



Service of Worship
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19, 2017
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

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Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
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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.

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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

Tammy Daley, Hillary King, Mary Lou McDowell, Susan McPheeters, Cassandra Piovoso, Lisa Stoddard

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, but may prefer other opportunities to grow in faith. If you wish, your children may leave the Sanctuary after the Sacrament of Baptism 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 C.**
- ❖ **Sing-to-Praise Choir Program** – Children in grades 3 through 6 go to the Youth Music Room. Parents, please escort your child for sign-in, just prior to the start of worship, and pick up your child 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.

11:15 a.m. Flying Solo Brunch at Catherine Rooney’s 1616 Delaware Avenue

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time Meeting Room

Later Today

5:00 pm	180° Youth Dinner and Fellowship	Community Hall/Classroom 6
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



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 Anna Mae Robinson, Harry Robinson and Virginia Haycock from their 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:** Corrine Perkins, Julie Petrovick and Nancy Van Druff.
- ❖ **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 Leucia Venable at home and Vern Albright at Shipley Manor.

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

- Those known to the WPC Community presently serving in various locations:
Brian Gorman, grandson of Art and Barbara Gorman
Sam Pittman, nephew of Roland and Mary Lu Pamm
- 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 back. 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

MUSIC OF THE TOWER BELLS

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O God, our Guide and Guardian, you have led me apart from the frantic world into the serenity of your house. May I be attentive to your presence and alert to your nudges that challenge me to live as Christ lived and to love as Christ loved. May I worship you not only with my words, but with my deeds each day of my life. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

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Johann Ludwig Krebs

CALL TO WORSHIP

Faith is fragile in a world plagued by suffering and evil.

Hope is cautious in a world crucified by injustice.

Our world is but a shadow of the greatness for which God created it.

Yet we cling to the vision of scripture

that God intends for the world to become a realm of justice and peace.

*HYMN No. 4

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living Lord, in this world where goodness and evil continue to clash with each other, instill in us, and in all your people:

**Discernment to see what is right,
determination to pray for what is right,
and courage to do what is right.**

Keep us aware of the subtlety of sin,
and preserve us - body, mind and soul - through the power of your Spirit.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Greg Jones

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

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

PRESENTATION OF THE PARENTS AND CHILD

Elder Cathy Higgins

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 trust and be open to others,
may we learn to trust God's ways for us.

PROMISES OF COMMITMENT

Elizabeth and Peter, 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 child? **We do.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that in baptism
the Spirit demonstrates and confirms God's promise
to include us, and our children, in the divine covenant,
cleansing us from sin, and giving us newness of life,
as participants in Christ's death and resurrection.
Baptism sets us in the invisible community of Christ's people
and joins us to all other believers by a powerful bond.** *A Declaration of Faith*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOLLOWING BAPTISM

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

ANTHEM

"Let Their Celestial Concerts All Unite"
Westminster Choir

G. F. Handel

Let their celestial concerts all unite, ever to sound His praise in endless morn of light.

TELLING OF THE SCRIPTURE STORY

Matthew 5:38-48
Jon McPheeters, Storyteller
Westminster By Heart

SERMON

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 771

“What Is the World Like”
Verse 1: Choir
Verses 2-5: All

NEW WORLD

OFFERING

“You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.”
- John Bunyan

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Canon in B minor

Robert Schumann

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*HYMN NO. 722

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

CANONBURY

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“I Shall Not Be Moved”

arr. Alice Parker

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, Cathy Higgins, 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.*



Adult Education Classes This Morning

Spirit of Harmony And Love On the Move (SHALOM)

Today

Classroom 6

Facilitator: Kent Quisel

Shalom is both a greeting and more. In Middle East cultures, it also means living in "peace, wholeness, and balance." There are signs that nature, science, cultures and religions are converging toward this theme. Kent will share stories that demonstrate this growing movement.

POLO: Parents of Little Ones

Today

Classroom 5

Facilitator: Yvonne Nass

Certified Parent Educator Yvonne Nass is facilitating a discussion for parents of small children (birth through kindergarten) to develop positive parenting strategies. Today's topic is:

Everything you Want to Know About Parenting Your Young Child - This workshop will allow caregivers the time to share questions and answers to common problems in raising their young children. Learn from the instructor and others who might have experienced the same concerns.

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? 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.



Wednesday, March 1

Worship at 6:00 p.m.

Soup Dinner in Community Hall following worship



The Season of Lent Begins!