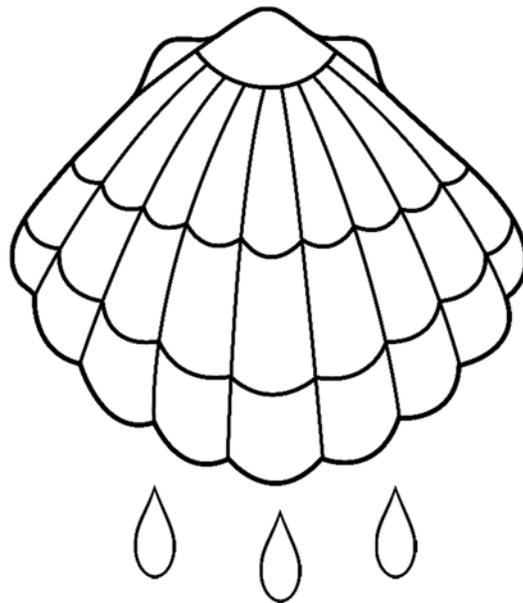




WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

# Baptism of the Lord

**January 12, 2020**  
**9:00 a.m.**



## PASTORAL STAFF

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

## MUSIC STAFF

Sharon Babcock, Interim Director of Music  
Jane Van Valkenburg, Guest Organist  
Alexis Droke, Director of Music for Children and Youth  
Soloist/Section Leaders: Diana Milburn, Olivia Forney  
Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

## DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chesna Hinkley

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES STAFF

Teisha Fooks, Director of Preschool Ministries  
Nursery: Beatrice Taylor, Kristen Wolanski

## YOUTH LEADERS

Chesna Hinkley, Tommy Neilson  
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper, Molly McPheeters

## DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Colleen Falasco

## DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND SECURITY

Paul Crothamel

## 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, Sally McBride, Mary Lou McDowell,  
Sandie Reinicker, Lisa Stoddard, Jennifer Trickey, Debbie Wise

**8:45 – 12:15 p.m.** Nursery Care in Preschool Suite D

**9:00 – 9:55 a.m.** Worship

Children are always welcome in worship. If they prefer, they can follow teachers to classes after the TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN. Please use the identification wristband or stickers in your pew.

- ❖ Ages 2 – 4: **Godly Care**, in *Preschool Suite C*, uses the *Deep Blue* curriculum.
- ❖ K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: **Godly Play**, in the *Ruth Christie Room*, is a place of worship where children learn Bible stories using Montessori-style methods. *Pick up in Preschool Suite*.
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade: **Sing-to-Praise Choir**, in the *Youth Music Room*, uses the *Growing in Grace* curriculum to learn about the Bible, hymns, and music theory. Sing-to-Praise occasionally leads in worship.

**10:10 a.m.** Education for All Ages

- ❖ Ages 2 – 4: **Childcare** in *Preschool Suite C*.
- ❖ K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: **Joyful Noise Choir**, in the *Youth Music Room*, uses the *Growing in Grace* curriculum to learn about the Bible, hymns, and music theory. Joyful Noise occasionally leads in worship.
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade: **Creation Station**, in *Classroom 4*, is studying the Beatitudes.
- ❖ 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade: **Agora** – meets the first Sunday of every month to discuss a topic related to our walk of faith, and is starting the Nicene Creed series.
- ❖ **Educational Offerings for Adults** see page 7

**11:15 a.m.** Living Mosaics Worship Rodney Chapel

**12:00 p.m.** Fellowship Time Meeting Room

### Later Today

**5:00 p.m.** 180 Dinner and Fellowship 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 flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Pauline “Polly” McPheeters from her 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](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com) for available dates. The next available dates are January 19; February 2, 9, 16 and 23.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Bill Francis, Kathleen Lowthert, Ann Shadduck, Frank Waldburger.
- ❖ **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 Gerry Greth at Amity Place, Helen Christie at home, and James Williams at Ingleside.
- ❖ **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](mailto: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](mailto:cathylang@wpc.org).

**This week we pray for** those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Our guest organist** is Jane Van Valkenburg, CCM, a retired church musician who has served churches in Michigan, Virginia, Ohio and Texas. A longtime member of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, Jane holds the association’s Certified Church Musician designation and currently serves as Secretary of the Executive Board.

**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. 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](http://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](http://www.wpc.org)) or contact the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson at [sniesenthompson@wpc.org](mailto: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

*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, an advocate for justice, and a promoter of peace. 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

Meditation on "Unser Herrscher"

John Ferguson

CALL TO WORSHIP

As Jesus stood in Jordan's swirling 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 illumine our minds.**  
As Jesus emerged from the waters of Jordan to give his life to God,  
**we will leave worship with a renewed sense of God's presence in our lives.**

\*HYMN No. 4

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

*GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life  
as you bind us to the Body of Christ.  
We confess that we remain so preoccupied with ourselves  
that we often overlook the needs of others.  
We cling to destructive habits and hold onto long-time grudges.  
Remind us of the promises you make in baptism  
so that we may rise to new life  
and live the adventure you summon us to live. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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

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

ANTHEM

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heav'nly Light

Johann Sebastian Bach

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light, And usher in the morning;  
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright, But hear the angel warning.  
This Child, now weak in infancy, Our confidence and joy shall be,  
The pow'r of Satan breaking, Our peace eternal making.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

New Testament, page 3  
Barbara Stratton, Lay Reader

SERMON

Greg Jones

\*HYMN No. 484

“Out of Deep, Unordered Water”

RUSTINGTON

OFFERING

*“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19-21)”*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

Donald Busarow

Baptized into your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, among your seed, your chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin, I have your Spirit now within.

My loving Father, here you take me henceforth to be your child and heir;  
My faithful Savior, here you make me the fruit of all your sorrows share;  
O Holy Spirit, you comfort me though threat'ning clouds around I see.

O faithful God, you never fail me; your cov'nant surely will abide.  
Let not eternal death assail me should I transgress it on my side!  
Have mercy when I come defiled; forgive, lift up, restore your child.

All that I am and love most dearly, receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Oh, let me make my vows sincerely, and help me your own child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own serve any will but yours a lone.

GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP TEAM COMMISSIONING

Karen Asenavage, Denison Hatch, Jamie Hickey, Arun Loptes, Rachel Psaros, and Carrie Saathoff

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,  
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**There is one body and one Spirit,  
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Father of all,  
who is above all and through all and in all.**

(From Ephesians 4:1-6)

QUESTIONS FOR THE GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP TEAM

In accepting God's call to serve as partners in mission to Guatemala, do you promise to share God's love with those you meet?

Will you open your heart so that you may be enriched by what the people of Guatemala will share with you?

QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Do you, the members of our church family, promise to pray for and support the Guatemala Partnership Team during their travels? **We do.**

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN No. 485

"We Know That Christ is Raised"

*ENGELBERG*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "Engelberg"

James Pethel

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, Tammy Daley, following the service. She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*



## ***Today's Educational Offerings for Adults***

### ***Cybersecurity***

Classroom 6

Presenter: Jacob Blacksten

In an ever growing digital world, where everything is interconnected, it's becoming easier for cyber criminals to get your personal information. This presentation will go over the threats in Cybersecurity and give you the tools to make yourself more secure online. Jacob earned a BS in Finance and Management Information Systems from UD. He worked as a Digital Forensic Investigator in the Manhattan, NYC office of Stroz Friedberg an AON Company, a global risk management firm specializing in cybersecurity, investigation, eDiscovery, intellectual property and due diligence. Jacob is skilled in a range of software and hardware platforms and the measures by which to secure them. He works at the Delaware Small Business Development Center, helping Delaware Small Businesses to protect themselves from cybercrimes.

### ***Challenging Passages on Women in the Bible***

Today and January 19

Classroom 5

Presenter: Chesna Hinkley

It's just a fact: the Bible tells women to submit, be silent, and stay at home...at least in English! The story is quite a bit more complicated in Greek. Chesna brings work from her master's thesis and her experience writing, speaking, and consulting for an international women's ordination advocacy NGO. Come walk through the most troubling passages with close exegesis, historical criticism, and theological reflection.

# NEW BIBLE STUDY

Led by Chesna Hinkley, Director of Christian Education

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. OR Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.  
Westminster Church Library



Eat and exegete! A new Bible study class. This is a drop-in, low-commitment way to read, discuss, and learn from the Bible together. We will read out loud and see where the conversation goes — from start to finish! Join us when you can. Bring a bag dinner or lunch, if you like.

# HELPING HANDS GLOVE COLLECTION – YEAR 5!

Today and January 19



Our Helping Hands glove/mitten collection will take place today and January 19 between services in Community Hall. As you check out some after-Christmas sales, please remember to pick up some extra pairs of gloves/mittens for men, women and children. These will be distributed to those in need through Friendship House's Empowerment Centers. These gloves/mittens need to be new, but they do not need to be expensive. Big box stores, grocery stores, Harbor Freight, drug stores and dollar stores all have inexpensive, practical gloves and mittens. Thank you!



## SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

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

10:10 a.m. – Annual Meeting in Community Hall

The annual congregational meeting of Westminster Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, January 26, 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 2019;
4. To receive the budget report for 2020;
5. To consider changes to the calls of the pastors; and
6. To consider any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

*By order of Session: Gregory Knox Jones, Moderator, and Jan Patrick, 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 delicious homemade chili, salads, cornbread, and cookies.