includes music of J. S. Bach, Francis Poulenc, Joseph Jongen, and lots more. *Merideth Hite Estevez* will be heard on both oboe and English horn, and *Paul Fleckenstein* will be at the organ and the piano. Rumor has it this program will be a winner!

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