



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **Service of Worship Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2016 9:00 a.m.**

**PASTORAL STAFF:**

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

**CHURCH EDUCATOR:**

Susan Moseley

**CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR:**

Debbie Brown

**MUSIC STAFF:**

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music  
Section Leaders/Soloists: Diana Milburn, Sharon Babcock,  
Hunter Torggler, Jerry Polman  
Mary Beth Davis, Director of Music for Children,  
Youth and Handbells  
Children's Music Student Directors: Kourtney Bastianelli  
and Nicole Maragus

**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 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**

Cassandra Piovoso, Sue Frost, Jennifer Trickey, Lola Miller, Hillary King, Nicole Fox

8:45 a.m. – 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 **Ruth Christie Room** to 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**.
- ❖ **Godly Play 2** – Children in grades 3 through 5 meet upstairs in the **Meeting Room**. The stories in Godly Play 2 are longer and the work/response time offers added variety for the interests and abilities of older children. You may pick up your children in the **Preschool Suite Classroom C**.

10:10 a.m.

### **Education for All Ages**

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| ➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers    | Preschool Suite  |
| ➤ Sunshine Choir for Grades K – 2   | Classroom 7      |
| ➤ D.R.U.M. for Grades 3 – 6         | Youth Music Room |
| ➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 9 | Classroom 8      |
| ➤ Adult Education Classes           | See page 7       |

11:15 a.m.

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

## **Later Today**

5:15 p.m.

180° Dinner and Fellowship

Community Hall & Cl. 6

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. We are one of 140 congregations (out of more than 10,000) that has earned this distinction.

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

**We express our thanks to everyone who helped with our Christmas decorations:** Donna and Clark Collins, Chelsea, Kevin, Parker, Grayson and Warren Collins, Ken Budd, John Pauley, Jill Getty, Sue Weissinger, Susan Williamson, Mary Field, Lola Miller, Carol Mosher, Jeff Lippincott, Roger Reinicker, Jim Carter, Paul Crothamel, Robert King, Joan Truitt, Roger Atkins, Terrence Clarke, Debbie Brown, Suzie Hurlock, Linda McGregor and Linda and Skip Watson.

**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](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com).

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

**Please remember in your prayers:**

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Judy Hoopes, Janice Nolen.
- ❖ **Westminster's homebound family** who can no longer attend worship with us, by sending a card, saying a prayer, or visiting. This week we ask you to remember Jim Waddell at Country House.

**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 Colleen Falasco: 302-654-5214 ext. 131, or [cfalasco@wpc.org](mailto:cfalasco@wpc.org).

### **This week we pray for**

- Those known to the WPC Community presently serving in various locations:  
Brian Gorman, Jeremy Lushnat
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:  
Technical Sergeant Joseph Lemm, age 45, of Bronx, New York  
Staff Sergeant Michael Cinco, age 28, of Mercedes, Texas
- 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

**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.

**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.

**Are you wearing a nametag?** Whether you are a long-time member or new to the church, 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](http://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

*Loving God, my baptism is a sign that you love me, forgive me, and call me to be a faithful follower of Jesus. Help me to be a strong witness to your love in all that I say and do. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Water Music  
Allwegro Vivace; Air

G. F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP

As Jesus stood in Jordan's muddy waters,  
**we stand in the muddy waters of our lives.**  
As Jesus submitted to John's baptism,  
**we submit our lives to God's transforming touch.**  
As Jesus trusted God's Spirit to fill him with wisdom,  
**we trust God's Spirit to show us the way.**  
As Jesus left the Jordan to give his life to God,  
**we will go with a renewed sense of God's presence in our lives.**

\*HYMN NO. 2

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

ITALIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

The image of God is at the core of our being, but we often forget our true nature.  
**Let us confess the ways we have surrendered to shallow ways of living.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we confess that we do not always live for you.  
You have invited us into new life,  
yet we have covered our eyes and ears to your invitation.  
You have challenged us to step out of well-worn ruts,  
yet we hesitate to venture onto a new path.  
Enter our lives and renew our spirits,  
so that we will muster the courage to make overdue changes in our lives.  
We ask this in the name of Christ,  
who brings us hope for new life.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

## TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

*Children through Grade 5 may leave for Godly Care, Godly Play 1, and Godly Play 2, or they may remain in worship.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

James Andrew Gavenonis

### PRESENTATION OF THE PARENTS AND CHILD

Elder: Jeanne Checkel

### OPENING WORDS

People brought little children to see and hear Jesus.

The disciples tried to turn them away, but Jesus said:

**“Let the little children come to me and do not stop them;**

**For it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”**

And Jesus took the children in his arms, laid his hands on them and blessed them.

### PROMISES OF COMMITMENT

#### PARENTS

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 James and his parents, and will we encourage him to become faithful a Christian? **We will.**

#### CHILDREN

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

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

### THE ACT OF BAPTISM

### PRAYER FOLLOWING BAPTISM

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## ANTHEM

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”  
(Text: Hymn #662)

Philip Ledger

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

New Testament, page 52  
Dave Mathé, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Not My Job”

Greg Jones

\*HYMN NO. 164

“Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways”

WEST MAIN

OFFERING

*“How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods  
and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?” (1 John 3:17)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Have No Fear”

Paul Lindsley Thomas

Have no fear. I have called you by name and you are my own. When you pass through deep waters  
I am with you; when you pass through rivers, they will not sweep you away. Walk through fire  
and you will not be scorched; through flames and they will not burn you. For I am the Lord your  
God, the Holy One of Israel, your Deliverer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

\*HYMN NO. 375

“Shall We Gather at the River”

HANSON PLACE

*Vs. 1: All*

*Vs. 2: Men; all on Refrain*

*Vs. 3: Women; all on Refrain*

*Vs. 4: All*

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Water Music: Allegro Maestoso

Handel

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, Bill Nace, following the service.  
He is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*



## **Adult Education Classes This Morning**

### ***Three Conversations on the Christian Doctrine of Sin***

Today and January 17

Classroom 6

Presenter - Alden Josey, Ph.D.

Evolution of the Doctrine over Two Millennia: Where Are We Now?

What has happened to the doctrine of Original Sin in the two millennia since its inception as a fundamental tenet of Christian faith? How do contemporary believers reconcile these central assertions with an increasingly dominant rational, objective mindedness, especially in Western culture?

### ***Revelation: A series using the lectures of Professor Craig R. Koester from Luther Seminary***

Through May 1, 2016

Classroom 3

Facilitators – Jill Getty, Bob Cox, and Margo Reign

Exiled to the island of Patmos over 1,900 years ago, a prophet named John wrote a remarkable letter to fellow Christians. That letter is the Apocalypse of John, also known as the book of Revelation. The meaning of the Greek word for apocalypse is “disclosure,” and John’s book discloses dimensions of two age-old mysteries: the character of evil and the nature of hope. Because the series is 24 sessions (classes began in the fall), the facilitators will establish a way to make notes from each session available to participants.

### ***Exploring Westminster***

Today and January 24

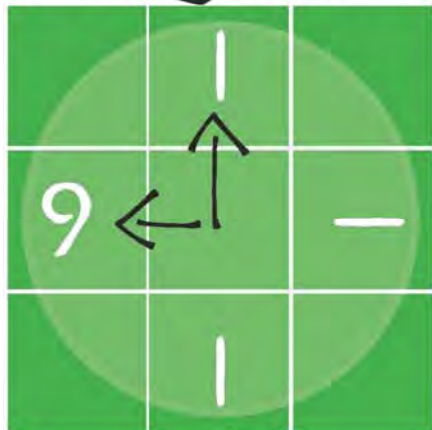
Classroom 5

Facilitated by Greg Jones

Interested in knowing more about Westminster Church or about who we are and how we serve? Are you thinking about the possibility of uniting in membership with us? If you answered, “Yes” to either of these questions, please join us for this two-session Membership Exploration Class. This class will meet in Classroom 5 (downstairs across from Community Hall). Each class lasts 50 minutes. Although there’s no obligation to join at the conclusion of these classes, there will be an opportunity to do so.

# Come Out and Play! 9-Square-A-Thon

## 9-SQUARE



## A-THON

Sunday, January 17

1:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Community Hall

Our 180° youth invite you to be a part of their third annual 9-Square-A-Thon to benefit the Chad Miller Youth Mission Fund. For just \$5.00 a person, you can play and snack all day. Come any time and stay as long as you like!

The Chad Miller Youth Mission Fund was created in memory of The Rev. Chad Miller after his tragic death in 2009. Chad served as our Associate Pastor for Mission and Youth. During that time, he became an integral part of our church and community. Chad wished to implement a mission trip rotation in which youth would experience international, regional, and local mission opportunities. He believed in the transforming power of mission work for teenagers and their families who share in the experience with them. The Chad Miller Youth Mission Fund makes these trips possible.



## SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

**9:00 a.m. – One Worship Service in the Sanctuary**

**10:10 a.m. – Call for Annual Meeting in Community Hall**

The annual congregational meeting of Westminster Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2016, at 10:10 a.m. for the purpose of conducting the following business:

1. To receive the report of the Church Officer Nominating Committee and to elect elders, deacons, and trustees;
2. To elect congregational at-large members to the Church Officer Nominating Committee;
3. To receive the financial report of 2015;
4. To receive the budget report for 2016;
5. To receive the stewardship report;
6. To consider changes to the calls of the pastors; and
7. To consider any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

*By order of Session: Gregory Knox Jones, Moderator and Jeanne Checkel, Clerk of Session*

### **Chili Luncheon follows the Annual Meeting!**

Please join us for our annual Chili Luncheon hosted by the deacons directly following the Annual Meeting. The deacons will provide a variety of types of homemade chili, bread, salad, fruit, and cookies.