



Service of Worship
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 14, 2018
9:00 a.m.

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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An Earth Care Congregation of the PC (USA)

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

Liz Bacon, Don Beddie, Tammy Daley, Nancy Diver, Hillary King, Sandy White

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. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith.

- ❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 through 4 begin in worship with their families. Following the Time with Our Children, they walk with a parent to the **Preschool Suite** where they are greeted by the morning coordinator and escorted into **Classroom A**. The children experience simple worship rituals and learn key stories in the Bible. They respond through crafts, songs and prayers.
- ❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade begin worship with their families. Following the Time with Our Children, they 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 begin worship with their families. Following the Time with Our Children, they meet their leaders in the pavilion and walk together to the Youth Music Room

10:10 a.m.

Education for All Ages

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| ➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers | Preschool Suite D |
| ➤ Joyful Noise Choir Program for K – 2 | Youth Music Room |
| ➤ Godly Play 2 for Grades 3 – 5 | Classroom 4 |
| ➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8 | Classroom 8 |
| ➤ Senior High for Grades 9 – 12 | Classroom 7 |
| ➤ Sunday Seminars | see page 6 |

11:15 a.m.

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

12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Time

Meeting Room

Also Today

1:00 p.m.

180° Youth Nine-Square-a-Thon

Classroom 6/ Community Hall

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. 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 Emily and Hanson Hodge, and Dick and Bob Geuder, by Sara Geuder.

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 February 2018.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Mary Young
- ❖ **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 Tom Eliason and Jane Arthur Hamlin at Stonegates.
- ❖ **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.

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

- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Specialist Javion Shavonte Sullivan, age 24, from Fort Mill, South Carolina
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

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 parent or an adult pre-approved by the parent. 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

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Help me to be aware of your presence during this hour and to embrace your truth that can set me free to love with Christ-like love. 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

Voluntary in G major

William Walond

CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world of partial truths, we need a time of truth-telling.

In a world of many gods, we need to encounter the one true God.

In a world that makes many demands on our time,
we need to be confronted by the ultimate claim on our lives.

We are here to worship the Creator of heaven and earth.

*HYMN NO. 12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, your Son has shown us the way, the truth, and the life.

**We confess to you that we have not always followed that way,
lived in His truth,
or accepted the life He offers us.**

**Having eyes, we preferred not to see;
having ears, we pretended not to hear.**

Forgive us, God, for our self-deception.

**Open us to the indwelling of your Spirit,
that your truth may take possession of us.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

God liberates those who turn to the way of Christ.

We are set free to walk the path that leads to abundant life.

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

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

ANTHEM "All Hail the Power" arr. Mary McDonald
(Text: Hymn #263)

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 8:31-47 New Testament, page 88
Jen Barrington, Lay Reader

SERMON "Truth or Truthiness" Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 707 "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord" HALL

OFFERING

"All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing the LORD your God has given you."
~ Deuteronomy 16:17

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Prayer from Psalm 139 John Weaver

How precious are your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I should try to count them they are more in number than the sands: when I awake, I am still with you. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts, see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*HYMN NO. 379 "We Shall Overcome"
Vs. 1: Choir
Vs. 2-3: All

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE "Now Go in Joy" Caribbean folk tune
arr. Jorge Lockward

Now go in joy to spread the Word
till all people have heard:
God embraces all!
Follow, then, the disciples' call:
tend your neighbors with loving care
in daily work and prayer.
God's own grace empower your spirit. Amen

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, Marlys Kerr, 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.



Sunday Seminars

Rethinking our Health: The Importance of Mental Health

Today and January 21st

Classroom 6

Presenter: Josh Thomas, Executive Director for NAMI Delaware (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

Our faith community is a reflection of our community. 1 in 5 Americans live with mental illness. We are all impacted by mental illness because we likely are either living with mental illness or care about someone who does. This two part series explores mental illness and the reasons we usually don't talk about it.

Part 1 – Mental Health and Mental Illness, Causes of Illness, Treatment and Destructive Power of Stigma.

Part 2 – Living with Mental Illness: wellness, culture, experiences, stress, blame, shame and risks.

Racism in the US

Today and January 21st

Classroom 5

Presenter: Sue Linderman

We know that racism in America traces its roots back to slavery, but how did we get from there to here? Join us as we explore the path of American history that shapes our society and our perspectives today.

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!

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YOUTH LEADERS

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SESSION

Jen Barrington, Ty Burns, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Jeanne Checkel, Art Colbourn, Joe Daley,
Rich Diver, Michael Enderle, Mike Gnade, Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Kali Kniel,
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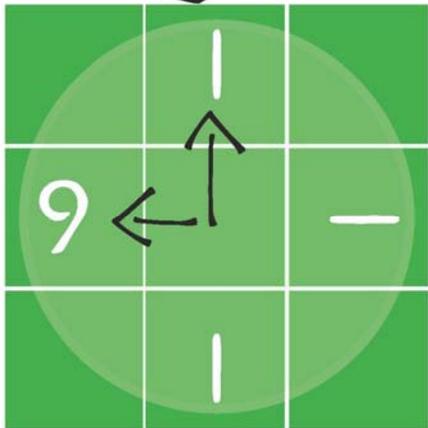
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PARTNERS IN WORLDWIDE MINISTRY

Congo – PCUSA Mission Co-workers: John and Gwenda Fletcher, Jeff and Cristi Boyd,
Larry and Inga Sthreshley; Cecilé de Sweemer, MD; Members of Kamulumba-Ditalala Parish
Iran, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon – PCUSA Mission Co-workers: the Reverends Elmarie and Scott Parker, Dr. Mary Mikhael
Peace Drums Steel Band – Ibillin and Haifa, Israel/Palestine
Guatemala – Rosario Diaz and the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development, CEDEPCA,
PCUSA Mission Co-Workers: Leslie Vogel, Sandi and Brian Thompson-Royer

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

9-SQUARE



A-THON

Today!
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.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

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 28, 2018, 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 2017;
4. To receive the budget report for 2018;
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 delicious homemade chili, salads, cornbread, and cookies.