



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship **4th Sunday after Epiphany** **January 28, 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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Henry and Martha Tatnall to the glory of God and in honor of Paul Fleckenstein with love and deep appreciation from the choir and all of your Westminster family for 25 years of dedicated musical excellence.

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:** Rachel Haas, Richard Hatfield and Julie Schmitt.
- ❖ **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 Leucia Venable, Grace and Jack Barrington, and Ed Hagopian, all at home.
- ❖ **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

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Eternal God, I give thanks for this day of worship and pray that I may use today to remember that you are God and I am not. I pause from my daily routine to reflect on how I am spending my time. Am I carving out time for prayer that I may follow your ways? Am I sharing my resources with those in need? Am I sharing Christ's love with others? Strengthen my will, my mind and my heart so that I may order my life according to your will. 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

Tocatta and Fugue in D minor
(I. Tocatta)

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come to worship the Creator of heaven and earth.

We have come to listen to the Word of God.

We have come to express the love of God.

We have come to rejoice in God, who enables us to be free to love.

*HYMN NO. 15

“All Creatures of Our God and King”
Verses 1, 2, 3 & 6

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Gracious God, we give thanks for our community of faith
where you assure us of your immeasurable love for us
and provide opportunities to share your love with others.
Through words of Scripture and your Spirit whispering in our souls,
may we discover the work that is ours to do,
and summon the courage to carry it out.
Embolden us to resist evil, injustice, and violence;
inspire us to speak the truth, to show respect, and to live generously;
and energize us to spread joy, create beauty and foster hope.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

*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*

Choir:

Look to the fields ripe with harvest. Yet are the laborers few. Pray that the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good news.

Congregation stands and sings:

1_ O Zi - on haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 2_ Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue and na - tion
 3_ Give of thine own to bear the mes - sage glo - rious,



To tell to all the world that God is Light.
 That God, in whom they live and move is Love;
 Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;



That He who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 Tell how He stooped to save His lost cre - a - tion,
 Pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious,



One soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
 And died on earth that we might live a - bove.
 O Zi - on, haste to bring the bright - er day.

Refrain



Pub - lish glad ti - dings, Ti - dings of peace;



Ti - dings of Je - sus, Re - demp - tion and re - lease.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 2:1-10

New Testament, page 206
Beatty Chadwick, Lay Reader

SERMON

"Living Stones"

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 315

“In The Midst of New Dimensions”

Vs. 1: All

Vs. 2: Women

Vs. 3: Men

Vs. 4-5: All

OFFERING

*“Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”
(Acts 20:35)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Lord, Here Am I”

John Ness Beck

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey;
Only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.
Teach me the mission appointed for me,
What is my labor, and where it shall be.

*Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,
“Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”*

Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross;
Willing to suffer reproaches and loss;
Willing to follow, if Thou will but lead;
Only support me with grace in my need.

Living or dying, I still would be Thine,
Yet I am mortal while Thou art divine.
Pardon, whenever I turn from the right;
Pity and bring me again to the light.

BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

*Members of Close Knit: Sharon Babcock, Charlotte Bispham, Barbara Fedeler, Mary Field, Jill Getty,
Sue Linderman, Pam Mann, Carol Shelly, Sue Weissinger.
Close Knit is open to all. Join them on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the Ruth Christie Room.*

These prayer shawls were created to bring warmth to someone who feels the chill of illness.

They were made to bring comfort to someone who feels alone.

They were designed to bring peace to someone who is struggling.

They were made to bring joy to someone who is sad.

May those who receive a shawl feel bolstered by God's love, encouraged by our concern,
and supported by the prayers of our church.

May those who wrap themselves in a prayer shawl feel the loving embrace of God's Spirit.

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. 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Toccata and Fugue in D minor
(II. Fugue)

Bach

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.

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

TODAY

9:00 a.m. – Worship in the Sanctuary

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

The annual congregational meeting of Westminster Presbyterian Church will be held 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 directly following the Annual Meeting. The Deacons will provide delicious homemade chili, salads, cornbread, and cookies.