



Service of Worship
2nd Sunday After Epiphany
January 15, 2017
9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL STAFF:

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

CHURCH EDUCATOR:

Susan Moseley

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Merideth Hite Estevez, Director of Music for Children and Youth
Section Leaders/Soloists: Diana Milburn, Sharon Babcock,
David Price, Travis Lucas

DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Colleen Falasco

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND SECURITY

Paul Crothamel

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

Barry Cobb, Nancy Diver, Sue Frost, Hillary King, Sandy White, 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 in Rodney Chapel. Children are always welcome.

11:15 a.m. Flying Solo Brunch at Catherine Rooney’s 1616 Delaware Avenue

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time after Living Mosaics Meeting Room

Later 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
7:00 p.m.	Parent Support Group for Families with Addiction	Daughtry House Conf. Room
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God from Rosemary and Barry Cobb.

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:** Eleanor Charles, Thomas Eliason, Audrey Hatfield, Judy Hoopes, Frank Pickering, Tone Truitt and Charles Uhlinger.
- ❖ **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 Nancy Henderer and Laura Stevens at Cokesbury.

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:
Staff Sergeant Matthew C. Lewellen, age 27, of Lawrence, Kansas
Specialist Ronald L. Murray Jr., age 23, of Bowie, Maryland
Sergeant John W. Perry, age 30, of Stockton, California
- 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

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

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God of Compassion, remind me of your presence wherever I encounter suffering in our world. As Jesus healed those with infirmities, may I become a conduit of your love to assist the healing in someone's life. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Sonata no. 6
II. Meditation (Andante quasi Adagio)

Alexandre Guilmant

CALL TO WORSHIP

By God's Spirit we were baptized into one body,
and chosen by God for loving service to the world.
Let us sing praises to God for making us partners in mission.
Let us worship God in wonder and joy!

*HYMN NO. 14

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we confess that our faith is often small
and we fail to trust your promise to be our strength and deliverer.
We have doubted your assurance that you never forsake us,
and we have been anxious and despairing when life becomes difficult.
Whenever darkness envelops our lives,
grant us the awareness of your loving presence
transmitted to us through the love of others.
Bring healing and wholeness to our lives
in order that we may once again enjoy the blessings of life
and gratefully acknowledge your steadfast love. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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

ANTHEM

from *Messiah*

G. F. Handel

"Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world."

Westminster Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:9-18

New Testament, page 142
Suzie Hurlock, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Rejoice with Those Who Rejoice, Weep with Those Who Weep”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 761

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

BEECHER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

from *Missa Brevis* in D major, K. 194

W. A. Mozart

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi:
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God,
who takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God,
who takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God,
who takest away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.*

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

STEPHEN LEADERS: Ellie Furry and the Reverend Jill Getty

TO BE COMMISSIONED AS STEPHEN MINISTERS:

Fred Carspecken, Signy Carson, Beatty Chadwick, Cathy Lang, Jerry Spilecki, Melissa Stabler,
Christine Waisanen, and Mercer Watt.

From Brandywine Valley Baptist Church: Maria Ash, Jane Eareckson-Helm, Jim Helm,
and Karissa Hendershot

QUESTIONS FOR STEPHEN MINISTERS

Friends, are you willing to carry out this ministry of caring?

With the help of God, I am.

Will you employ the skills you have learned and use them in service to others - to support, encourage,
and comfort?

With the help of God, I will.

QUESTIONS FOR CONGREGATION

Will you be open to the ministry of our Stephen Ministers, and will you pray for them that they may be
effective servants of Christ? Will you? **We will.**

Will you accept their ministry when you need help, and allow these individuals to work with you as you
face struggles in your life? Will you? **We will.**

PRAYER

**Eternal God, we give thanks for the commitment of these Stephen Ministers
and we pray that they will be faithful in their ministry of compassion.
Strengthen them with the power of your Spirit
and guide them in the work they are called to do.
May they be quick to serve, patient in listening
and willing to share themselves with others.
Show them, in times of stress and satisfaction, a special measure of your joy
and keep them strong in the faith you have given them.
In Christ, who cares for all of us in every way. Amen.**

*HYMN No. 306

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

DENNIS

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

The Rejoicing

Charles Callahan

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



Adult Education Classes This Morning

Systems Theory: How Everything is Connected to Everything

Today

Classroom 6

Facilitator: Jim Moseley

The Reverend Jim Moseley will give a brief overview of Bowen Family systems with a focus on the correlation between the role we play in our family and the role we play at church. Dr. Murray Bowen, a psychiatrist, used systems thinking to integrate knowledge of the human species as a product of evolution with knowledge from family research. A core assumption is that an emotional system that evolved over several billion years governs human relationship systems. People have a “thinking brain,” language, a complex psychology and culture, but people still do all the ordinary things other forms of life do. Knowledge of how the emotional system operates in one’s family, work, and social systems reveals new and more effective options for solving problems in each of these areas.

Write to Heal: A Spiritual Practice

Today, and January 22nd

Classroom 5

Facilitator: Joan Leof

Joan Leof is the creator of the weekly journaling group, Write to Heal, that meets at Westminster on Thursday afternoons. For three Sundays, Joan is offering free introductions to both the practice of journaling and to the value of a journaling group. If you are curious and want to know more, please join Joan this Sunday at 10:TEN, in classroom 5. Each participant will receive a packet of very helpful handouts along with all the information you need to help you decide if a journaling group is right for you.

History of the Bible

Today through May 14, 2017

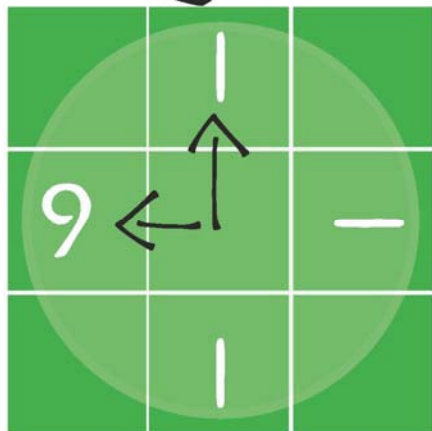
Classroom 3

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.

Come Out and Play This Afternoon!

9-SQUARE



A-THON

4th Annual 9-Square-A-Thon

TODAY

1:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Community Hall

Raising money for the Chad Miller Youth Mission Fund!

Want to play? For a minimum donation of \$5.00, you can join the fun anytime this afternoon. **Can't play but would like to support the cause?** Stop by the event this afternoon, or donate online by visiting www.wpc.org – click the “Donate Now” button and select the Chad Miller Youth Mission Fund to make your donation. Or, drop your donation in the offering plate (be sure “Chad Miller Mission Fund” is in the memo line!).

The Chad Miller Youth Mission Fund helps support our mission and ministry with youth.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

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 29, 2017, 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 2016;
4. To receive the budget report for 2017;
5. To consider changes to the calls of the pastors; and
6. To consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

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

Chili Luncheon follows the Annual Meeting!

The deacons will provide a variety of types of homemade chili, bread, salad, fruit, and cookies.