



**Service of Worship
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 5, 2017
9:00 a.m.**

PASTORAL STAFF:

Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff
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Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

CHURCH EDUCATOR:

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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

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 C.**
- ❖ **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 with communion in Rodney Chapel. Children are always welcome.

12:00 p.m

Fellowship Time after Living Mosaics Meeting Room

Later Today

1:00 p.m.	Home Communion	Off Site Locations
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 by the Kline family in loving memory of Ann.

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:** Peggy Cartmell, Julie Petrovick, Barbara Scanlan
- ❖ **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 Jeanne Butz and Polly McPheeters at Foulk Manor North, and Helen Mahaffy at Stonegates.

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
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Chief Special Warfare Operator William Ryan Owens, age 36, of Peoria, Illinois
- 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 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

*God of illumination,
you call us beyond our imagining
to tasks beyond our powers.
Empower our service and enlighten our worship
that we may know and proclaim the light of the world.*

~ Joy Tetley, Prayers Encircling the World

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Aria

Emma Lou Diemer

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to follow –
to walk in the way of justice and righteousness,

for we are children of God!

We are called to serve –
to be Christ with and for one another,

for we are the salt of the earth!

We are called to shine –
to be beacons of hope and witnesses to truth,

for we are the light of the world!

Come, you who are claimed as children of God,
you who are called to be salt and light.

Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN No. 393

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Isaiah 58:6

“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?”

God summons us to ministries of justice and compassion,

but we often fall short in pursuing that call.

In humility and faith, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God – Lover of Justice, Giver of Mercy – You call us to share our bread with the hungry and to open our homes to the homeless, to care for the poor and to satisfy the needs of those who suffer. Some of your commandments are easy to follow; others require so much of us! How can *we* break the chains of injustice, and untie the cords of the yoke? When we consider the brokenness of our world, it is easy to feel overwhelmed. Forgive us when we use our sense of helplessness as an excuse. Remind us, we pray, that you are at work in and through us to bring about your kingdom. Free us from fear and stir our hearts toward a greater generosity, that we might be the salt and light you have called us to be. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Isaiah 58:11

“The Lord will guide you continually; God will satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.”

Children of God, hear this promise and believe the good news:

God’s love washes over us; God’s grace abounds!

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Susan Moseley

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:13-20

New Testament, page 4
Jen Barrington, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Be the Light”

Sudie Niesen Thompson

OFFERING

“All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.” (Deuteronomy 16:17)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Ye Are the Light of the World”
Westminster Choir

Carl F. Mueller

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do we light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before all, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heav’n.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

**We come from east and west,
and from north and south
to sit at table in the kingdom of God.**

Come! This is the Lord’s table;
all who hope in Christ are welcome here.

Let us share the feast Christ has prepared!

*HYMN No. 312

“Take Us As We Are, O God”

ENDLESS FEAST

Verse 1: Choir

Verses 2-4: All

*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...

. . . Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

*RESPONSE (HYMN NO. 593)

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,
God of power, God of might,
heaven and earth are
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One,
blessed is the One,
blessed is the One
who comes in the name
of the Lord.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna!
Hosanna in the highest!**

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

*HYMN No. 744

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

FESTAL SONG

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“This Little Light of Mine”

arr. Walter Ehret

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 Carrie Saathoff, 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 , February 12 and February 19

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 in this 3 part series.

Polo: Parents of Little Ones

Today, February 12 and February 19

Classroom 5

Facilitator: Yvonne Nass

Certified Parent Educator Yvonne Nass will facilitate a three part series for parents of small children (birth through kindergarten) to develop positive parenting strategies. The following topics will be covered:

Feb. 5 - Dealing with Stress and Frustrations - This workshop will help caregivers understand and encourage the positive emotional growth of children. We will also explore effective methods of dealing with the stress and frustrations of establishing a new family.

Feb. 12 - Deciding on Discipline - This workshop will help caregivers explore a method of discipline that will encourage a child to become responsible for their actions. It will also look at prevention strategies.

Feb. 19 - 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 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.



2017 Souper Bowl of Caring Today

Today is Super Bowl Sunday, and our 180° youth will be standing at the exits after each worship service holding soup bowls to receive monetary donations for the "Souper Bowl of Caring." The collection total will be divided between Hanover Food Closet and St. Stephen's Food Pantry. Please help our youth in this extraordinary mission effort!

MORE THAN 140 MILLION AMERICANS WATCH THE SUPER BOWL GAME. IMAGINE THE IMPACT WE WOULD HAVE ON HUNGER IF EACH OF THOSE PEOPLE GAVE JUST ONE DOLLAR TO HELP THOSE IN NEED.