



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship February 11, 2018 9:00 a.m.

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 of Faith Formation through Music
and Arts, Teaching Artist in Residence
Kevin Flaherty, Assistant Director of Children's Music
Soloist/Section Leaders: Sharon Babcock, Elizabeth Holmes
Christian Sanders, Travis Lucas

YOUTH LEADERS

Merideth Hite Estevez, Susan Moseley,
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Tommy Neilson

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

8:30 – 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

Teisha Fooks, Hillary King, Cathy Lang, Mary Lou McDowell, Cassandra Piovoso

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

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

Children are always welcome in worship. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith.

- ❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 through 4 begin in worship with their families. Following the Time with Our Children, they walk with a parent to the **Preschool Suite** where they are greeted by the morning coordinator and escorted into **Classroom A**. The children experience simple worship rituals and learn key stories in the Bible. They respond through crafts, songs and prayers.
- ❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade begin worship with their families. Following the Time with Our Children, they 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 C**.
- ❖ **Sing-to-Praise Choir Program** – Children in grades 3 through 6 begin worship with their families. Following the Time with Our Children, they meet their leaders in the pavilion and walk together to the Youth Music Room.

10:10 a.m.

Education for All Ages

- Sunday School for Preschoolers Preschool Suite D
- Joyful Noise Choir K – 2/Musical Rehearsal K – 8 Youth Music Room
- Godly Play 2 for Grades 3 – 5 Classroom 4
- Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8 Classroom 8
- Senior High for Grades 9 – 12 Classroom 7
- Sunday Seminars see page 7

10:10 a.m.

Musical Rehearsal

Grace Hall

11:15 a.m.

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

12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Time

Meeting Room

Also Today

5:00 p.m.

180° Youth Dinner and Fellowship

Classroom 6/Community Hall

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 memory of Dodson and Eleanor Barineau from your loving 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 dates are February 18; and March 4, 11.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Oliver Fooks, Kathleen Lowthert, Bill Moore and Frank Pickering.
- ❖ **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 Kay Johnson at Millcroft, Margaret Lyle Stevens at Rockford Place, Anne Waugh (who lives near her son in Idaho), and Charlene Weaver (who lives in Texas with her daughter).
- ❖ **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 those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

All children who leave the sanctuary after Time with Our Children 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. Children will only be released to a parent or an adult pre-approved by the parent. 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

MUSIC OF THE TOWER BELLS

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Ever present God, stir in my heart a holy expectancy so that I will be ready and open to hear your voice. May my spirit be open to the calling of your Spirit, that in listening for you I might hear you, that in searching for you I might meet you, that in meeting you I might follow you. Amen.

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

Sonata no. 8: Intermezzo

Josef Rheinberger

CALL TO WORSHIP

A new day has dawned; a day ripe with possibilities.

**Now is the time for new beginnings,
a time to encounter God anew.**

God calls us to new commitments and new actions.

We pray that we may be faithful to God's calling.

*HYMN NO. 755

"Alleluia! Laud and Blessing"

WEISSE FLAGGEN

OPENING PRAYER

**Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
you have made us for yourself,
so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you.
Give us such a sense of purpose,
that no selfish passion may deter us from seeking your will
and no weakness prevent us from doing it.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

ANTHEM

"With a Voice of Singing"

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

*Children through Grade 6 may leave for Godly Care, Godly Play 1, and Sing-to-Praise Choir,
or they may remain in worship.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:14-20

New Testament, page 30
Dave Mathé, Lay Reader

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

SERMON

“Answering the Call”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 767

“Together We Serve”

SAN ANSELMO

OFFERING

Following Jesus fosters a generous spirit.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Heavenly Light”

Alexander Kopylov

Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great and small to shine. O light Divine! May each soul in sorrow's night see the heavenly light! Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation! All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar! Oh shine from above, Divine Light of love! Show us the way unto our God, we pray! Thou our beacon and guide shalt be! Light Divine, we praise Thee!

RECOGNITION OF TRUSTEES

Fred Iobst, President of Trustees

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, the members of Westminster, receive Tom Preston and Barbara Steen as your trustees, and do you promise to support the trustees in their work for our congregation?

We do.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

OPENING WORDS

There are different gifts,

but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are varieties of ways to serve God,

but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each of us in different ways,

but it is the same God who inspires a faithful response.

Each one of us is given gifts by the Spirit, to use for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ.

PRESENTATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Jeanne Checkel, Clerk of Session

ELDERS

Karen Beer

Karen Dietz

Peter Gildner

Carrie Saathoff

Kent Smith

Janet Steinwedel

DEACONS

Jeff Argus

Roger Atkins

Kyle Carrick

Diane Chandler

Louis Horton

Luke Mathé

Dan McAllister

Debbie McCullough

Hugh Underhill

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church accept these men and women as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

ORDINATION PRAYER

*All ordained elders and ministers of the Word and Sacrament
are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.*

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

*HYMN No. 69

“Here I Am, Lord”

Verses: Choir

Refrain: All

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Sonata no. 8: Scherzoso

Rheinberger

GOING FORTH

New to Westminster?

Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

Here is some information you might find helpful:

- Hymnals are located on a shelf under the pew in front of you, or at the ends of the pew. Please join us in singing!
- A red Friendship Pad at the end of the pew 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 at the back of the church 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.



**Please join us for coffee or tea in Community Hall after the service.
Ask someone to show you the way!**



Sunday Seminars

Parables of Jesus in Luke: A Video Series by Dr. Ken Bailey

Today, February 18 and 25

Classroom 3

Facilitator: Randy Williamson

This four-week series, facilitated by Randy Williamson, is a continuation of a series started in October that focuses on Jesus as a Theologian through the study of selected parables from the Gospel of Luke. Each section will begin with a video presentation of Dr. Bailey providing his insights into the parable using his experience of living over 40 years in the Middle East. We will engage in open discussion of each parable and its theological message. We will be challenged to fit each session into our available 50 minutes, so participants are urged to arrive by 10:10.

Positive Parenting Strategies for Living with Young Children

Today, February 18 and 25

Classroom 5

Facilitator: Yvonne Nass, Certified Parent Educator

Session 2: Building Your Child's Self-Esteem – Will learn the stages of self-esteem development and how we can encourage our child towards feeling "Lovable and Capable."

Session 3: Building a Strong Relationship with Effective Communication Skills – Will cover how to listen and invite cooperation.

Session 4: Deciding on Discipline – Will explore a method of discipline that will encourage a child to become responsible for their actions. It will also look at prevention strategies.

Where Are We in History? Learning to Cope with an Age of Conflict

Today, February 18, and 25

Classroom 6

Facilitator: Dave McBride

The rise and fall of civilizations is the heartbeat of history. All civilizations experience conflict triggered by a variety of interrelated social, economic and political problems. Most civilizations have succumbed to such crises, but Western Civilization uniquely has endured and prevailed over such crises in the past. These four classes will examine our current age of conflict and assess the hope that we, like our ancestors, also will prevail over the present challenges. This class is nonpartisan and will rely upon a historical analysis of the cycles of civilizations. We seek conservatives, moderates and progressives to contribute to the discussion.



A S H

W E D N E S D A Y

February 14, 2018

Worship service at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary
Soup supper in Community Hall following worship

Carrie Newcomer Concert & Workshop

Our Lives as Sacred Story: A Creative Exploration of Our Personal and Shared Spiritual Stories

CONCERT: Friday, February 23, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

WORKSHOP: Saturday, February 24, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



This event will feature Carrie Newcomer, musician, poet, author and Quaker activist. *Publishers Weekly* wrote, "What musical taste do authors Barbara Kingsolver, Parker J. Palmer, Jill Bolte Taylor, Philip Gulley, Jim Wallis, and Brian McLaren, have in common? They're all fans of singer-songwriter Carrie Newcomer. Like these authors, Newcomer's work is infused with her faith, and asks what it means to be a person of faith in today's world. The event will take place in Community Hall. **Registration required.** Visit www.cil-de.org or call (302) 540-0661.

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