



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship **3rd Sunday after Epiphany** **January 21, 2018** **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 Faith Formation through Music
and Arts, Teaching Artist in Residence
Kevin Flaherty, Assistant Director of Children's Music
Soloist/Section Leaders: Sharon Babcock, Elizabeth Holmes
Christian Sanders, Travis Lucas

YOUTH LEADERS

Merideth Hite Estevez, Susan Moseley,
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Tommy Neilson

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 – 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

- 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
- Sunday Seminars see page 7

**Senior High Sunday School Class will resume on February 4th

11:15 a.m.

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

12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Time

Meeting Room

Also Today

11:15 a.m.

Flying Solo brunch at Catherine Rooney’s

1616 Delaware Ave.

1:00 p.m.

Deacon Meeting and Luncheon

Off Site Location

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

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 11 and 18; March 4, 11 and 18.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Richard Hatfield and Mercer Watt
- ❖ **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 Betty Kelley with her daughter in Connecticut and Jim Coker at Cokesbury.
- ❖ **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 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

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair, heal the dissensions that divide us from one another and bring us back to a unity of love bearing some likeness to your divine grace. 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

The Mountains Shall Sing
(...the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing... - Isaiah 55:12)

Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us love one another,

For love is of God.

All who love are born of God and know God.

All who do not love, do not know God, for God is love. 1 John 4:7-8

*HYMN NO. 33

“Praise the Lord, God’s Glories Show”

LLANFAIR

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
God does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God’s steadfast love toward those who fear him;
**as far as the east is from the west,
so far does God remove our transgressions from us.** Psalm 103

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, Lord, for being hesitant to follow your ways.
We concoct excuses for why we cannot
return good for evil,
let love dominate our relationships,
or embrace your will.
Give us the courage to act without hesitation,
replacing our reluctance with your loving Spirit.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

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

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

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

ANTHEM

“How Lovely Are the Messengers”

Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace! To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Story of Jonah

Readers: Mary-beth Howard, Sudie Niesen Thompson, and Greg Jones

Jonah 1:1-6

RESPONSE (HYMN NO. 8)

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

MELITA

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound
the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves
submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

Jonah 1:11-2:1

RESPONSE (HYMN NO. 415)

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

RESTORATION

*Verses 1 & 2: Choir
Refrain (All):*

**I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.**

Jonah 2:10-3:5

RESPONSE (HYMN NO. 415)

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

RESTORATION

*Verse 4: Choir
Refrain (All):*

**I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.**

Jonah 3:10-4:11

SERMON

“Us and Them”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

IN BABILONE

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

“Bow Down Thine Ear”

Michael Cox

Bow down thine ear O Lord and hear me: For I am poor, For I am needy. Be merciful unto me, O Lord: For I cry unto Thee daily. Rejoice the soul of Thy servant, Lord, Unto Thee do I lift up my soul. For Thou art great: Thou art God alone. Bow down thine ear and hear my prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. 439

“O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer”
Verses 1-4

STUTTGART

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Festive Toccata

Denis Bédard

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, Nancy Fleming and Dan Weintraub, 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 Seminars

Rethinking our Health: The Importance of Mental Health

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

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!**

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 Westminister 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.