



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship 19th Sunday after Pentecost September 30, 2018 9:00 a.m.

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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.

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

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

8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.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** – 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.

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 |
| ➤ | Godly Play 2 for Grades 3 – 5 | Classroom 2 |
| ➤ | Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8 | Classroom 4 |
| ➤ | High School/Confirmation Class for Grades 9 - 12 | Grace Hall |
| ➤ | Sunday Seminars See | page 7 |

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

	Flying	Solo Brunch	Off	Site Location
5:00 p.m.	180°	Dinner and Fellowship	Classroom	m 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 rosebud on the chancel this morning is in celebration of the birth Benjamin Grey Weeden Howard, born September 20, son of Rob and Jessica Howard and grandson of Rick and Mary-beth Howard.

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 30.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Melissa Jessup, Clayton (Tucker) Ranck (Sandy King’s brother), Joyce Ruston, Kathleen Winter.
- ❖ **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 Margit and Spence Stradley, Evelyn Measley and Jay Ritter 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 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

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*“O loving God, to turn away from you is to fall,
to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever.
Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help;
in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection;
and in all our sorrows your peace.” ~ Augustine of Hippo*

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

Toccata in F major

Dietrich Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those whose footsteps follow the way of the Lord –
**the path of justice and mercy
that draws us toward wholeness.**

Happy are those whose hearts delight in the law of the Lord –
**teachings that root us in love, sustain us in hope,
and nurture generous spirits within us.**

Happy are our souls when we gather to worship the Living Lord –
**the Fountainhead of Grace,
the Giver of Life.**

*HYMN NO. 611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God,
In your loving wisdom you set us beside the fountain of life,
like a tree planted by running streams.**

**Yet, sometimes we forget that you are the source of our being.
We seek sustenance from things that do not nourish,
only to wonder why our energy is sapped and our joy has wilted.
O Master Gardener, prune away the distractions that crowd out your light,
and clear out the false teachings that suffocate our spirits.**

**Sustain us by your grace,
and fill us with delight in your teaching,
that we may bear fruit in every season of life;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM

Jubilate Deo

Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation. 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.

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 1

Old Testament, page 452

Sung Refrain:

O Lord, my delight, my delight is in your law.

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN NO. 755

“Alleluia! Laud and Blessing”

WEISSE FLAGGEN

OFFERING

“Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.”
~ Psalm 96:8

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” arr.

Gilbert Martin

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known:
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare,
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
Of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my petition bear
To him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless;
And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my ev'ry care,
and wait for thee, Sweet hour of prayer!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*HYMN NO. 457

“How Happy Are the Saints of God”

WAREHAM

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us”
(Text: Hymn #44)

William P. Rowan

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, Tammy Daley, 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.

LAST WEEK FOR THE PICTORIAL MEMBER DIRECTORY!

Last Call to Schedule Your Appointment!

(Final Photography Sessions – Tuesday, October 2 through Saturday, 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 are held 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 Nicole Hughes (nhughes@wpc.org, 302-654-5214 x130) or Sudie Niesen Thompson (sniesenthompson@wpc.org, 302-654-5214 x103).



Sunday Seminars

The Gospel of Mark

Today, October 7, 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!

Understanding Adolescence with Yvonne Nass

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 session 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.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT – A Periodic Series

Ruth Christie Room

Facilitator: 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. Join us as we continue the journey of exploring our beliefs about race, with openness to differing opinions and respect for one another. We will discuss our experiences with race relations in Delaware.

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 Community Hall after the service.

Ask someone to show you the way!

Music at Westminster

MERIDETH AND PAUL IN CONCERT

(rescheduled from last fall)



Merideth Hite Estevez
Oboe and English Horn



Paul Fleckenstein
Organ and Piano

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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