



**Service of Worship
Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2016
9:00 a.m.**

PASTORAL STAFF:

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

CHURCH EDUCATOR:

Susan Moseley

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Merideth Hite Estevez, Director of Music for Children and Youth
Section Leaders/Soloists: Diana Milburn, Sharon Babcock,
David Price, Travis Lucas

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

8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. The Holy Toast Café, in Community Hall, offers free coffee, tea, and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar per item.

Deacon Team of the Month

Liz Bacon, Diane Chandler, Nicole Fox, Keith Pierce, Jennifer Trickey, Pamela White

8:45 – 11:15 a.m. Nursery for babies and toddlers

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

After TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN, if you wish, your children may leave the Sanctuary and go to:

- ❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 – 4 experience simple worship rituals and learn key stories in the Bible. They respond through crafts, songs and prayers. Class meets in the **Preschool Suite Classroom A**.
- ❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade gather in the **main hallway and walk with their teachers to the Ruth Christie Room**. The children learn the language of God’s people through sacred space, stories, parables and liturgical actions. You may pick up your children in the **Preschool Suite Classroom A**.
- ❖ **Sing-to-Praise Choir Program** – Children in grades 3 through 6. Parents, please escort your child to the Youth Music Room for sign-in, just prior to the start of worship, and pick up your child from the Youth Music Room immediately following worship. Children will only be released to a parent or an adult pre-approved by the parent.

10:10 a.m.

Education for All Ages

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| ➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers | Preschool Suite |
| ➤ Joyful Noise Choir Program for K – 2 | Youth Music Room |
| ➤ Godly Play 2 for Grades 3 – 5 | Classroom 4 (Art Room) |
| ➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8 | Classroom 8 |
| ➤ Confirmation Class for Grades 9 and 10 | Classroom 7 |
| ➤ Adult Education Classes | See page 7 |

11:15 a.m.

Living Mosaics worship in Rodney Chapel. Children are always welcome.

Flying Solo at Catherine Rooney’s

1616 Delaware Avenue

12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Time after Living Mosaics

Meeting Room

Later Today

1:00 p.m.

Homebound Communion

Members’ Homes

5:00 p.m.

180° Youth Dinner and Fellowship

Classroom 6/ Community Hall

6:00 p.m.

Clean But Not Straight – NA

Club Room

7:00 p.m.

Parent Support Group for Families with Addiction

Daughtry House Conf. Room

8:00 p.m.

AA

Club Room

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Coker by her 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Carol Harris, Frederick Iobst, Pauline Mason, Devon Riggs, Julie Schmitt and Tom Stout.
- ❖ **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 Vern Albright, Wes Bowman and Tone Truitt.

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 often seems far away, and we may neglect to realize that Americans, as well as Afghans 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

- Those known to the WPC Community presently serving in various locations:
Brian Gorman, grandson of Art and Barbara Gorman
Jeremy Lushnat, nephew of Arch and Melody Layman
Sam Pittman, nephew of Roland and Mary Lu Pamm
- Those who have returned from service, possibly suffering from wounds or Post-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 back. If you do not find a security label in the pew pocket, you may obtain one in the Preschool Suite. This policy is for your child's protection. Thank you for your help.

Worship Resources – You may 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 may make a contribution to Westminster Presbyterian Church by visiting our website ww.wpc.org and click the "Donate Now" button or scan the QR code on your smart phone.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

MUSIC OF THE TOWER BELLS

SUE SPILECKI

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Advent is a call to stop putting off our commitment to following Jesus. There is no need to wait for a better time to pray, to forgive, to help the disadvantaged and vulnerable. Our immediate task is to respond to the love that God has shown us in Christ. Let us live in buoyant hope while we respond to our Savior's presence among us – in scripture, in prayer, in the love we bear toward one another, in the Church, in those in need.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the friendship folder to the person next to you.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude on *Hyfrydol*
(Tune: Hymn #82)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Tenney Wheatley, Bill, Joan, Scott, Kristen and Greer Marvel

Last Sunday we lit the first candle – the candle of hope.
Today we light the candle of peace.

**We light it fully aware that peace is elusive,
and in some parts of the world it is difficult to find.**

Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us.

God is always preparing something new.

Even where there is war and discord,
whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts,
God is present, calling us to a new future.

RESPONSE (HYMN NO. 91)

**Come, come Emmanuel.
Come, Emmanuel.**

ADVENT PRAYER

**Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning,
we thank you for the hope and peace you continuously offer us.
Show us the creative power of hope.
Teach us the peace that comes from justice.
Prepare our hearts to be transformed
and reveal your vision of peace
that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 82

“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

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

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sudie Niesen Thompson

Children through Grade 2 may leave for Godly Care or Godly Play 1, or they may remain in worship.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

Old Testament, page 600
Dick Jolly, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Out of a Dead Stump”

Greg Jones

OFFERING

*“Bring your tithes and your donations, your votive gifts, your freewill-offerings...
because the LORD your God has blessed you.” (Deuteronomy 12:6-7)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“How Lovely Are the Messengers”
Westminster Choir

Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace! To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

We come to the table as children of God.

We share a common faith and a common desire.

We come to be transformed into new people
who live according to the loving spirit of Christ.

May Christ transform us and bring us peace.

HYMN NO. 77

“Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old”

SAMANTHRA

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Thou Shalt Know Him”

Mark Sirett

Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by any din of drums,
Nor his manners, nor his airs,
Nor by anything he wears.
Not by crown
or by his gown,
But his coming known shall be,
by the holy harmony
which his coming makes in thee.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

*HYMN NO.378

“We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom”

MERLE'S TUNE

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“While We Are Waiting, Come”

Don Cason

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



Adult Education Classes This Morning

History of the Bible

Today through May 14, 2017

Classroom 3

Facilitator: Bob Cox

Have you ever wondered where the Bible came from? Who wrote it? Why do some Christian Bibles have different books in them? Who decided which books would be included and how were they chosen? Join Bob Cox to explore these and other questions as we use video lectures, archeological discoveries, samples of key texts, and various classroom aids to follow the path of our sacred scriptures from pre-history to the digital age.

Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas (DVD and Book Study)

Today, December 11, and 18

Ruth Christie Room

Facilitator: Sue Linderman

In this 5-week, small group program, we will embark on an Advent journey to discover how, where, and why we are sent. Dynamic pastor, Jorge Acevedo and four young clergy will challenge us through story, art, and Bible study. Each session begins with a story about Advent or Christmas and is followed by a lively discussion among the presenters. *Jesus' birth was not a one-time occurrence. Every Christmas has the possibility of Jesus being born again in our lives and in our world.*—Jorge Acevedo.

Experiencing Advent in Congo

Today and December 11

Classroom 6

Facilitator – Bill Moore

The stories of Advent – Hope, Peace, Joy, Love – help us prepare for Christmas. But in Congo, people today live with a history of government oppression, enslavement and war, and under poor economic, health and living conditions. How do they reconcile all this with Advent? Using stories and pictures from Congo, we will examine this, including: mining of minerals for electronics; coffee plantations; healing for trauma victims; medical care; girls' education; street kids; full and fair elections; savings groups; civil rights activism; and church initiatives. In the spirit of Advent, learn what we can do to help.

Membership Exploration Classes

Today

Classroom 5

Facilitator – Sudie Niesen Thompson

Are you interested in learning more about Westminster? Have you been considering membership? Please join us today to explore Presbyterian values and life as a member of WPC. Gathering together to share.... see you there!!!!

IT'S THE MOST ~~WONDERFUL~~ *hectic*

TIME OF THE YEAR!

Take a break from the hectic pace of the Christmas season and join us for a time of prayer and reflection, silence and song, inspired by the worship of the Taizé Community in France. All are welcome!



WEDNESDAY EVENING
TAIZÉ

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Wednesdays
November 30, December 7, 14 and 21
6:30 p.m.



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Christmas Caroling and

Pizza Luncheon

Sunday, December 18
12:00 noon – 2:30 p.m.



Come share the joy of Christmas by caroling in some of the retirement communities and healthcare centers in our area. Meet in Community Hall at 12:00 noon for a quick, hearty pizza lunch hosted by our deacons. At 12:30, we will divide into groups and go Christmas caroling. All voices of all ages are welcome! If you would like to join us for the pizza lunch, please RSVP to Kris Marvel at ksmarv@msn.com or (302) 764-0401.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, December 24

Services for Families with Young Children

4:00 and 5:30 p.m.

Informal, lively 45-minute services combining the story of Jesus' birth with the singing of familiar carols. *Child care for infants and toddlers is available in the Nursery for the 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. services.*

Candlelight Communion Services

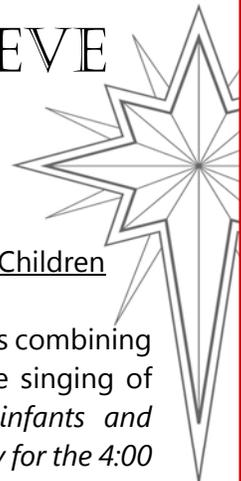
8:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Traditional candlelight services with communion, choral offerings, and sermon by Dr. Jones.

Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

Sunday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

One worship service at 10:00 a.m.



Christmas Boxes Project Is Under Way!

Every year, Westminster fills boxes at Christmas with food and gifts for 125 families. You can be part of this.

- Take "Wish Stars" from a Christmas tree in the Pavilion or near Rodney Chapel. **Sign the log book by the tree for each star you take!**
- Buy and wrap the gifts with the Wish Stars taped to the outside of the package. Place them in one of the festively wrapped collection bins by **next Sunday, December 11.**
- Donate any of the following food items: boxed cereal and stuffing mix, and canned sweet potatoes, corn, green beans, cranberry sauce, and fruit. Bring to church by **next Sunday, December 11** and place them in a collection bin.
- Join us for the Christmas Boxes Dinner and Packing Party on **Friday, December 16, at 6:00 p.m.** Bring holiday joy to neighbors in need by packing boxes with food and gifts and enjoying a dinner with fellow members and friends. All ages welcome!

More information and additional ways to help can be found in the December 2016 issue of *The Westminster Chimes* and the *Weekly Word* e-newsletter. There will also be someone at each tree on Sunday mornings to answer questions.







2016
Christmas
POINSETTIAS

If you wish to make a contribution toward the decoration of the church for the Christmas season, you may do so in memory of, or in honor of, loved ones. Please complete this form, make checks payable to *Westminster Presbyterian Church*, and place in the offering plate or return to Susan Alexander at the front desk by **Monday, December 12**. For any form received *after* that date, the names will be listed in the January 1st bulletin.

DONATION AMOUNT

\$20 \$40 \$60 \$80 \$100 Other \$ _____

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

❖ In Memory Of: (FOR THE DECEASED)

Deceased Person's Name

❖ In Honor Of: (FOR THE LIVING)

Living Person's Name

❖ Given By:

Donor's Name and Telephone Number

If you wish to take a poinsettia plant home with you, you may do so following the 10:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. Plants remaining after that service will be delivered to our homebound members. If you can help with delivery, please contact Jill Getty at jgetty@wpc.org by Wednesday, December 14, 2016.

Music at Westminster

presents...

THE 2016 CHRISTMAS MUSICAL CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 11
4:00 p.m.

featuring

The Westminster Choir
(Paul Fleckenstein, Organist and Director)
with Brass, Percussion, and Organ

Paul D. Head, Guest Conductor

Energetic major works by Daniel Pinkham
and Stephen Chatman, festive arrangements
of traditional carols, and opportunities for the
audience to join in singing

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