



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship **12th Sunday after Pentecost** **August 12, 2018** **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
Merideth Hite Estevez, Director of Faith Formation through Music
and Arts, Teaching Artist in Residence

YOUTH LEADERS

Merideth Hite Estevez
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper, Tommy Neilson

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 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

Deacon Team of the Month

Don Beddie, Nancy Diver, Carol Neff, Sue Weissinger, Debbie Wise

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

9:00 a.m. **Backpack Project Meeting** in Preschool Classroom D

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.

❖ **Summer Sunday School** - Following Time with Our Children, children age 2 through 2nd grade may leave for Sunday School in the Preschool Suite.

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

Later Today

4:00 p.m. Mary Ellen Schauber Studio Rehearsal Rodney Chapel and Meeting Room

4:00 p.m. Family Promise Downstairs

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 today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Rev. Chad Miller and his brother Christopher from their 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 August 26, September 2, 16, and 23.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Ed Hagopian and Mary Longenecker.
- ❖ **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 Margaret Lyle Stevens at Rockford Place and Kay Johnson at Millcroft.
- ❖ **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

This morning cellist *Douglas McNames* brings us the monumental Cello Sonata no. 1 in E minor by Johannes Brahms. Formerly principal cello with the Delaware Symphony Orchestra, among other notable posts, Doug currently considers himself semi-retired, playing, as he says, "only when and where I want to play." We're glad that includes Westminster Church!

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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O still, small voice, speak to us this hour
that we might become makers of your peace
in our homes, in our communities, in our world. 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 OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

For glimpses of grace –
in the dance of sunlight upon quiet streams,
in the embrace of community,
in water upon the forehead and bread broken and shared.

We will bless the Lord!

For whispers of grace –
in music that fills our sanctuary,
in the wise counsel of faithful saints,
in sheer, startling silence.

We will bless the Lord!

O magnify the Lord with me!

Let us exalt God's name together!

(Inspired by Psalm 34)

*HYMN No. 42

“Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure”

WINCHESTER NEW

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of boundless love –
You provide the true bread from heaven
and nourish us with your life-giving Word.
But we look elsewhere for our daily bread,
and try to satisfy hungry hearts
with food that does not fill our souls.**

**Sometimes the journey becomes too much for us,
and we wonder if you have forsaken your children.**

**In times when we are consumed by doubt,
paralyzed by anxiety,
or convinced there is no hope,
send your Spirit into our hearts
and remind us of your sustaining grace.
Renew and strengthen us,
so we may go confidently on our journeys,
and carry out the mission you have given us.**

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

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Kings 19:4-8

Brock Jobe, Lay Reader

SERMON

"Bread for the Journey"

Sudie Niesen Thompson

OFFERING

*"Bring your tithes and your donations, your votive gifts, your freewill-offerings...
because the LORD your God has blessed you." (Deuteronomy 12:6-7)*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Christ calls us to his table,
where there is room for everyone, and plenty for all.
O taste and see that the Lord is good.
Happy are all who find refuge in God!

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

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*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 raise your hand 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

**Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life.
As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors.
As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry.
As we have been loved, help us to love the world –
Because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 542

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

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, by the door following the service. She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.

The Prayer Following Communion is from the revised *Book of Common Worship* (WJKP, 2018).

REMINDER! The church office is closed on Fridays during August.

IT'S TIME FOR A NEW PICTORIAL MEMBER DIRECTORY!

Schedule Your Appointment Now
Photography Sessions Start in September
(Tuesdays – Saturdays)



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. To schedule your portrait appointment online (best method), 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, you may sign up in person on one of the following Sunday mornings: August 26, September 2, or September 9. Photography sessions begin September 11 in a studio on Westminster's lower level. 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).

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 row 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.

Blessing of the Backpacks AND *Ice Cream Social*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19



August 19th will be a special day in the life of Westminster! Please plan to attend one of our morning worship services (8:15 and 10:00). Our pastors will bless children's backpacks, helping launch the school year with God's abundant blessings and the love and support of our church family. If you are a student, be sure to bring your backpack that day! Everyone else, join us as we launch our children and youth into the upcoming school year. Our goal is to distribute 600 backpacks to students at EastSide Charter, Highlands, UrbanPromise, and Shortlidge elementary schools. There's still plenty of time to make your donation! Thank you so much for your support.



Immediately *after* the 10:00 a.m. service, we will have our annual **Ice Cream Social** in Community Hall. Enjoy games, face painting, ice cream and other sweet treats!

Month of Musical Masterworks

August 2018

Continuing our only-at-Westminster tradition, the month of August brings a series of great instrumental works to enhance our 10 o'clock worship services.

Each Sunday during August, outstanding guest instrumental soloists present a major three-movement work as Prelude, Offertory, and Postlude. This year the repertoire is all sonatas, with piano accompaniment by Paul Fleckenstein at the Steinway grand.

Here is the line-up:

August 5

Carl Reinecke:

Flute Sonata, "Undine," op. 167

Kimberly Reighley, flute

August 12

Johannes Brahms:

Cello Sonata no. 1 in E minor, op. 38

Douglas McNames, cello

August 19

Henri Vieuxtemps:

Viola Sonata in B-flat, op. 36

Sheila Browne, viola

August 26

Francis Poulenc:

Clarinet Sonata

Christopher Nichols, clarinet