



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship **14th Sunday after Pentecost** **August 26, 2018** **8:15 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
Merideth Hite Estevez, Director of Faith Formation through Music
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YOUTH LEADERS

Merideth Hite Estevez
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper, Molly McPheeters,
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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.

This Morning at Westminster

Deacon Team of the Month

Don Beddie, Nancy Diver, Blair McConnel, Carol Neff, Jennifer Trickey, Sue Weissinger, Debbie Wise

8:15 a.m. **Worship** with communion in Rodney Chapel

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

9:45 - 11:15 a.m. **Nursery Care**

10:00 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 Preschool Suite C.

11:00 a.m. **Summer Tea** in the Meeting Room

Later Today

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

8:00 p.m. AA Club Room

Upcoming Sunday Worship Schedule

September 2

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

Beginning September 16

Service in the Sanctuary at **9:00 a.m.**
Living Mosaics service in Rodney Chapel
at **11:15 a.m.**

September 9

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

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



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

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 2, 16, 30, and October 21 and 28.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Hannah Wayne
- ❖ **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 Jeanne Butz and Polly McPheeters at Foulk Manor North.
- ❖ **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 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

- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Taylor J. Galvin, age 34, from Spokane, Washington.
- 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 and click the "Donate Now" button or scan the QR code on your smart phone



ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

May the strength of God pilot us. May the wisdom of God instruct us. May the way of God direct us. May the shield of God defend us. May the host of God guard us against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ in us, Christ over us. May your salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and forevermore. Amen. — Patrick of Ireland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the friendship folder, located at the end of the pew, 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. 299

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

HANOVER

OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God, you know what a temptation it is to whine and complain;
to criticize and judge.
Free me for something better.**

**Even in the shadow of evil and injustice I can speak your grace,
I can utter your endless possibilities.**

**May my words be light, not dimness,
a sun that shines even in the deepest darkness.**

**May my words build up and bless,
create space for newness,
be the living alternative to the evil I decry.**

**Speak your grace through me.
May I be a person of my word,
and may my word be goodness.**

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 6:10-20

Tom Preston, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Putting on the Armor”

Greg Jones

OFFERING

*“What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal.”
~ Albert Pine*

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Bread of Life has come to satisfy the hungry.

The Good Shepherd has come to seek out the lost.

The Mother Hen has come to gather her chicks.

The Word has become flesh and dwells among us.

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

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 raise your hand 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, we give you thanks for this holy meal of bread and wine
that makes us one with Christ.**

**Fill us with Christ-like compassion, a thirst for justice
and a determination to work for peace,**

so that we may live the rich lives you call us to live. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 275

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

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

REMINDER! The church office is closed Friday, August 31st and Monday, September 3rd.

IT'S TIME FOR A NEW PICTORIAL MEMBER DIRECTORY!

Schedule Your Appointment Now Photography Sessions Start in September

(Tuesdays – Saturdays)



Our new pictorial directory of Westminster members will not be complete without you! For participating, you will receive a complimentary portrait and a complimentary directory with the opportunity to purchase additional portraits without any obligation. To schedule your portrait appointment online (best method), visit www.Church-Directories.com (don't forget the dash in the web address!) and select Westminster Presbyterian Church. If you are unable to sign up online, you may sign up in person on one of the following Sunday mornings: August 26, September 2, or September 9. Photography sessions begin September 11 in a studio on Westminster's lower level. Thank you for your participation. See you on picture day! (Photographer's tip: The background color is gray.)

For questions, contact Nicole Hughes (nhughes@wpc.org, 302-654-5214 x130) or Sudie Niesen Thompson (sniesenthompson@wpc.org, 302-654-5214 x103).

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT – A Periodic Series

Today, 9 a.m.

Ruth Christie Room

Facilitated by Sue Linderman



White people are unaccustomed to talking about race and its implications in their lives. Yet at some level everyone recognizes that racism and prejudice have a profound impact on our communities and our country. We need opportunities to experience the challenges and benefits that come from bringing racial issues into the light of day. All are welcome to join us as we continue the journey of exploring our beliefs about race, with openness to differing opinions and respect for one another. At this session, we will discuss calling the police for the crime of 'living while black' – who belongs where?

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

13th Street

FOOD TRUCK festival

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018
11 AM – 2 PM

**13th Street between
N. Clayton and N. Rodney Streets**

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.friendship-house.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 Sunday overflow parking areas 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!

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) or contact the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson at sniesenthompson@wpc.org or (302) 654-5214 ext. 103.

Month of Musical Masterworks

August 2018

Continuing our only-at-Westminster tradition, the month of August brings a series of great instrumental works to enhance our 10 o'clock worship services.

Each Sunday during August, outstanding guest instrumental soloists present a major three-movement work as Prelude, Offertory, and Postlude. This year the repertoire is all sonatas, with piano accompaniment by Paul Fleckenstein at the Steinway grand.

Here is the line-up:

August 5

Carl Reinecke:

Flute Sonata, "Undine," op. 167

Kimberly Reighley, flute

August 12

Johannes Brahms:

Cello Sonata no. 1 in E minor, op. 38

Douglas McNames, cello

August 19

Henri Vieuxtemps:

Viola Sonata in B-flat, op. 36

Sheila Browne, viola

August 26

Francis Poulenc:

Clarinet Sonata

Christopher Nichols, clarinet