



Service of Worship
10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 13, 2017
10:00 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

Deacon Team of the Month

Laura Holmes, Blair McConnel, Susan McPheeters, Lola Miller, Bob Moore, Sue Weissinger, Sandy White

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.

- ❖ **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

3:00 p.m. Schauber Voice Studio – Rehearsal Rodney Chapel

4:00 p.m. Family Promise Ministry 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 memory of our former Associate Pastor, the Rev. Chad Miller.

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 17.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Jim Hodges and Nancy McFadden.
- ❖ **Westminster's homebound** who can no longer attend worship with us, by sending a card, saying a prayer, or visiting. This week we ask you to remember Frank Pickering at The Summit and Lois Rogers at Jenners Pond.
- ❖ **Westminster's Covenant Prayer Group** prays weekly for specific needs of the faith community. **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.

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

- This week we pray for Brian Gorman, grandson of Art and Barbara Gorman, serving in the United States military.
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
 - Technical Sergeant David Board, age 49, from Barboursville, West Virginia
 - Specialist Christopher Michael Harris, age 25, from Jackson Springs, North Carolina
 - Sergeant Jonathon Michael Hunter, age 23, from Columbus, Indiana
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

Continuing our *Month of Musical Masterworks*, we welcome guest saxophonist *Todd Groves* to our service this morning. Todd is a New York City-based musician who is involved in a myriad of projects, and who spends much of his time performing in the orchestra pit for Broadway shows. He is also an adjunct professor of saxophone in the music department at the University of Delaware.

All children who leave the sanctuary after Children's Time 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. 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

*Great and good God,
give me a pure heart that I may see you,
a humble heart that I may hear you,
a heart of love that I may serve you,
a heart of faith that I may live in you,
a reverent heart that I may worship you,
here and in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

PRELUDE

Sonata for Saxophone and Organ
I. Invention
*Todd Groves, saxophone
Paul Fleckenstein, organ*

Denis Bédard

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

Children of God – Come to the waters.
We gather to be restored and renewed.
Come, with your faith and your doubt.
We respond to the one who claims and calls us.
Come, Christ summons us to draw near.
Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving!

*HYMN NO. 8

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

MELITA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you call us to step out in faith –
to place our lives in your hands,
and to commit ourselves to your service.
We confess that we find this difficult to do.
It is not always easy to follow where you lead—
to leave behind what is comfortable,
to abandon our safety nets,
and trust that you will guide our steps.
Forgive us when we doubt you, God.
Open our eyes to see past our own interests and concerns,
to your broader vision for us and for our world.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

At the asterisk (), please stand as you are able*

*The congregation is asked to please refrain from taking photographs
or video recording during the worship service.*

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Elder Mike Gnade, Sr.

OPENING WORDS

In the beginning, when the Creator formed the heavens and the earth,

God's Spirit swept over the face of the waters.

At the beginning of Jesus' ministry of teaching and healing,

God's Spirit rested upon him as he emerged from Jordan's waters.

We gather at the font to mark a new beginning –

By water and the Spirit, we welcome disciples into the family of faith.

PROMISES OF COMMITMENT

Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, seeking in all things to love God and to love your neighbor as yourself?

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and to teach that faith to your child?

Will you be a faithful member of Westminster, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be?

CONGREGATION

Will we – as members of the church of Jesus Christ – welcome Zetta and Nathan into the family of faith? Will we guide, nurture, and encourage them to be faithful followers of Christ? **We will.**

CHILDREN

As Zetta grows, do you promise to help her be a part of our church family by being a friend to her?

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOLLOWING BAPTISM

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

RESPONSE (HYMN NO. 482)

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king.
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 14:22-33 New Testament, page 14
Rick Suarez, Lay Reader

SERMON "Outside the Boat" Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN No. 720 "Jesus Calls Us" GALILEE

OFFERING

*"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."
(Acts 20:35)*

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING Sonata for Saxophone and Organ Bédard
II. Barcarolle

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. 691 "Lord, When I Came into This Life" LAND OF REST

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Sonata for Saxophone and Organ Bédard
III. Humoresque

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, Bill Nace, at the back of the center aisle following the service. He is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.

Please join us in Rodney Chapel for iced tea following the service.

REMINDER! During the month of August, the church office is open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and closed on the following days:

- Fridays in August
- Tuesday, August 22 – It's our 10th Annual Summer Cleaning Day! While the phones will go to voice mail, the staff will be busy cleaning out closets, going through files, and straightening up.
They will be preparing for the coming program year starting September 10.

PASTORAL STAFF

Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff
Sudie Niesen Thompson, Associate Pastor
Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

CHURCH EDUCATOR: Susan Moseley

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Merideth Hite Estevez, Director, Faith Formation through Music and Arts -Teaching Artist in Residence

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Susan Moseley, Josh Cox, Merideth Hite Estevez

SUPPORT STAFF

Susan Alexander, Reception Area Supervisor
Paul Crothamel, Director of Facilities and Security
Colleen Falasco, Director of Financial Operations
Nicole Hughes, Director of Communication and Database Management
Jerry Hunter, Financial Assistant
Suzie Hurlock, Administrative Assistant
Cathy Lang, Administrative Assistant
Sextons: Roger W. Atkins, Robert King, Joan Truitt, John Young

SESSION

Jen Barrington, Ty Burns, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Jeanne Checkel, Art Colbourn, Joe Daley,
Rich Diver, Michael Enderle, Mike Gnade, Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Kali Kniel,
Kelly McCulloch, Jon McPheeters, Mark Mosher, Margo Reign, Roger Reinicker, Craig Stabler, Barb Stratton,
Mary Vane, Susan Williamson, Helen Zumsteg

BOARD OF DEACONS

Liz Bacon, Don Beddie, Amy Bickhart, Beatty Chadwick, Barry Cobb, Tammy Daley, Nancy Diver, Teisha Fooks,
Nicole Fox, Laura Holmes, Hillary King, Cathy Lang, Kris Marvel, Sally McBride, Blair McConnel,
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Lowell Underhill, Jennie Wagner, Gen Wallace-Roe, Sue Weissinger, Pam White, Sandy White, Debbie Wise

TRUSTEES

Charley Babcock, Gary Bryde, Jim Carter, Denison Hatch, Bobbe Hoy, Fred Iobst, Bill Nace, Mary Lu Pamm,
Kris Qualls, Bob Ridout, Bruce Weber, Dan Weintraub

PARTNERS IN WORLDWIDE MINISTRY

Congo – PCUSA Mission Co-workers John and Gwenda Fletcher, Jeff and Cristi Boyd,
Larry and Inga Sthreshley, Cecilé de Sweemer, MD, Members of Kamulumba-Ditalala Parish
Iran, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon – Mission Co-workers the Reverends Elmarie and Scott Parker, Dr. Mary Mikhael
Peace Drums Steel Band – Ibillin and Haifa, Israel/Palestine
Guatemala - Rosario Diaz and the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development, CEDEPCA, Leslie Vogel, and
Sandi and Brian Thompson-Royer

Month of Musical Masterworks

August 2017

Once again, the month of August brings the only-at-Westminster (as far as we know) program of major three-movement instrumental works presented each Sunday morning, interspersed throughout our 10 o'clock worship services as Prelude, Offertory and Postlude. Outstanding instrumental soloists from the region join organist/pianist Paul Fleckenstein to add this festive touch to our Sunday morning worship. Here is the line-up for this year.

August 6

Robert Henriques: Suite for Oboe and Piano, op. 16

Merideth Hite Estevez, oboe

August 13

Denis Bédard: Sonata for Saxophone and Organ

Todd Groves, saxophone

August 20

Camille Saint-Saëns: Violin Concerto no. 3 in B minor, op. 61

Timothy Schwarz, violin

August 27

Franz Danzi: Sinfonia Concertante, op. 41

Eileen Grycky, flute

Christopher Nichols, clarinet