



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship 11th Sunday after Pentecost August 25, 2019 10:00 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
Alexis Droke, Director of Music for Children and Youth
Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock,
Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chesna Hinkley

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 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.

**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

9:00 a.m. **“Let’s Talk About It”** in the Ruth Christie Room

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 Friday, August 30, and Monday, September 2.

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 honor our three pastors, Greg, Sudie and Jill.

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 September 1, October 20 and December 1.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ 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 Eleanor Charles, Don Gerwig, and Margit and Spence Stradley at Country House.
- ❖ 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 Saudi Arabia 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:
Gunnery Sergeant Scott Koppenhafer, age 35, from Mancos, Colorado.
Specialist Clayton James Horne, age 23, from Atlanta, Louisiana.
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

Easy-to-use assisted listening devices may be found in the back of the sanctuary and the side entrance off the main hallway.

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 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

In the beginning, O God, when the firm earth emerged from the waters of life you saw that it was good. The fertile ground was moist, the seed was strong, and earth's profusion of color and scent was born. Awaken my senses this day to the goodness that still stems from Eden. Awaken my senses to the goodness that can still spring forth in me and in all that has life. J. Philip Newell, *Celtic Benediction*

PRELUDE

Organ Sonata no. 1 in F minor
I. Allegro moderato e serioso

Felix Mendelssohn

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

In a world of half truths, we need a time of truth telling.

In a world of many gods, we need to encounter the one true God.

In a world that makes many demands for our time,
we need to be confronted by the ultimate claim on our lives.

In the name of God, we gather for worship today.

*HYMN No. 15

“All Creatures of Our God and King”
Vs. 1, 2, 3, & 6

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, you urge us to be reconciled to you and to one another,
but we confess that the circle of love is repeatedly broken by of our sin of exclusion.**

We often divide into separate circles:

**the inner circle and the outer circle,
the circle of power and the circle of despair,
the circle of privilege and the circle of deprivation.**

We confess that the circle of love is broken

**whenever there is alienation,
whenever there is prejudice,
whenever there is neglect or a hardening of the heart.**

**Forgive us our sins, transform our hearts and minds
and help us to recreate circles of love in the world. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

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

Upcoming Sunday Worship Schedule

September 1

One service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

September 8

One service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
followed by the 13th Street Food Truck Festival

Beginning September 15

Service in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m.

Living Mosaics service in Rodney Chapel at 11:15 a.m.

Holy Toast Café reopens!

For a full schedule of all events and programs for children, youth, and adults on Sunday mornings and throughout the week, please check our up-to-date calendar at: calendar.wpc.org

New to Westminster?

Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

Here is some information you might find helpful:

- Hymnals are located on a shelf under the pew in front of you, or at the ends of the pew. Please join us in singing!
- A red 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 at the back of the church 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.



**Please join us for Summer Tea in Rodney Chapel after the service.
Ask someone to show you the way!**

Food. Family. Fun.
(For a good cause!)

13th Street

FOOD TRUCK festival

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019
11 AM – 2 PM
13th Street between
N. Clayton & N. Rodney Streets

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Would you like to enjoy a variety of tasty food truck fare and make a difference in our community? The festival is open to all, and there is no cost for admission. A portion of the proceeds of the food you purchase benefits Friendship House (www.friendshiphousede.org), a local non-profit serving individuals and families who are, or are at risk of becoming, homeless.

PLEASE NOTE: To accommodate this event, **there will be no parking on 13th Street between N. Clayton and N. Rodney from 8 AM – 4 PM.** 13th Street will also be closed to traffic for the duration of the festival. Our parking lot and satellite lots will be available for our church members and visitors as usual.

This is a rain or shine event hosted by Westminster Presbyterian Church. We hope you can join us!



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