



Service of Worship
3rd Sunday After Epiphany
January 22, 2017
9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL STAFF:

Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff
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Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

CHURCH EDUCATOR:

Susan Moseley

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

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DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND SECURITY

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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 6 |

11:15 a.m.

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

12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Time after Living Mosaics

Meeting Room

Later Today

5:00 pm

180° Youth Dinner and Fellowship

Community Hall/Cl. 6

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 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Margaret (Peggy) Cartmell, Don Dinsel, Thomas Eliason, Audrey Hatfield, Judy Hoopes, Nancy McFadden, Laura Stevens 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 Jane Arthur Hamlin and Hans Krahmer both at Stonegates.

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:
Private First Class Tyler Lubelt, age 20, of Tamaroa IL
Senior Chief Petty Officer Scott Dayton, age 42, of Woodbridge, VA
Specialist John Rodriguez, age 23, of Hemet, CA
- 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

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Holy God, give me the wisdom to discern your guidance and the will to follow you. Grant me a mind to reflect on your love; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you by the way I treat others; and a life to live in harmony with the way of Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Fugue in C major

Dietrich Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift your hearts, lift your eyes and lift your voices!

The living, moving Spirit of God has called us together.

We are called together to hear the wisdom of God and to celebrate the love of God.

We will heed God's Spirit and faithfully follow Christ.

*HYMN NO. 385

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

OLD HUNDREDTH

OPENING PRAYER

Everlasting God, by your Spirit you raised Christ from the dead,

and by your Spirit you raise us to new life.

We give thanks that you are our Source and Sustainer,

and you show us the path to holy adventures and a meaningful life.

Continually renew us in faith, hope and love

so that we may proclaim with joyous words and integrity of life

the good news of your love and your hope for the world,

through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Greg Jones

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

ANTHEM

"He Comes to Us"

Jane Marshall

Westminster Choir

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us, He speaks the same word: "Follow! Follow thou me!" and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who He is.
- Albert Schweitzer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4:12-22

New Testament, page 3
Sue Linderman, Lay Liturgist

SERMON

“Whom Will You Follow?”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 721

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

OFFERING

“We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.”
- Winston Churchill

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Follow Me”

Roger C. Wilson

I heard him call,
“Come, follow,” that was all.
My gold grew dim,
My soul went after him,
I rose and followed, that was all.
Who would not follow if they heard him call?
Him evermore I behold,
Walking in Galilee,
Through the cornfields’ waving gold,
In hamlet, or grassy wold,
By the shores of the beautiful sea.
He toucheth the sightless eyes,
Before him the demons flee;
To the dead he saith, “Arise!”
To the living, “Follow me!”

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*HYMN NO. 170

“You Walk along Our Shoreline”

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

Jesus calls us: o’er the tumult
of our life’s wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth
saying, “Christian, follow me.”

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



Adult Education Classes This Morning

Water Quality

Today

Classroom 6

Facilitator: Kristen Travers

Kristen Travers from the Delaware Nature Society will tell us about the Clean Water Alliance. What does it mean that Westminster has joined the Alliance? What activities are coming up this spring? We will learn about the Clean Water Campaign and specific steps we can take to improve water quality. Kristen will tell us about the Water Warrior program that teaches potential citizen advocates about where our drinking water comes from, where our wastewater goes and how to become a champion for clean water.

Write to Heal: A Spiritual Practice

Today

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. 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.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

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 January 29th 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.