



Service of Worship
18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 23, 2018
9:00 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.

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An Earth Care Congregation of the PC (USA)

This Morning at Westminster

8:30 – 11:15 a.m. The Holy Toast Café, in Classroom 6, offers free coffee, tea, and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar per item.

Deacon Team of the Month

Amy Bickhart, Nicole Fox, Louis Horton, Kris Marvel, Dan McAllister, Mary Lou McDowell, Josh Thomas

8:45 – 12:15 a.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 leave for classes after Time with Our Children during worship.

❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 – 4 in Preschool Suite C.

❖ **Godly Play 1** – in the Ruth Christie Room.

❖ **Sing-to-Praise Choir Program** – Children in grades 3 through 6 in the Youth Music Room.

10:00 – 12:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee mailing in Staff Conference Room

10:10 a.m.

Education for All Ages

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| ➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers | Preschool Suite C |
| ➤ Joyful Noise Choir Program for K – 2 | Youth Music Room |
| ➤ Grades 3 – 5 (this week only) | Youth Music Room |
| ➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8 | Classroom 4 |
| ➤ High School/Confirmation Class for Grades 9 - 12 | Classroom 7 |
| ➤ Sunday Seminars | see page 6 |

11:15 a.m. Living Mosaics worship in Rodney Chapel. Children are always welcome.

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

Later Today

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



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 loving memory of Teddy Bedrossian by Ned Bedrossian and 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 September 30; October 21, 28; November 25; December 30.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Clayton (Tucker) Ranck, Janet Rucker, Joyce Ruston, Leucia Venable, Mary Young.
- ❖ **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 Reade Thompson and Betty Uhlinger at Cokesbury.
- ❖ **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

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

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



ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Eternal God, I give thanks for this day of worship and pray that I may use today to remember that you are God and I am not. Pausing from my daily routine, I need to reflect on how I am spending my time. Am I carving out time for prayer that I may follow your ways? Am I sharing my energy and income with those who need my help? Am I sharing Christ's love with others? Strengthen my will, my mind and my heart so that I may order my life according to your will. 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

Allegretto

Louis Vierne

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. 315

"In the Midst of New Dimensions"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Lord of the morning,
You come to us in sunshine and in showers
enlightening our minds and refreshing our souls.
You whisper in our hearts words of grace and inspiration
stirring us to lives that are bold and generous.
We thank you for the gift of our lives
and the blessings we receive from you each day.
Help us to use our precious time wisely. Amen.**

ANTHEM

"O Come, Let Us Sing"

David Bednall

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

*Children age 2 through 2nd Grade may leave for Sunday School in the Preschool Suite,
or they may remain in worship.*

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

Scripture Lesson

Mark 12:13–17

New Testament, page 42
Sue Linderman, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Whose Image?”

Greg Jones

*HYMN No. 708

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

SCHUMANN

OFFERING

“No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.” (Luke 16:13)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Traditional Swedish tune

*RESPONSE (HYMN NO. 711)

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
that our whole life is offered to your will.**

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. 714

“God of the Fertile Fields”

ITALIAN HYMN

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

Prayer for Blessing

David Schwoebel

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor. Direct us, O Lord, and further us with thy continual help; That in all our works begun, That in all our works continued, and ended in thee, We may glorify thy name, and receive everlasting life; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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, Suzie Hurlock, 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.



Sunday Seminars

Pilgrims Report on the Holy Land

Today

Community Hall

Presenters: Greg Jones and 2018 Pilgrims

Come hear the stories of Westminster pilgrims to the Holy Land. We will share our adventures, photos and reflections as we traced the footsteps of Jesus. Our group visited and worshipped in sacred places in Israel, Palestine and Jordan in the hot summer month of June, and we brought back treasured memories of our time together.

Understanding Adolescence with Yvonne Nass

Today and September 30

Classroom 5

Facilitator: Yvonne Nass, Certified Parent Educator

Adolescence is an on-going process from puberty to adulthood. Teens recycle earlier stages of development, resolve developmental tasks, and prepare to separate. This two-part series will help caregivers understand how to support teens as they bridge one of the most stressful time periods, not only for them but also for their caregivers.

Coming next week:

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT – A Periodic Series

Sunday, September 30, 10:TEN am, Ruth Christie Room

Facilitated by Dick Haden

White people are unaccustomed to talking about race and its implications in their lives. Yet at some level everyone recognizes that racism and prejudice have a profound impact on our communities and our country. We need opportunities to experience the challenges and benefits that come from bringing racial issues into the light of day. You are welcome to join us on September 30th as we continue the journey of exploring our beliefs about race, with openness to differing opinions and respect for one another.

New to Westminster?

Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

Here is some information you might find helpful:

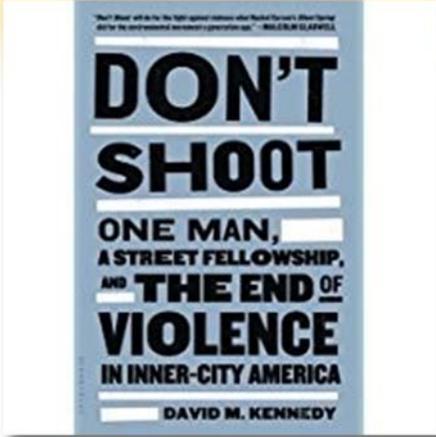
- Hymnals are located on a shelf under the pew in front of you, or at the ends of the pew. Please join us in singing!
- A red Friendship Pad at the end of the pew will be passed during the service. We hope you will sign it and let us know how we can welcome you with a follow-up contact.
- There will 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 Classroom 6 after the service.

Ask someone to show you the way!

STRATEGIES FOR REDUCING VIOLENCE: COMMUNITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ENGAGEMENT

Saturday, September 29
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary



David Kennedy, author of *DON'T SHOOT: One Man, a Street Fellowship and the End of Violence in Inner-City America* and co-founder of the National Network for Safe Communities, will discuss proven strategic interventions to reduce violence and improve public safety, minimize arrest and incarceration, strengthen communities, and improve relationships between law enforcement and the communities it serves. **Wilmington Police Chief Robert Tracy** will also speak on emerging plans to implement elements of these strategies in Wilmington. *This is the second in a community-wide speaker series that began in September 2017 with Father Gregory Boyle of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/EventBrite-Kennedy> or call the church office at extension 100.*

IT'S TIME FOR A NEW PICTORIAL MEMBER DIRECTORY!

Photography Sessions Have Started
Please Don't Delay – Schedule Your Appointment Now
(Tuesdays to Saturdays Through October 6)



Our new pictorial directory of Westminster members will not be complete without you! For participating, you will receive a complimentary portrait and a complimentary directory with the opportunity to purchase additional portraits without any obligation. Photography sessions have begun in a studio on Westminster's lower level (enter through the 1502 door with the blue awning). To schedule your portrait appointment, visit www.Church-Directories.com (don't forget the dash in the web address!) and select Westminster Presbyterian Church. If you are unable to sign up online, please contact one of us listed below. Thank you for your participation. See you on picture day!

Photographer's tip: The background color is gray.

For questions, contact Barbara Jobe (bjobe@comcast.net, 302-478-0054), Nicole Hughes (nhughes@wpc.org, 302-654-5214 x130), or Sudie Niesen Thompson (sniesenthompson@wpc.org, 302-654-5214 x103).

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