



Service of Worship
12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 27, 2017
8:15 a.m.

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.

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An Earth Care Congregation of the PC (USA)

This Morning at Westminster

Deacon Team of the Month

Laura Holmes, Blair McConnel, Susan McPheeters, Lola Miller, Bob Moore, Jennie Wager, Sue Weissinger, Sandy White

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

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.

❖ **Summer Sunday School** - Following Time with Our Children, children age 2 through 2nd grade may leave for Sunday School in the Preschool Suite.

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



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 loving memory of Jane Kline by the Kline family.

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 date is September 17.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Jim Bercaw, Elizabeth Drennen, and Jean May.
- ❖ **Westminster's homebound** who can no longer attend worship with us, by sending a card, saying a prayer, or visiting. This week we ask you to remember Jane Arthur Hamlin and Cappy Hanke at Stonegates.
- ❖ **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 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

- This week we pray for Brian Gorman, grandson of Art and Barbara Gorman, serving in the United States military.
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Staff Sergeant Aaron Butler, age 27, from Monitcello, Utah
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

All children who leave the sanctuary after Children's Time 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. Thank you for your help.

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

*Come, O Holy Spirit;
come as Holy Fire and burn in us,
come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within,
come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness,
come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance,
come as Holy Power and enable our weakness,
come as Holy Life and dwell in us.
Convict us, convert us, consecrate us, until we are set free from the service of ourselves,
to be your servants to the world. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the friendship folder, at the end of the row, to the person next to you.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift your hearts! Lift your eyes! Lift your voices!
The living, moving Spirit of God calls us together.
What will happen to us if we open our lives to God's Spirit?
We will be alert for the surprises of God.

*HYMN NO. 2

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

ITALIAN HYMN

OPENING PRAYER

**Ever-present God, stir in our hearts a holy expectancy
so that we will be ready and open to hear your voice.
May our spirit be open to the call of your Spirit,
that in listening for you we might hear you,
that in searching for you we might meet you,
that in meeting you we might follow you. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:1-8

Tom Preston, Lay Reader

SERMON

Greg Jones

OFFERING

“Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in your love for us – we want you to excel also in this grace of giving.” (2 Corinthians 8:7)

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Where will you unearth God's Spirit today
and what will you learn from your encounter?

**We do not know where we will discern the movement of God's Spirit,
but we will seek to be attentive to the Spirit's movement in our lives.**

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 communion servers, please take 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 can be served.

For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 285

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

BRIDEGROOM

BENEDICTION

*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, following the service.*

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

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

September 3

One worship service in the sanctuary at
10:00 a.m.

September 10

One worship service in the sanctuary at
10:00 a.m., followed by celebration of
Greg's ministry and the 13th Street Food
Truck Festival (see page 7).

Beginning September 17

9:00 a.m. – Worship service in the sanctuary

11:15 a.m. – *Living Mosaics* worship service
in Rodney Chapel

Holy Toast Café reopens!

PASTORAL STAFF

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

CHURCH EDUCATOR: Susan Moseley

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Merideth Hite Estevez, Director, Faith Formation through Music and Arts -Teaching Artist in Residence

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Susan Moseley, Josh Cox, Merideth Hite Estevez

SUPPORT STAFF

Susan Alexander, Reception Area Supervisor
Paul Crothamel, Director of Facilities and Security
Colleen Falasco, Director of Financial Operations
Nicole Hughes, Director of Communication and Database Management
Jerry Hunter, Financial Assistant
Suzie Hurlock, Administrative Assistant
Cathy Lang, Administrative Assistant
Sextons: Roger W. Atkins, Robert King, Joan Truitt, John Young

SESSION

Jen Barrington, Ty Burns, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Jeanne Checkel, Art Colbourn, Joe Daley,
Rich Diver, Michael Enderle, Mike Gnade, Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Kali Kniel,
Kelly McCulloch, Jon McPheeters, Mark Mosher, Margo Reign, Roger Reinicker, Craig Stabler, Barb Stratton,
Mary Vane, Susan Williamson, Helen Zumsteg

BOARD OF DEACONS

Liz Bacon, Don Beddie, Amy Bickhart, Beatty Chadwick, Barry Cobb, Tammy Daley, Nancy Diver, Teisha Fooks,
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PARTNERS IN WORLDWIDE MINISTRY

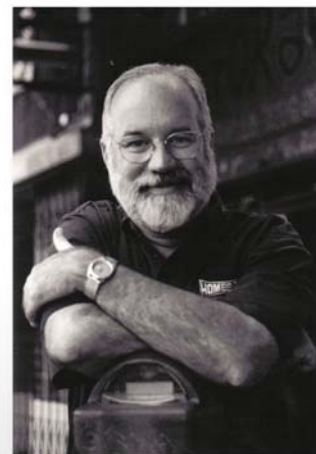
Congo – PCUSA Mission Co-workers John and Gwenda Fletcher, Jeff and Cristi Boyd,
Larry and Inga Sthreshley, Cecilé de Sweemer, MD, Members of Kamulumba-Ditalala Parish
Iran, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon – Mission Co-workers the Reverends Elmarie and Scott Parker, Dr. Mary Mikhael
Peace Drums Steel Band – Ibillin and Haifa, Israel/Palestine
Guatemala - Rosario Diaz and the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development, CEDEPCA, Leslie Vogel, and Sandi and
Brian Thompson-Royer

TAKING ON VIOLENCE IN WILMINGTON SPECIAL EVENT WITH FATHER GREGORY BOYLE

**Saturday, September 9
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Opening remarks from Mayor Mike Purzycki and Wilmington City Council Hanifa Shabazz will be followed by an inspiring keynote presentation by Father Boyle, author, award-winning humanitarian, and founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, California. The vendor expo will include local organizations sharing their proven methods for positive change in Wilmington. Learn how you can help make a difference. Admission is free, but space is limited. Light refreshments will be available.



**Please register online: <http://taking-on-wilmington-violence.eventbrite.com/>
Or call (302) 654-5214, ext. 100**

Sponsored by Westminster Presbyterian Church and the City of Wilmington

You Won't Want to Miss Sunday, September 10!



Celebrating Greg Jones's 40th Year of Ordination and Service in Parish Ministry

On September 10, a one-service Sunday (10:00 a.m.), we will celebrate Greg Jones's 40th year of ordination. Dr. Jones was ordained in 1977 and has spent the last 40 years leading congregations. We at Westminster have been blessed to have his spiritual guidance since 2004, and we hold continued excitement about the years to come under his wise counsel and vision for Westminster's future. Please join us for this special service and a celebration reception in Community Hall following worship.

**Also on
September 10:**

13th Street Food Truck Festival

11 AM – 2 PM (Rain or Shine!)

13th Street between Clayton & Rodney Streets

Enjoy a variety of food truck fare and make a difference in our community! This festival is open to the public, and there is no cost for admission. A portion of the proceeds benefits Friendship House (www.friendship-house.org), a local non-profit that serves individuals and families who are, or are at risk of becoming, homeless.





Month of Musical Masterworks

August 2017

Once again, the month of August brings the only-at-Westminster (as far as we know) program of major three-movement instrumental works presented each Sunday morning, interspersed throughout our 10 o'clock worship services as Prelude, Offertory and Postlude. Outstanding instrumental soloists from the region join organist/pianist Paul Fleckenstein to add this festive touch to our Sunday morning worship. Here is the line-up for this year.

August 6

Robert Henriques: Suite for Oboe and Piano, op. 16
Merideth Hite Estevez, oboe

August 13

Denis Bédard: Sonata for Saxophone and Organ
Todd Groves, saxophone

August 20

Camille Saint-Saëns: Violin Concerto no. 3 in B minor, op. 61
Timothy Schwarz, violin

August 27

Franz Danzi: Sinfonia Concertante, op. 41
Eileen Grycky, flute
Christopher Nichols, clarinet