



**Service of Worship
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 27, 2019
9:00 a.m.**

**A Covenant Network Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
An Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)**

1502 West 13th Street ♦ Wilmington, DE 19806 ♦ 302-654-5214 ♦ www.wpc.org

This Morning at Westminster

8:30 – 10:10 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship in Community Hall

Deacon Team of the Month

Jeff Argus, Nicole Fox, Laura Holmes, Cathy Lang, Sally McBride, Jennifer Trickey, Debbie Wise

8:45 – 12:15 p.m. Nursery Care

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. Worship

Children are always welcome in worship. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith. Children are escorted to classes after TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN during worship.

- ❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 through 4 in Preschool Suite C.
- ❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade in the Ruth Christie Room.
- ❖ **Sing-to-Praise Choir Program** – Children in grades 3 through 6 in the Youth Music Room.

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 guardian or an adult pre-approved by the guardian. Thank you for your help.

10:10 a.m.	Education for All Ages	
	➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers	Preschool Suite C
	➤ Joyful Noise Choir Program for Grades K – 2	Youth Music Room
	➤ Creation Station for Grades 3 – 8	Art Room 4
	➤ High School/Confirmation Class Grades 9 – 12	Classroom 7
10:10 a.m.	Annual Meeting	Community Hall
11:30 a.m.	Chili Lunch	Community Hall
	Trustees Meeting	Classroom 5

Later Today

5:00 p.m.	180° Youth Dinner and Fellowship	Classroom 6/Community Hall
6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room

The mission of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians is to strengthen the church of Jesus Christ, with the help of God's grace by working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.



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 10 and 17, March 3, 10 and 17.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Kathleen Winter
- ❖ **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 Doris and Gerry Larson at Shipley Manor, and Polly McPheeters at Foulk Manor North.
- ❖ **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:
Sergeant Cameron Meddock, age 26, from Spearman, Texas
Staff Sergeant Joshua Beale, age 32, from Carrollton, Virginia
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

Easy-to-use assisted listening devices may be found in the back of the sanctuary and the side entrance off the main hallway.

Worship Resources – You can obtain large print hymnals and listening devices from any usher. Worship bags for children ages 3 through 6 include a children’s bulletin designed for them. Children’s bulletins for ages 7 through 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

TOWER CHIME

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Holy God, as we gather for worship, some of us come with reluctance, and some with joy, some with sadness, and others full of fear, yet we know you receive us as we are. Speak to us through your word, and send us back into the world renewed and eager to do your will. For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Ruth C. Duck, *Touch Holiness*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the friendship folder, located at the end of the pew, to the person next to you.

*PASSING THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Andante con moto

Frank Bridge

CALL TO WORSHIP

A new day has dawned; a day ripe with possibilities.

**Now is the time for new beginnings,
a time to encounter God anew.**

God calls us to new commitments and new actions.

We pray that we may be faithful to God's calling.

*HYMN NO. 645

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

MIT FREUDEN ZART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we have heard your call to discipleship,
but too often have listened to other voices.**

**We have felt the pull of your Spirit,
but have turned to other pursuits.**

**We have seen our own lack of meaning,
yet have looked in places that are empty.**

**Forgive us for failing to heed your call,
and give us the will to follow your way.**

In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*Children through Grade 6 may leave for Godly Care, Godly Play 1, and Sing-to-Praise Choir,
or they may remain in worship.*

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

ANTHEM

“The Heavens Are Telling”

F. J. Haydn

The heavens are telling the glory of God, The wonder of His work displays the firmament; To day that is coming speaks it the day, the night that is gone to following night. In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:14-21

New Testament, page 53
Dan Weintraub, Lay Reader

SERMON

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 757

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

KINGSFOLD

OFFERING

“*True generosity lies within the act of giving without the expectation of something in return.*” (Anonymous)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon Me”

Edward Elgar

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor: He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord that He might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

*The following Stephen Leaders trained the new class of Stephen Ministers:
Jill Getty, Ellie Furry, Jerry Spilecki, and Sue Weissinger.*

TO BE COMMISSIONED AS STEPHEN MINISTERS:

Jennifer Blackford, Meg Burich, Gillian Timon, and Debbie Wise.
From Brandywine Valley Baptist Church: Karen Reed

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? **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? **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. 772

“Live into Hope”

TRURO

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Toccata in A Major

Georges MacMaster

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, Bill Nace, at the back of the center aisle following the service. He is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.

TODAY

10:10 a.m. – Annual Meeting in Community Hall

The annual congregational meeting of Westminster Presbyterian Church will conduct 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 2018;
4. To receive the budget report for 2019;
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 a variety of delicious homemade chili, salads, cornbread, and cookies.

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 the Annual Meeting and Chili Luncheon in Community Hall after the service. Ask someone to show you the way!

PACEM IN TERRIS WINTER FILM SERIES

**Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Westminster Meeting Room
(adjacent to Rodney Chapel)**



January 29 – *1971*

February 5 – *Fahrenheit 11/9*

February 12 – *Duck Soup*

For more information visit:
www.depaceminterris.org/pacem-in-terris-2019-winter-film-series

PASTORAL STAFF

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

DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES: Teisha Fooks

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Sandie Reinicker, Interim Director of Children's Music
Allison Martin, Assistant Director of Children's Music
Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock, Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

YOUTH LEADERS

Tommy Neilson
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper, Molly McPheeters

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Nursery: Beatrice Taylor, Kristen Wolanski

SESSION

Jen Barrington, Karen Beer, Ty Burns, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Jeanne Checkel, Joe Daley, Karen Dietz, Rich Diver, Michael Enderle, Peter Gildner, Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Kelly McCulloch, Mark Mosher, Margo Reign, Carrie Saathoff, Kent Smith, Janet Steinwedel, Barb Stratton, Mary Vane, Susan Williamson, Helen Zumsteg

BOARD OF DEACONS

Jeff Argus, Roger Atkins, Liz Bacon, Don Beddie, Amy Bickhart, Kyle Carrick, Beatty Chadwick, Diane Chandler, Barry Cobb, Nancy Diver, Teisha Fooks, Nicole Fox, Laura Holmes, Louis Horton, Hillary King, Cathy Lang, Kris Marvel, Luke Mathé, Dan McAllister, Sally McBride, Debbie McCullough, Blair McConnel, Mary Lou McDowell, Carol Neff, Ann Shadduck, Lisa Stoddard, Josh Thomas, Sharlym Torres, Jennifer Trickey, Hugh Underhill, Lois Underhill, Lowell Underhill, Jennie Wagner, Gen Wallace-Roe, Sue Weissinger, Pam White, Sandy White, Debbie Wise

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PARTNERS IN WORLDWIDE MINISTRY

Congo – PCUSA Mission Co-workers: John and Gwenda Fletcher, Jeff and Christi Boyd,
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Iran, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon – PCUSA Mission Co-workers: the Reverends Elmarie and Scott Parker, Dr. Mary Mikhael
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