



**Service of Worship**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 6, 2017**  
**8:15 a.m. and 10:00 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, 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** with communion 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may leave for Sunday School in the Preschool Suite.

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

**11:15 a.m.**                    **Flying Solo brunch**

- ❖ Extend your time of church fellowship by joining **Flying Solo** for brunch. We will be trying different restaurants this summer, so meet us at the reception desk at 11:15 and we will pick a location. We look forward to you joining us!

### **Later Today**

1:00 p.m.                    Homebound Communion                    Member's Homes

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 by Jean and Robert Custin to the glory of God, and in honor of Emmett and Ann Jacobs and the celebration of their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 9, 2017. We thank God for their relationship that was planted on August 9, 1952 and continues to bloom.

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 date is September 17.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Fred Carspecken
- ❖ **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 Cornelia Cates at Stonegates and Margaret Lyle Stevens at Rockland Place.
- ❖ **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](mailto: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.
- 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](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

*Welcoming God, you open your arms to everyone and your joyful embrace wraps the whole creation into one circle of love. As we come together today, teach us to welcome others as joyfully as you have welcomed us. Open our eyes to see those who are waiting for an invitation and nudge us to be the welcome you promise them. Amen.*

PRELUDE (10:00)

Suite for Oboe and Piano, op. 16

Robert Henriques

I. Prélude

*Meredith Hite Estevez, oboe*

*Paul Fleckenstein, piano*

## 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

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.386

“Come, Worship God”

*O QUANTA QUALIA*

## OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, when trials beset us and fears overtake us,  
we pray that we may acknowledge our limitations and turn to you for help.  
Grant us the wisdom to seek your guidance,  
the courage to wrestle with our troubles,  
and the strength to endure our struggle.  
May we be open to the changes we need to make  
in order to find healing for our lives. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN (10:00)

Susan Moseley

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 32:22-32

Old Testament, page 28

Robin Rosser, Lay Reader (8:15 a.m.)

Barbara Jobe, Lay Reader (10:00 a.m.)

SERMON

“Wrestling with God”

Greg Jones

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

OFFERING

*“How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods  
and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?” (1 John 3:17)*

OFFERTORY (10:00)

Suite for Oboe and Piano  
II. Pastorale

Henriques

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

In the midst of doubt and despair,  
**We celebrate God’s promise of faith and hope.**  
In the midst of trials and suffering,  
**We celebrate God’s promise of strength and courage.**

HYMN NO. 731 (10:00) “Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm”

REPTON

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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 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.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (10:00)

Adagio, from Symphony no. 6

Charles-Marie Widor

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (10:00)

Suite for Oboe and Piano  
III. Épilogue

Henriques

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 (8:15) or Marlys Kerr (10:00), following the service. They are happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*

***Please join us in Rodney Chapel for iced tea following the service.***



**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 the following days:

- Fridays in August
- Tuesday, August 22 – It’s our 10th Annual Summer Cleaning day! While the phones will go to voice mail, the staff will be busy cleaning out closets, going through files, and straightening up. They will be preparing for the coming program year starting September 10.

#### **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,  
Nicole Fox, Laura Holmes, Hillary King, Cathy Lang, Kris Marvel, Sally McBride, Blair McConnel,  
Mary Lou McDowell, Susan McPheeters, Lola Miller, Bob Moore, Carol Neff, Cassandra Piovoso, Ann Shaddock,  
Jerry Spilecki, Lisa Stoddard, Judy Stoffer, Josh Thomas, Sharlym Torres, Jennifer Trickey, Lois Underhill,  
Lowell Underhill, Jennie Wagner, Gen Wallace-Roe, Sue Weissinger, Pam White, Sandy White, Debbie Wise

#### **TRUSTEES**

Charley Babcock, Gary Bryde, Jim Carter, Denison Hatch, Bobbe Hoy, Fred Iobst, Bill Nace, Mary Lu Pamm,  
Kris Qualls, Bob Ridout, Bruce Weber, Dan Weintraub

#### **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

# *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*