



Service of Worship

4th Sunday After Epiphany

January 29, 2017

9:00 a.m.

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

Deacon Team of the Month

Barry Cobb, Nancy Diver, Sue Frost, Hillary King, Sandy White, Lisa Stoddard

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

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** is singing in worship today. Children in grades 3 through 6 will remain in the sanctuary for the entire service.

10:10 a.m.	Education for All Ages <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers➤ Joyful Noise Choir Program for K – 2➤ Sing to Praise Choir Grades 3 - 5➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8➤ Confirmation Class for Grades 9 and 10	Preschool Suite Youth Music Room Youth Music Room Classroom 8 Classroom 7
10:10 a.m.	Annual Meeting	Community Hall
11:30 a.m.	Congregational Chili Lunch Trustees Meeting	Community Hall Classroom 5

Later Today

3:00 p.m.	Memorial Service for Judy Hoopes	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	180° Youth Dinner and Fellowship	Community Hall/Classroom 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



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

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of our current Deacons who have beautifully served our congregation for two terms: Diane Chandler and Keith Pierce; and for one term: Nancy Diver, Teisha Fooks, Nicole Fox, Sue Frost, Hillary King, Mary Lou McDowell, Susan McPheeters, Ann Shadduck, Judy Stoffer and Gen Wallace-Roe.

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:** Megan L. Cook Bajlovic, Margaret (Peggy) Cartmell and Don Dinsel.
- ❖ **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 Cornelia Cates, Betty Drennen, Tom Eliason, Cappy Hanke, Frances Kirkpatrick and Caroline Sparks, all 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:
Specialist Isiah Booker, age unknown, of Cibolo, TX
Sergeant 1st Class Allan E. Brown, age 46, of Takoma Park, MD
- 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

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Adventurous God, you are constantly healing wounds and restoring broken relationships. Help us to be reconciled with one another, so that we might become your partners in building a better world. Inspire us to radiate compassion and multiply justice so that our world may thrive in peace. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude in G major

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

The spirit of God calls us from many places;
some of us come from active homes with many people
some of us come from quiet homes where we live alone.

Yet we are all part of the Household of God.

We all come to this same place;
all of us seeking God's presence in our lives
all of us seeking God's presence in each other.

Together we become God's family.

Katherine Hawker

*HYMN No. 305

"Come Sing, O Church in Joy!"

DARWALL'S 148TH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Gracious God, we give you thanks for calling us into the church
where you assure of your immeasurable love for us,
and where you command us to share your love with others.
Through words of Scripture and your Spirit whispering in our soul,
help us to know the work that is ours to do,
and grant us 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

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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

At the asterisk (), please stand as you are able.*

ANTHEM "What Does the Lord Require of You?" Jim Strathdee
Joyful Noise and Sing-to-Praise choirs

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Micah 6:6-8 Old Testament, page 819
Jon McPheeters, Lay Liturgist

SERMON Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 301 "Let Us Build a House" TWO OAKS

OFFERING "No one has ever become poor by giving."
-Anne Frank

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "What Does the Lord Require of You?" Robert A. Hobby
Westminster Choir
Merideth Hite Estevez, oboe

What does the Lord require of you?
Bind up the brokenhearted, off'ring God's peace.
Strengthen the weak, off'ring God's hope.
Seek and find the face of Christ in each of God's children.
Nurture the young and tend the old, off'ring God's love.
Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, off'ring God's compassion.
Share the good news in the Name of Christ.
Share the good news: with God there is welcome for all!
What does the Lord require of you?
To do justice, and love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (page 35 in our *Glory to God* hymnal, using "debts" and "debtors")

*HYMN NO. 317 "In Christ There Is No East or West" MC KEE

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE Fugue in G major J. S. 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 ambassador, Lisa Stoddard, following the service.
She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*

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 Music for Children and Youth
Section Leaders: Diana Milburn, Sharon Babcock, David Price, Travis Lucas

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Susan Moseley, Josh Cox, Merideth Hite Estevez, Mike Gnade

SUPPORT STAFF

Susan Alexander, Reception Area Supervisor
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Colleen Falasco, Director of Financial Operations
Nicole Hughes, Director of Communication and Database Management
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Cathy Lang, Administrative Assistant
Sextons: Roger W. Atkins, Terrence Clarke, Robert King, Joan Truitt

SESSION

Jen Barrington, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Jeanne Checkel, Art Colbourn, Joe Daley, Rich Diver, Mike Enderle, Mary Field, Mike Gnade, Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Dick Jolly, Kali Kniel-Tolbert, Jon McPheeters, Mark Mosher, Roland Pamm, Roger Reinicker, Craig Stabler, Barbara Stratton, Mary Vane, Susan Williamson and Helen Zumsteg

BOARD OF DEACONS

Liz Bacon, Don Beddie, Beatty Chadwick, Diane Chandler, Barry Cobb, Tammy Daley, Nancy Diver, Teisha Fooks, Nicole Fox, Sue Frost, Laura Holmes, Hillary King, Cathy Lang, Kris Marvel, Mary Lou McDowell, Susan McPheeters, Lola Miller, Bob Moore, Carol Neff, Keith Pierce, Cassandra Piovoso, Kris Ruebling-Jass, Ann Shaddock, Jerry Spilecki, Lisa Stoddard, Judy Stoffer, Josh Thomas, Sharlym Torres, Jennifer Trickey, Jennie Wagner, Gen Wallace-Roe, Sue Weissinger, Pam White, Sandra White

TRUSTEES

Charlie Babcock, Gary Bryde, Jim Carter, Denison Hatch, Bobbe Hoy, Fred Iobst,
Charles McDowell, John McFarland, Bill Nace, Mary Lu Pamm, Kris Qualls, Chris Singewald

PARTNERS IN WORLDWIDE MINISTRY

Guatemala – Leslie Vogel (CEDEPCA), Sandi and Brian Thompson-Royer, Rosario Diaz
Congo – PCUSA Mission Co-workers Bob and Kristi Rice, John and Gwenda Fletcher, Jeff and Kristi Boyd, Larry and Inga Sthreshley, Ruth Brown, Cecilé de Sweemer, MD, and Members of the Kamulumba-Ditalala Parish
Iran, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon – Mission Co-workers the Reverends Elmarie and Scott Parker
Peace Drums Steel Band – Ibillin and Haifa, Israel/Palestine

ANNUAL MEETING THIS MORNING

10:10 a.m. in Community Hall

The annual congregational meeting of Westminster Presbyterian Church will be held this morning, January 29, 2017, 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.



2017 Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 5

Sunday, February 5 is Super Bowl Sunday, and our 180° youth will be standing at the exits after each worship service holding soup bowls to receive monetary donations for the "Souper Bowl of Caring." The collection total will be divided between Hanover Food Closet and St. Stephen's Food Pantry. Please help our youth in this extraordinary mission effort!

MORE THAN 140 MILLION AMERICANS WATCH THE SUPER BOWL GAME. IMAGINE THE IMPACT WE WOULD HAVE ON HUNGER IF EACH OF THOSE PEOPLE GAVE JUST ONE DOLLAR TO HELP THOSE IN NEED.