



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **Service of Worship** **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** **August 25, 2019** **8:15 a.m.**

PASTORAL STAFF:

Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff  
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**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## *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](http://www.wpc.org)) or contact the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson at [sniesenthompson@wpc.org](mailto:sniesenthompson@wpc.org) or (302) 654-5214 ext. 103.

**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 of 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

**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](http://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*

## 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

*LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

## 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

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 6 – 9, selected verses

Pam Wilson, Lay Reader

## SERMON

“The Anguish of God”

Greg Jones

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

OFFERING

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

As members of the Body of Christ, let Christ live in you.  
**May we become what we receive.**  
Eat the bread of life and drink the cup of salvation,  
**so that we may become the light of Christ to others.**

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, using “debts” and “debtors”)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*This is not just a Presbyterian table;  
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 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

**Loving God, your Spirit strengthened the first disciples  
to be faithful witnesses to your truth.  
Give us the courage to speak your word and to do your will,  
that all may know the compassion of our Creator. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

IN BABILONE

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, Robin Rosser, at the back of the center aisle following the service. She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*

Note: The church office is closed on Friday, August 30, and Monday, September 2.

# LET'S TALK ABOUT IT – A Periodic Series

**Today, 9:00 a.m.**

**Ruth Christie Room**

*Facilitated by Sue Linderman*



Issues of race and discrimination continue to dominate our news cycles, as the racism embedded in our country's historical DNA keeps coming to the fore. How are we to respond, as Christians, to the words and actions we observe or experience? What might we say? What might we do? Come join us as we share our thoughts and experiences in preparing ourselves to navigate this sometimes-fraught territory of confronting discrimination in real time.

## 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](http://calendar.wpc.org)

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](http://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*