



Service of Worship
13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 14, 2016
8:15 a.m.

PASTORAL STAFF:

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

CHURCH EDUCATOR:

Susan Moseley

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR:

Debbie Brown

MUSIC STAFF:

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Section Leaders/Soloists: Diana Milburn, Sharon Babcock,
Hunter Torggler, Jerry Polman

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

Bob Moore, Nicole Fox, Josh Thomas, Sharlym Torres, Sue Weissinger, Pamela White

8:15 a.m.	Worship with communion	Rodney Chapel
9:45 a.m. – 11:15a.m.	Nursery	
10:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	Summer Sunday School	Preschool Suite
11:00 a.m.	Summer Tea	Rodney Chapel/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 are given to the glory of God and in memory of 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Hazel Gregory, Emmett Jacobs.
- ❖ **Westminster's homebound family** who can no longer attend worship with us, by sending a card, saying a prayer, or visiting. This week we ask you to remember Harry Hoopes and Vera Walker at Genesis, and Frank Pickering at the Summit.

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 often seems far away, and we may neglect to realize that Americans, as well as Afghans 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 Colleen Falasco: 302-654-5214 ext. 131, or cfalasco@wpc.org.

This week we pray for

- Those known to the WPC Community presently serving in various locations:
 - Patrick Enderle, son of Mike Enderle
 - Brian Gorman, grandson of Art and Barbara Gorman
 - Jeremy Lushnat, nephew of Arch and Melody Layman
 - Sam Pittman, nephew of Roland and Mary Lu Pamm
 - The Rev. Susannah Tulloch, of New Castle Presbytery
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
 - Staff Sergeant Louis Cardin, age 27, of Temecula, California
 - Airman First Class Nathaniel McDavitt, age 22, of Glen Burnie, Maryland
 - U.S. Navy Civilian Marcus Prince, age 22, of Norfolk, Virginia
- Those who have returned from service, possibly suffering from wounds or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

Continuing our August Month of *Musical Masterworks*, we welcome **Timothy Schwarz** to the chancel this morning to present the music of J. S. Bach. Tim has played violin here at Westminster a number of times, and today we hear him on the slightly larger and deeper-toned viola. Tim is head of the strings department at Rowan University and a very active solo and ensemble performer around the globe. The sonata that we hear this morning, played on viola and organ, was composed for the viola da gamba (a baroque string instrument not often heard today) and harpsichord.

All children who leave the sanctuary after Children's Time must have a completed yellow security label on their back. If you do not find a security label in the pew pocket, you may obtain one in the Preschool Suite. This policy is for your child's protection. Thank you for your help.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Eternal God, in our times of gloom, you send your light. When we are weary and discouraged, you lift us up. Open our eyes to the joy of discovery in order that we may catch a glimpse of the possibilities you put before us. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the friendship folder to the person next to you.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is the stronghold of our lives;
of whom shall we be afraid?
Let us trust in the One who strengthens us in times of trial
and is the foundation of life and hope.

*HYMN NO. 30

“O God, in a Mysterious Way”

DUNDEE

CALL TO CONFESSION

God does not give us a spirit of cowardice,
but seeks to inspire in us courage, determination and hope.
Let us confess our hesitation to be bold.

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 injustice, we hope it will subside.
You have shown us that you are trustworthy.
You stay by our side in both suffering and celebration.
Forgive our reluctance to trust your guidance,
and grant us the determination to follow your way. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 17, selected verses

Sue Weissinger, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Giant Slayer”

Greg Jones

OFFERING

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

**People will come from north and south and from east and west,
and sit together at a great table in the kingdom of God.**

When our risen Lord broke bread with his disciples,

their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

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)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*The Lord’s Supper is open to **all** who trust in Christ.*

*When you approach a communion server, 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 forward, 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

*HYMN NO. 305

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

DARWALL’S 148TH

BENEDICTION

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



Month of Musical Masterworks

For the month of August, our 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship services are framed with major works presented by outstanding guest instrumental soloists, accompanied by Paul Fleckenstein on the 53-rank Austin pipe organ or the Steinway grand piano. The three-movement works are presented as Prelude, Offertory, and Postlude for that morning's service. Most weeks, the Prelude (1st movement of the work) begins before 10 o'clock. The line-up for 2016:

August 7 Stamitz: Concerto in G major, op. 29
Eileen Grycky, flute

August 14 Bach: Sonata in G major, BWV 1027
Timothy Schwarz, viola

August 21 R. Strauss: Sonata in F major, op. 6
Lawrence Stomberg, cello

August 28 Mozart: Concerto no. 3 in E-flat, K. 447
John David Smith, horn

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
- Thursday, August 11 – It's our 9th 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.

Blessing of the Backpacks AND *Ice Cream Social*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21



On Sunday, August 21, during our 10:00 a.m. worship, we will ***Bless the Backpacks***. Our pastors will bless the packs to help launch our children into the upcoming school year with God's abundant blessings and the support of our church family. If you are a student, be sure to bring your backpack that day! Our goal is to distribute 400 backpacks to students at EastSide Charter, UrbanPromise, and Shortlidge elementary schools. There's still plenty of time to make your donation towards our Backpacks Project. Pick up a postcard card on the literature table for more information. Thank you so much for your support!



Then, immediately *after* the 10:00 a.m. service, we will have our annual ***Ice Cream Social*** in Community Hall. Kids of all ages can enjoy games, face painting, ice cream and other sweet treats.