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Service of Worship
6th Sunday after Epiphany
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9:00 a.m.



A Covenant Network Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
An Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

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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

Jeff Argus, Roger Atkins, Barry Cobb, Louis Horton, Mary Lou McDowell, Josh Thomas, Debbie Wise

8:45 – 12:15 p.m. **Nursery Care**

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. **Worship**

Children are always welcome in worship. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith. Children are escorted to classes after TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN during worship.

- ❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 through 4 in Preschool Suite C.
- ❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade in the Ruth Christie Room.
- ❖ **Sing-to-Praise Choir Program** – Children in grades 3 through 6 in the Youth Music Room.

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 guardian or an adult pre-approved by the guardian. Thank you for your help.

10:10 a.m.	Education for All Ages	
	➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers	Preschool Suite C
	➤ Joyful Noise Choir Program Grades K – 2	Youth Music Room
	➤ Creation Station for Grades 3 – 8	Art Room 4
	➤ Youth Musical Cast Rehearsals	Classroom 8
	➤ High School and Confirmation Class	Classroom 7
	➤ Sunday Seminars	see page 7

11:15 a.m.	Living Mosaics Worship	Rodney Chapel
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12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Time after Living Mosaics	Meeting Room
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Later Today

11:15 a.m.	Flying Solo Brunch	Off-site Location
5:00 p.m.	180° 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

The mission of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians is to strengthen the church of Jesus Christ, with the help of God's grace by working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.



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 rosebud on the chancel this morning is in celebration of the birth of Jensen “Jay” Alexander Spilecki, born February 13, son of Will and Kelly Spilecki and grandson of Sue and Jerry Spilecki.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of the Rev. Dr. William Atkins and Rev. Janet Atkins by Roger W. Atkins in gratitude and appreciation.

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 March 10, 17 and 24.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **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 .Dottie Gkonos (Brandywine Senior Living) 2. Betty Kelley (at home)
- ❖ **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, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

Easy-to-use assisted listening devices may be found in the back of the sanctuary and the side entrance off the main hallway.

Worship Resources – You can obtain large print hymnals and listening devices from any usher. Worship bags for children ages 3 through 6 include a children’s bulletin designed for them. Children’s bulletins for ages 7 through 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.



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!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

On Honesty in Prayer:

Do not avoid the pain and apparent injustice of a situation. Some think they have to “clean up” their thoughts when they talk to God. To them, feelings such as anger, sadness, bitterness, or fear have no place in prayer. Consequently, they end up being dishonest with God. Martin Luther’s first rule of prayer is “Do not lie to God.” Feel free to share all emotions and experiences with God. God is loving and understanding and wants honesty from us, not prettied-up piety.

From Christian Caregiving: A Way of Life by Kenneth Haugk, Founder of Stephen Ministries.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*PASSING THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter
(Tune: Hymn #35)

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Debbie Wise

Love each other as God has loved you.

Accept one another as Christ has accepted you.

Carry each other’s burdens.

Be humble, gentle, and patient.

Forgive each other as God has forgiven you.

Be kind and compassionate.

Encourage one another.

And build each other up.

(from John 15:12, Romans 15:7, Galatians 6:2, Ephesians 4:2, 32, 1 Thessalonians 5:11)

*HYMN NO. 35

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN

OPENING PRAYER

Gillian Timon

Compassionate God, there are those among us whose hearts are heavy and who are facing their struggles alone. Yet you have called us to come to you with our weariness and burdens. You have promised us your rest and peace. Help those of us who are hurting to recognize that we do not need to struggle alone, that you created us to bear one another’s burdens. Give us who are silently suffering the courage to seek the help we need, whether from a Pastor, Stephen Minister or friend. Merciful God, enable those who are called into caring ministries to listen with love, to share time generously and to be willing conduits of your healing Spirit. Unite us in your love that we may be a family of faith that undergirds and enriches each other. Amen.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Jennifer Blackford and Meg Burich

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

*The congregation is asked to refrain from taking photographs
or video recording during the worship service.*

PRESENTATION OF THE PARENTS AND CHILD

Elder Beth Selsor

OPENING WORDS

As this child is helpless without adults,
may we learn how helpless we are without God.
As this child is curious to explore the world,
may we be curious to explore the ways of faith.
As this child will learn to trust and be open to others,
may we learn to trust God's ways for us.

PROMISES OF COMMITMENT

Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? **We do.**

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and to teach that faith to your son? **We do.**

CONGREGATION

Will we, the people of the church, nurture and support Paynter and his parents, and will we encourage him to become a faithful Christian? **We will.**

CHILDREN

Do you promise to help Paynter be a part of our church family by being a friend to him?

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOLLOWING BAPTISM

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

ANTHEM

“O Clap Your Hands Together, All Ye People”

Martin Shaw

O clap your hands together all ye people: sing unto God with the voice of melody. For the Lord is high and to be feared: he is the great King upon all the earth. He shall choose out an heritage for us: even the worship of Jacob whom he loved. God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trump. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding. Sing unto God.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

New Testament, page 153
Don Furry, Lay Reader

SERMON

Jill Getty

Hymn # 205

**Live in charity and steadfast love.
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.**

Bill Nace

Live in charity...

Melissa Stabler

Live in charity...

Jerry Spilecki

Live in charity...

Jill Getty

Live in charity...

OFFERING

Signy Carson

“The goal of developing your self-awareness is that you begin to make an increasing number of choices consciously and deliberately. Your choices then will reflect your growing awareness of God’s will for your life, your own self-knowledge, and your awareness of the needs of others.”

From Speaking The Truth In Love by Ruth N. Koch and Kenneth Haugk, founder of Stephen Ministries.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Beatitudes

Charles Callahan

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heav’n.
Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heavn’n.
Blessed are ye, when people revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heav’n.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Chris Waisanen

THE LORD’S PRAYER (page 35 in our *Glory to God* hymnal, using “debts” and “debtors”)

*HYMN NO. 306

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

DENNIS

BENEDICTION

Ross Getty

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“With Singing and Praying”

John Horman

GOING FORTH

*If you or someone you know may be in need of a Stephen Minister,
please contact Jill Getty: (302) 220-7081 or jillgetty@icloud.com.*

If you are visiting with us and wish to learn more about our church family, we invite you to meet today’s ambassador, Marlys Kerr, at the back of the center aisle following the service. She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.



Sunday Seminars

The Gospel of Mark – Part 2

Today thru March 3

Classroom 6

Presenter: Greg Jones

What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus? How do his teachings speak to us today?

Join us for an in-depth look at the teachings of Jesus, the final week of his life, and the enigmatic ending of this gospel. We will focus on the last half of the Gospel of Mark, but knowledge of the first half of this gospel is not essential.

Holy Partnership: Drawing Closer to Your Divine Companion

Today and February 24

Classroom 5

Presenter: Chris Hyde

This program will explore how the mystics' experiences of divine companionship fit with modern psychology. The experiences of Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, and Julian of Norwich will be woven together with psychologists like Richard Schwartz (Internal Family Systems). This program uses didactic teachings, metaphors, images, poetry, music and experiential activities to explore how the insights of the mystics can help us as we face our human struggles and dreams.

Let's Talk About It: A Periodic Series

Ruth Christie Room

Facilitator: Dick Haden

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 in these conversations!

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