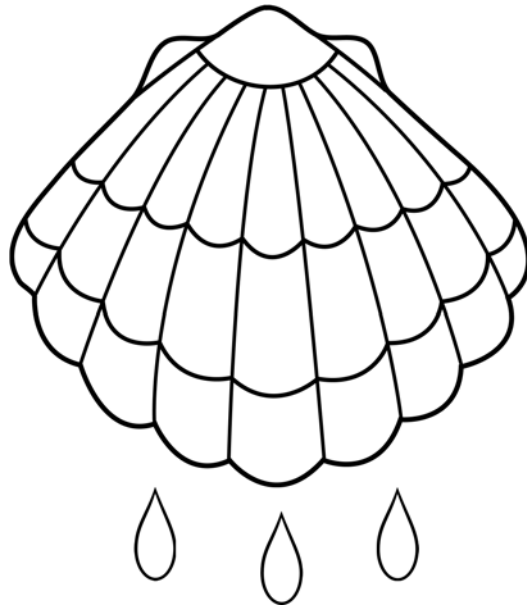




Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019
9:00 a.m.



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

1502 West 13th Street ♦ Wilmington, DE 19806 ♦ 302-654-5214 ♦ www.wpc.org

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, Nicole Fox, Laura Holmes, Hillary King, Cathy Lang, Sally McBride, Jennifer Trickey, 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.

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| 10:10 a.m. | Education for All Ages | |
| | ➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers | Preschool Suite C |
| | ➤ Joyful Noise Choir Program for K – 5 | Youth Music Room |
| | ➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8 | Classroom 8 |
| | ➤ High School/Confirmation Class Grades 9 – 12 | Classroom 7 |
| | ➤ Sunday Seminars | See page 7 |
| 11:15 a.m. | Living Mosaics Worship | Rodney Chapel |
| 12:00 p.m. | Fellowship Time after Living Mosaics | Meeting Room |

Later Today

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| 12:00 p.m. | Deacon Luncheon and Meeting | Off Site Location |
| 5:00 p.m. | 180° Youth Fellowship and Dinner | Classroom 6 |
| 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 are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Emmett S. Jacobs from his wife, Ann, and 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. The next available dates are January 27, February 10 and 17.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** John Bowman, Joan Connolly and Kathleen Winter.
- ❖ **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 Margit and Spence Stradley and Evelyn Measley at Country House.
- ❖ **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.

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

Sue Spilecki

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

*PASSING THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Hornpipe (from *Water Music*)

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

*HYMN #484

"Out of Deep, Unordered Water"

RUSTINGTON

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 make the best choices.
You have invited us into new life,
yet we have closed 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.
Renew our spirits and strengthen our resolve,
so that we will muster the courage to make overdue changes in our lives.
We pray this in the name of Christ,
who brings us hope for new life. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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 Carrie Saathoff

OPENING WORDS

In the beginning, when the Creator formed the heavens and the earth,

God's Spirit swept over the face of the waters.

At the beginning of Jesus' ministry of teaching and healing,

God's Spirit rested upon him as he emerged from Jordan's waters.

We gather at the font to mark a new beginning –

by water and the Spirit, we welcome God's beloved into the family of faith.

PROMISES OF COMMITMENT

Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

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

CONGREGATION

Will we – as members of the church of Jesus Christ – welcome Iona into the family of faith?

Will we guide, nurture, and encourage her to be a faithful follower of Christ? **We will.**

CHILDREN

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

The Rev. Susan Hilley Niesen

Grandmother of Iona

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

from *Gloria*

Antonio Vivaldi

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe
Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 3:15-22

New Testament, page 52
Jerry Spilecki, Lay Reader

SERMON

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 375

“Shall We Gather at the River”

HANSON PLACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Waters of Life

James Biery

The voice of God calls us above the waters,
The glory of the Son shines on us,
The love of the Spirit fills us with life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (page 35 in our *Glory to God* hymnal, using "debts" and "debtors")

*HYMN NO. 485

"We Know That Christ is Raised"

ENGELBERG

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Allegretto Giocoso (from *Water Music*)

G. F. 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 ambassadors, Ellie and Don Furry, at the back of the center aisle following the service. They are happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

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 27, 2019, 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 2018;
4. To receive the budget report for 2019;
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 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 delicious homemade chili, salads, cornbread, and cookies.



Sunday Seminars

Sneaky Salads

Classroom 5

Presenter: Kali Kniel

Perhaps you have seen the headlines related to foodborne illness and contaminated leafy greens. Ever wonder what causes these recalls and cases of illness that seem to be increasingly reported? In this class we will discuss contamination events and delve into the recent Romaine lettuce outbreak investigations. The last 15 minutes or so of this class will be devoted to your food safety questions.

Disadvantaged Students in Delaware Public Schools: What Is Done, What Results and What does the Delaware Constitution Require?

Classroom 6

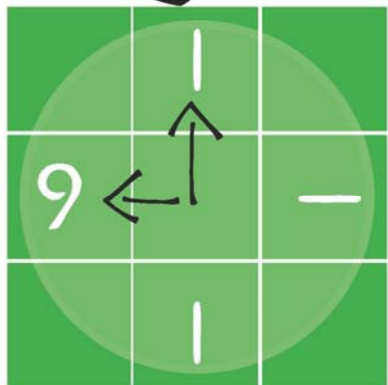
Presenters: Attorneys Richard Morse and Barry Willoughby

Last November the Delaware Court of Chancery declined to dismiss a lawsuit alleging that the Delaware Constitution requires the State to do more for disadvantaged students than is currently being done. **Attorneys Richard Morse and Barry Willoughby**, representing the plaintiff and defendant respectively, will provide an understanding of this lawsuit, which seeks changes in how the State funds public education. This is an excellent opportunity for all of us to educate ourselves about the current state of Delaware public education and the potential for change.

Next Sunday, January 20, Chief Justice Leo E. Strine, Jr. and Justice Collins J. Seitz, Jr. will speak about race and justice in the Delaware courts. Join us in Community Hall at 10:10 a.m.

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

9-SQUARE



A-THON

Sunday, January 20, 2019

1:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Community Hall

Our 180° youth will be playing 9-Square to raise money for the Chad Miller Youth Mission Fund, and everyone is welcome! Want to play? For a minimum donation of \$5.00, you can join the fun anytime from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Can't play but want to support the cause? Go to www.wpc.org, click the "Donate Now" button, and select the Chad Miller Youth Mission Fund. Or, drop your donation in the offering plate on Sunday. Write Chad Miller Mission Fund in the memo line! Thank you for your support!

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. He believed in the transforming power of mission work for teenagers and their families who share in the experience with them.

PASTORAL STAFF

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

DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES: Teisha Fooks

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Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Sandie Reinicker, Interim Director of Children's Music
Allison Martin, Assistant Director of Children's Music
Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock, Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

YOUTH LEADERS

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Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper, Molly McPheeters

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Nursery: Beatrice Taylor, Kristen Wolanski

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