



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

**Service of Worship**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 21, 2016**  
**10:00 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

ORGANIST/DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Paul Fleckenstein

**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.	Ice Cream Social	Community Hall
11:15 a.m.	Personnel Committee	Staff Conference Room

## **Later Today**

6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room

**You may make a contribution** to Westminster Presbyterian Church by visiting our website [ww.wpc.org](http://ww.wpc.org) and click the “Donate Now” button or scan the QR code on your smart phone.



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 loving memory of Fred Hurlock, Jr.

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](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com).

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** 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 those who reside in Stonegates Healthcare: Cornelia Cates (Rm 220), Frances Kirkpatrick (Rm 240), Helen Mahaffy (Rm, 225), and Hans Krahmer (Rm 228).

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](mailto: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 cellist **Lawrence Stomberg** back to Westminster this morning to enrich our 10 o'clock worship service with the Cello Sonata by German Romantic composer Richard Strauss. Larry is Associate Professor in the music department at the University of Delaware and a member of the Serafin String Quartet.

**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.

**Worship Resources** – You may 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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Holy God, you knew us before we knew ourselves. You consecrate us even now to be your servants.  
Create in us hearts worthy to be your prophets that we might go where you send us, and speak the Word  
that you give us. Amen*  
*Adapted from a prayer by Stephen M. Fearing*

## PRELUDE

Sonata in F major, Op. 6  
I. Allegro con brio  
*Lawrence Stomberg, cello*

Richard Strauss  
(1864-1949)

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come to worship the living God,  
**who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.**  
We have come to praise the almighty God,  
**who answers the forces of hatred with the power of grace.**  
We have come to worship the eternal God,  
**who chooses even you and me,  
to receive and carry the Word of life.**

## \*HYMN No. 620

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

*LAUDA ANIMA*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

The one who knit us together in our mothers' wombs  
searches us and knows our hearts.  
**There is no hiding our sin from our Creator,  
but also no need to hide.**  
For the Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and full of love.  
**Trusting in the one who makes us whole,  
let us offer our whole selves to God.**

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,  
You claimed us before the foundation of the world,  
and set us apart for your work –  
    to pluck up the weeds of injustice  
    and tear down walls that divide;  
    to plant seeds of compassion  
    and build your kingdom of peace.  
Too often we cower in fear,  
instead of stepping out in faith.  
Like Jeremiah, we make excuses –  
    we are too young, or too old;  
    we do not have the right gifts  
    or the experience to lead.  
Forgive us, God, when we resist our callings  
and choose what is comfortable over what is faithful.  
Help us remember that – in You –  
we are fully known and fully loved.  
May this assurance give us courage in our calling  
    to pluck up and to tear down,  
    to build and to plant,  
    in service to Christ our Lord.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN / BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Greg Jones

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Old Testament, page 651  
Lisa Stoddard, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Set Apart”

Sudie Niesen Thompson

\*HYMN NO. 296

“Go in Grace and Make Disciples”

*WONDROUS LIGHT*

OFFERING

*“Remember the LORD your God, for it is God who gives you power to earn wealth.” (Deuteronomy 8:18)*

OFFERTORY

Sonata in F major  
II. Andante

R. Strauss

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (page 35 in our *Glory to God* hymnal)

\*HYMN NO. 691

"Lord, When I Came into This Life"

*LAND OF REST*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sonata in F major  
III. Finale: Allegro vivo

R. Strauss

GOING FORTH

*If you are visiting with us and wish to learn more about our church family,  
we invite you to meet today's ambassadors, Ellie and Don Furry, following the service.  
They are happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*

## *Ice Cream Social*



Immediately *following worship*, 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!



## ***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 Fridays.