



Service of Worship
16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 2019
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.

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

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

Teisha Fooks, Nicole Fox, Kris Marvel, Dan McAllister, Emily Pfaff, Pam White

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

9:00 – 9:55 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 – 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 leads in worship regularly.

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 sings 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 October 6 for *How can the Bible actually be true?* There will be donuts!
- Distinguished Speaker Christian Wiman Community Hall

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

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time Meeting 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 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Bill Francis and Jane Palmer.
- ❖ **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 Frances Kirkpatrick and Hans Krahmer 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.

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

*Light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you:
Help me to know you so that I may truly love you and trust you so that I may faithfully serve you. Amen.*

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

Praeludium in E minor

Nicolaus Bruhns

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

And Peter answered:

You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God.

Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

And his disciples respond:

You are the Christ, the Lord of our lives.

The One we call "Christ" calls upon our hearts.

We come to confess our faith and proclaim our hope.

*HYMN NO. 395

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

LIEBSTER JESU

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Baptizing God —
By water and the Spirit,
you anoint disciples and witnesses,
prophets and teachers,
to make your reign known throughout the earth.**

**But we deny your claim on our lives,
and pretend we have no part
in proclaiming the good news.
You call us to testify to your grace.
We fall silent.
You call us to declare your truth.
We shrink from speaking out.
You call us to point others to Christ.
We fade into the crowd and hope others will take the lead.**

**Forgive us, Lord.
Send your Spirit upon us,
and re-claim us for your work
so that our words and deeds might glorify you. Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM

"I Hear A Voice A-Praying"

Houston Bright

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Greg Jones

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

Jeremiah 20:7-12
Mark 8:27-30

Old Testament, page 681
New Testament, page 38

SERMON

Christian Wiman

*HYMN No. 720

"Jesus Calls Us"

GALILEE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Psalm 150

César Franck

Hallelujah! O praise ye the Lord, Praise God for His greatness. Praise ye the Lord in the firmament of His Pow'r. Praise ye Him for His mighty acts, Praise ye Him according to His wondrous works. Praise ye Him with the sound of the trumpet: Praise ye Him with the psalt'ry and harp. Praise ye Him with the timbrel. Praise ye Him with the dance, Praise Him with the organ and stringed instruments. Praise ye Him upon the loud cymbals. Praise ye Him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let ev'ry thing that hath breath praise the Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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

*HYMN No. 755

"Alleluia! Laud and Blessing"

WEISSE FLAGGEN

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

"With Singing and Praying"

John Horman

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY INFORMATION

We have an exciting list of Christian education options for kids on Sunday mornings! If your child is 5th grade or younger, please fill out the children's ministry information form at www.wpc.org/learn, or scan the QR code. To find out more about opportunities for all ages, see the bulletin, the website, or contact Chesna Hinkley (chesnahinkley@wpc.org) or 302-654-5214, ext.124



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 and tea in Classroom 6 after the service.
Ask someone to show you the way!**

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	
October 27	Hosea	
November 10	Isaiah	
November 17	Micah	
December 1	Jonah	



DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER
TODAY IN COMMUNITY HALL

CHRISTIAN WIMAN

Author ▪ Poet ▪ Teacher

Upcoming: Dinner and Discussion with Dr. Serge Mokolo

October 8 in Classroom 6 at 6:00 pm

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 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. Please see the October Chimes article for more information about Dr. Serge.

Please RSVP Mark Mosher your intentions to attend: mrmosher@comcast.net or 856-769-1988.

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