



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship **9th Sunday after Pentecost** **August 11, 2019** **8:15 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
Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock,
Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES STAFF

Teisha Fooks, Director of Preschool Ministries
Nursery: Beatrice Taylor, Kristen Wolanski

YOUTH LEADERS

Tommy Neilson
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper, Molly McPheeters

DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Colleen Falasco

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND SECURITY

Paul Crothamel

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 you are and wherever you may be on your faith journey – 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

Deacon Team of the Month

Roger Atkins, Amy Bickhart, Bob Moore, Sandie Reinicker, Martha Spaethling, Hugh Underhill, Debbie Wise

8:15 a.m. **Worship** with Communion in Rodney Chapel

9:45 – 11:15 a.m. **Nursery Care**

10:00 – 10:55 a.m. **Worship** in the Sanctuary

Children are always welcome in worship. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith. Following **TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN**, children age 2 through 2nd grade may leave for **Summer Sunday School** in the Preschool Suite.

11:00 a.m. **Summer Tea** in Rodney Chapel and the Meeting Room

Later Today

6:00 p.m. Clean But Not Straight – NA Club Room

8:00 p.m. AA Club Room

Note: The church office is closed on Fridays in August.

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 today are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of the Rev. Chad Miller and his brother Christopher, from their family. Please keep Chad's family in your prayers.

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 date is September 1.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Jeanne Butz, Linda Depfer and Lola Miller.
- ❖ **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 Ellen Clarke, Laura Stevens and Barbara and George Scanlan 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, Iraq and Kuwait often seem 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:

- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class Slayton Saldana, age 24, from Virginia.
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

Continuing with our *Month of Musical Masterworks* (an only-at-Westminster August tradition), we welcome harpist **Anne Sullivan** to enhance our 10 o'clock service this morning with the harp concerto by German romantic composer Carl Reinecke. Anne is a much-in-demand performer and teacher throughout the region.

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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Gracious God, without you I would be adrift in a cynical and despairing world. Without you, I would be mired in a shallow existence, with no hope on the horizon. I am grateful that you show me the way and teach me the truth so that I may live a rich life of love and joy and hope. 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Faith is fragile in a world plagued by suffering and evil.

Hope is cautious in a world crucified by injustice.

Our world is but a shadow of the greatness for which God created it.

And yet we cling to the vision of scripture

that God intends for the world to become a realm of justice and peace.

*HYMN No. 49

“The God of Abraham Praise”

LEONI

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, when trials beset us it is natural to fear.

Called to be courageous, we find our faith lacking.

When asked to take risks, we confess our complacency.

By ignoring violence and injustice, we hope it will subside.

You stay by our side in both suffering and celebration.

Forgive our reluctance to trust your guidance

and to take bold steps in your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke Mathé, Lay Reader

SERMON

Greg Jones

OFFERING

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

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

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

*This is not only a Presbyterian table;
the Lord's Supper is open to all who trust in Christ.
When you approach a communion station, please take a piece of bread,
the symbol of Christ's love for you, and dip it in the cup, representing the new life in Christ.
If you are unable to come to a station, please tell an usher so that you may be served.
For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.*

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Loving God, we give you thanks for this holy meal of bread and wine
that makes us one with Christ.
Fill us with Christ-like compassion, a thirst for justice
and a determination to work for peace,
so that we may live the rich lives you call us to live. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

BENEDICTION

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, Jeanne Checkel, at the back of the chapel door following the service. She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.

New to Westminster?

Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

Here is some information you might find helpful:

- Hymnals are located underneath your chair, please join us in singing!!
- A 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 by the Chapel door 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.

AUGUST 18

Meet Chesna Hinkley

Our new *Director of Christian Education*

and

Alexis Droke

Our new *Director of Music for Children and Youth!*

Blessing of the Backpacks

During 8:15 and 10:00 a.m. services

Ice Cream Social

11:00 a.m. in Community Hall



Help Provide a Child in Need with a Fresh Start to the School Year!

Deadline for donations: Sunday, August 18

This year we again seek to provide 600 backpacks to children at four schools, and we need your support! Please consider purchasing a set of supplies and bringing the supplies to church. There will be a trunk near the reception desk.

ONE SET OF BACKPACK CONTENTS:

- Marble composition books (3)
- #2 pencils (1 dozen)
- Box of 24 Crayola crayons
- English/metric ruler (6 or 12 inch)
- Small glue sticks (2)
- Pair of scissors with blunt tips
- Pink erasers (2)



If possible, please include \$10 to cover the cost of the backpack, which has already been purchased by Westminster. If you'd prefer, you can write a check to cover the cost of the supplies (\$10), the backpack (\$10), or both. Please make your check payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and write "Backpacks" in the memo line. Donations will be collected on Sunday, August 18, and children are invited to bring their backpacks to church. At both worship services, our pastors will bless their backpacks, as well as the 600 donated backpacks, helping launch the school year with God's abundant blessings and the love and support of our church family. Thank you for your continued support!



5TH ANNUAL
**Summer
Celebration**

AT FRANKS WINE

Thursday, August 22
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a two-hour wine and beer tasting at Franks Wine (1206 N. Union Street, Wilmington, DE 19806). The tastings are BYOG (bring your own glass!), and we'll have light snacks to enjoy. As an added bonus, there is a 10% discount on beer, wine, and spirits purchased during the event. Plus, Franks Wine will donate back 10% of total sales that evening to WPC! Everyone who has attended this event in the past has said they had a really great time mingling with Westminster friends in a casual atmosphere. The cost is \$20 per person. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/y9mkpwp>. Must be age 21 or over to participate.

WESTMINSTER FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Blue Rocks Game & Fireworks

Singles, couples, and families are all welcome!

Friday, August 30, 2019

Game time: 7:05 PM

Select seating on the third base line offers premier views of the game, fireworks, and other festivities. To participate, email John McGraw at jmt_mcgraw@yahoo.com by **August 16** with "Blue Rocks" and the number of requested tickets in the subject line, or call with any questions (302-507-4989). This event is funded (no ticket cost to you) and organized by the Westminster men's group. Hope to see you at the game! *No outside food or beverages, except water bottles or necessary dietary items, please.*





Month of Musical Masterworks

AT WESTMINSTER

August 2019

Another August, another month of great instrumental music at Westminster. On each of the four Sundays in August, our 10 o'clock worship service is enhanced with a major instrumental work, with the movements interspersed throughout the service as Prelude, Offertory and Postlude. This year the line-up includes two concertos and two sonatas, representing a broad range of timbres and styles.

August 4

Alessandro Marcello: Oboe Concerto in C minor
Merideth Hite Estevez, oboe

August 11

Carl Reinecke: Harp Concerto, Op. 182
Anne Sullivan, harp

August 18

Karl Pilss: Sonata for Trumpet and Piano
Robert Skoniczin, trumpet

August 25

Felix Mendelssohn: Organ Sonata no. 1 in F minor
Paul Fleckenstein, organ