



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship **2nd Sunday after Epiphany** **January 17, 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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Art Diver by his 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. An available date is February 28, 2016.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Judy Hoopes, Janice Nolen, Eric Ruoss, Christine Waisanen.
- ❖ **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 Paul Weber and Lois Rogers at Jenners Pond and Evelyn Measley at home.
- ❖ **Alex Sprague**, who is participating in the Young Adult Volunteer ministry in Chinook, Montana.

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.

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:
Staff Sergeant Peter Taub, age 30, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Staff Sergeant Chester McBride, age 30, of Statesboro, Georgia
Staff Sergeant Louis Bonacasa, age 31, of Coram, New York
- 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

We welcome to the organ bench this morning **Lee Dettra**, an accomplished and experienced church musician who has served in a number of positions, including the Cadet Chapel at West Point Military Academy, and here in Delaware at First and Central Presbyterian Church and Emmanuel-on-the-Green (Episcopal Church) in New Castle.

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.

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

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Gracious God, grant me wisdom so that I may discern the spiritual gifts I have been given, grant me insights into how I can best use them, and give me the determination to use my gifts to extend compassion to others, to seek justice, and to make our world a more peaceful place. In your holy name. 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

Herzlich tut mich erfreuen
(My Heart Abounds with Pleasure)
Lee Dettra, guest organist

Johannes Brahms

CALL TO WORSHIP

From the rising of the sun till its setting in the west,
In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young,
In the forgotten corners of our hearts and the banquet hall of heaven,
God's Holy name be praised.
Let all that has life and breath give praise to God.
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

*HYMN No. 297

"In Christ Called to Baptize"

ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples,
creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith.
We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.
We do not listen for your word of grace,
speak the good news of your love,
or live as people made one in Christ.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people.**

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.

ANTHEM

“Set Me As a Seal”
Westminster Choir

René Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

New Testament, page 152
Lilly Coleman, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Spiritual Gifts”

*HYMN NO. 302

“When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace”

O WALY WALY

OFFERING

*“With a freewill-offering I will sacrifice to you;
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.” (Psalm 54:6)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Many Gifts, One Spirit”

Allen Pote

Many gifts, one spirit; many songs, one voice. Many reasons, one promise; many questions, one choice. O God, we pray for unity; give guidance from above. In our differences unite us in the circle of your love. O God, remind us we are not alone. Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne. Help us learn to love each other; show us ways to understand. We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands. Take our many ways of working; blend the colors of each soul into the beauty of a rainbow. Give us life, Lord; make us whole.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn No. 717)

**For the life that you have given,
for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor,
with these gifts that are your own:**

**Here we offer, Lord, our praises;
heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you,
living what we pray and sing.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*HYMN No. 733

“We All Are One in Mission” *ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN*

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Bell Symphony

Henry Purcell

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

Farewell to Mary Beth Davis, Community Hall

During the 10:TEN hour in the Holy Toast Café, families of the children and youth who have been touched by Mary Beth’s creative programs and her enthusiastic leadership will have a special opportunity to say “thank you” and to wish her well as she leaves Westminster to pursue a Master’s degree in Pastoral, Clinical Mental Health Counseling. All are welcome to participate in the celebration of Mary Beth’s ministry at WPC.



Adult Education Classes This Morning

Three Conversations on the Christian Doctrine of Sin

Rodney Chapel, Presenter - Alden Josey, Ph.D.

Prospects for Transformation in the Concept/Doctrine of Sin: Where Do We Go From Here?

A series of questions confronts us: How might modern Christians re-vision the idea of Sin, original and otherwise, in a world of archetypal opposites where good and evil co-exist in a timeless, dynamic dance? Is contemporary Christianity open to transformative changes in its central understandings, or is the very idea just another Pelagian heresy to put down? Dr. Josey is a Jungian Analyst practicing in Wilmington since 1990.

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.

Can Mutual Trust and Respect be developed between the Wilmington Police and Black Young Men/Teenagers?

Classroom 5, Presenters/Facilitators – Bill Nace with guests, Malcom Stoddard and Ty Perry

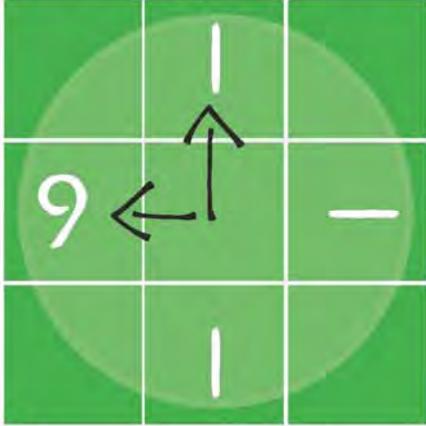
A role play between "teenagers" and "police" will high-light recent efforts by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Delaware to equip black teenagers with strategies and language to positively interact with Wilmington law enforcement officers. Following the role play, Malcolm Stoddard and Ty Perry will lead a discussion on this challenging issue which takes place daily on our city streets.

Ty Perry, born and raised in Newport News, VA, was recruited to play basketball at the University of Delaware by then coach, Mike Brey. After an outstanding playing career (1995-1999), Ty coached basketball at U of D and Mount Saint Mary's College until 2007. Currently, he is Executive Director of the Dream Chasers Program, a partnership program with the Boys and Girls Clubs. The Dream Chasers Program enhances the academic, athletic, and social development of at-risk youth...ensuring that members take an educational step beyond high school.

Malcolm Stoddard was born in Wilmington to his proud parents, Bob and Judy Stoddard. He graduated from LaSalle University in 1997 and joined the Wilmington Police Department in 2000. He has been a part of the SWAT team since 2009 and the Marine Unit since 2007. From 2006 to 2013, Malcolm was assigned as a Detective. In 2013, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and is currently serving as a Street Supervisor for Sector 3 (everything west of I-95)...which obviously includes Westminster. Malcolm, Lisa, and their family have been members of Westminster since 2009.

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

9-SQUARE



A-THON

This Afternoon
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 delicious homemade chili, bread, salad, fruit, and cookies.