



**Service of Worship  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day  
January 3, 2016  
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**

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**

Cassandra Piovoso, Sue Frost, Jennifer Trickey, Lola Miller, Hillary King, Nicole Fox

8:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Nursery for babies and toddlers

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. Worship with communion 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 **Ruth Christie Room** to 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**.
- ❖ **Godly Play 2 does NOT meet today**. A special *Kids’ Notes* bulletin is available for children in the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades to help them participate in the worship service. If your child did not receive a *Kids’ Notes* as they entered the sanctuary, please ask an usher for a copy.

10:10 a.m.

### **Education for All Ages**

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| ➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers    | Preschool Suite  |
| ➤ Sunshine Choir for Grades K – 2   | Classroom 7      |
| ➤ D.R.U.M. for Grades 3 – 6         | Youth Music Room |
| ➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 9 | Classroom 8      |
| ➤ Adult Education Classes           | See page 7       |

11:15 a.m.

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

## **Later Today**

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| 1:00 p.m. | Homebound Communion           | Members’ Homes         |
| 4:30 p.m. | Heavenly Metal Handbell Choir | Classroom B            |
| 5:15 p.m. | 180° Cast Rehearsal           | Community Hall & Cl. 6 |
| 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. We are one of 140 congregations (out of more than 10,000) that has earned this 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](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com).

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

**Please remember in your prayers:**

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** David Henke, Janice Nolen.
- ❖ **Westminster's homebound family** who can no longer attend worship with us, by sending a card, saying a prayer, or visiting. This week we ask you to remember Ed Hagopian at home, and Jeanne and Bill Butz and Polly McPheeters, at Foulk Manor North.

**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 often seems far away**, and we may neglect to realize that Americans, as well as Afghans 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 Colleen Falasco: 302-654-5214 ext. 131, or [cfalasco@wpc.org](mailto:cfalasco@wpc.org).

### **This week we pray for**

- Those known to the WPC Community presently serving in various locations:  
Brian Gorman, Jeremy Lushnat
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:  
Private Christopher Castaneda, age 19, of Fripp Island, South Carolina  
Major Adrianna Vorderbruggen, age 36, of Plymouth, Minnesota
- Those who have returned from service, possibly suffering from wounds or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

## WORSHIP NOTES

**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.

**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.

**Are you wearing a nametag?** Whether you are a long-time member or new to the church, 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](http://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

*Loving God, like the magi, I have seen the star of your glory rising. The radiance of your incarnate Word pierces the darkness that covers the earth and signals the dawning of justice and peace. May his brightness illumine my life and may I have the courage to walk in your light each day as I try new paths and embark on new adventures. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright  
(Tune: Hymn #827)  
*David Herman, guest organist*

Ernst Pepping

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. 150

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

DIX

OPENING PRAYER

**God of our lives,  
you are always calling us to follow you into the future,  
inviting us to new ventures, new challenges,  
and new ways to touch the hearts of all.  
When we are fearful of the unknown,  
give us courage.  
When we worry that we are not up to the task,  
remind us that you will be with us  
every step of our journey. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

*Children through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may leave for Godly Care and Godly Play 1. Children in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older will remain in worship with their families and participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.*

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

New Testament, page 1  
Jen Barrington, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Nudges”

Greg Jones

OFFERING

*“No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.” (Luke 16:13)*

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Noel: *Allons voir ce divin Gage*

Jean-François Dandrieu

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

The Bread of Life has come to satisfy the hungry.

**The Good Shepherd has come to seek the lost.**

The Mother Hen has come to gather her chicks.

**The Word has become flesh and dwells among us.**

HYMN NO. 393

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

*ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN*

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Eternal God...

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Loving God, we give you thanks for this holy meal of bread and wine  
that makes us one with Christ.**

**Fill us with Christ-like compassion, a thirst for justice  
and a determination to work for peace,  
so that we may live the rich lives you call us to live. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 152

“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”

*PUER NOBIS NASCITUR*

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright  
(Tune: Hymn #152)

Michael Burkhardt

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



## Adult Education Classes This Morning

### ***Three Conversations on the Christian Doctrine of Sin***

Classroom 6

Presenter - Alden Josey, Ph.D.

#### Origins and Early History: How Did We Get Here?

In this introduction to the topic, we will discuss the beginnings of, and early actors in, Christian preoccupation with the idea of universal sin. We will also review the necessity for a theology consistent with the central ideas of redemption and salvation through the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus.

### ***Revelation: A series using the lectures of Professor Craig R. Koester from Luther Seminary***

Through May 1, 2016, in Classroom 3

Facilitators – Jill Getty, Bob Cox, and Margo Reign

Exiled to the island of Patmos over 1,900 years ago, a prophet named John wrote a remarkable letter to fellow Christians. That letter is the Apocalypse of John, also known as the book of Revelation. The meaning of the Greek word for apocalypse is “disclosure,” and John’s book discloses dimensions of two age-old mysteries: the character of evil and the nature of hope. Because the series is 24 sessions (classes began in the fall), the facilitators will establish a way to make notes from each session available to participants.

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Kenya – JOHABETO Ruth and Martin Shikuku, Kitale, Kenya  
Congo – PCUSA Missionaries Bob and Kristi Rice, John and Gwenda Fletcher, Jeff and Kristi Boyd  
Ruth Brown, Timothee Kalonji Matadi, Cecilé de Sweemer, MD, Pastor Jean-Marc Katujudi Nkuna  
and Members of the Kamulumba-Ditalala Parish  
Ethiopia – Poko Medical Mission  
Mozambique – Macia Presbyterian Church  
Syrian Refugees in Lebanon and Jordan  
Peace Drums – Ibillin and Haifa  
Montana – Alex Sprague, Young Adult Volunteer

#### **SESSION**

Jen Barrington, Chad Chandler, Jeanne Checkel, Art Colbourn, Joe Daley, Rich Diver, Mary Field, Mike Gnade,  
Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Dick Jolly, Kali Kniel-Tolbert, Jen Mathé, Jon McPheeters, Mark Mosher,  
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