



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

# Epiphany of the Lord

**January 6, 2019**  
**9:00 a.m.**

PASTORAL STAFF:

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

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music  
Sandy 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,

DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Colleen Falasco

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND SECURITY

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An Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

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## **This Morning at Westminster**

**8:30 – 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**

Jeff Argus, Nicole Fox, Laura Holmes, Hillary King, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

<b>10:10 a.m.</b>	<b>Education for All Ages</b>	
	➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers	Preschool Suite C
	➤ Joyful Noise Choir Program for K – 2	Youth Music Room
	➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8	Classroom 8
	➤ High School/Confirmation Class Grades 9 – 12	Grace Hall
	➤ Sunday Seminars	See page 7
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Homebound Communion</b>	Members' Homes
<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Living Mosaics Worship</b>	Rodney Chapel
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Fellowship Time after Living Mosaics</b>	Meeting Room

### **Later Today**

11:15 a.m.	Flying Solo brunch	Off Site Location
5:00 p.m.	180° Youth Fellowship and Dinner	Classroom 6
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

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and to wish all Peace and Joy in 2019.

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 January 27.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Lola Miller and 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 Reade Tompson and Jim Coker at Cokesbury.
- ❖ **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, 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](http://www.wpc.org) and click the "Donate Now" button or scan the QR code on your smart phone



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*May the angels of light glisten for us this day.  
May the sparks of God's beauty dance in the eyes of those we love.  
May the universe be on fire with presents for us this day.  
May the new sun's rising grace us with gratitude.  
Let heaven's wind stir the soil of our soul and fresh awakenings arise within us.  
May the mighty angels of light glisten in all things this day.  
May they summon us to reverence.  
May they call us to life. Amen.*

Philip Newell, Praying with the Earth

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

Es ist das Heil uns kommen her  
(Salvation unto us has come)

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Like the Magi, take your bearing from the light.  
**We will be led by the deepest yearnings of our hearts.**  
Like the Magi, offer the Savior your treasure, the best of your gifts.  
**We will offer our gifts and ourselves to God.**

Diane Karay, *All the Seasons of Mercy*

\*HYMN NO. 156

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

SALZBURG

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 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.*

HYMN NO. 151

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

*Vs. 1: All*

*Vs. 2 – 4: Choir*

*Vs. 5: All*

SERMON

Greg Jones

OFFERING

*“Bring your tithes and your donations, your votive gifts, your freewill-offerings...  
because the LORD your God has blessed you.” (Deuteronomy 12:6-7)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“A Star Shining in the East”

John Sanders

A star shining in the East. Eternal God, who by the shining of a star, led the wise men to the worship of your Son: guide by his light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may behold your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*The Lord’s Supper is open to all who trust in Christ.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word *was* God.

**He was in the world, and the world came into being through him.**

What has come into being in him was life,

**and the life was the light of all people.**

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

*When you approach a communion server, please take a piece of bread,  
the symbol of Christ’s love for you, and dip it in the cup, representing the new life in Christ.*

*If you are unable to come forward, please tell an usher so that you may be served.*

*Those sitting in the balcony will be served in their pews.*

*For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern  
(Tune: Hymn #827)

Dietrich Buxtehude

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

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

\*HYMN NO. 150

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

*DIX*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

James Harding

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

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, Jeanne Checkel, at the back of the center aisle following the service. She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*



## ***Sunday Seminars***

### ***Growing Up Under Occupation in Gaza***

Classroom 6

Presentors: Lori Mosher and Mohammed Eid

Can you imagine what it would be like to live in the Gaza strip? Mohammed Eid, a 29 year old Palestine refugee, will share his story of growing up in Gaza under Israeli occupation. Schools are safe havens for young people during conflicts, and Mohammed will talk about the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestine Refugees and how it provides education, food assistance, health and job programs, for over one million people struggling to survive. A graduate of UNRWA schools and a former UNRWA employee, Mohammed is now a Rotary Peace Fellow pursuing a master's degree in Global Studies and International Development through a joint program at the UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke University in North Carolina. Lori Mosher works for UNRWA USA and is the daughter of Carol and Mark Mosher.

### ***What is Epiphany?***

Classroom 5

Presenter: Bob Cox

Join Bob Cox to celebrate Twelfth Night, the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ. Our video study of Epiphany will be led by Dr. Ken Bailey who's inspired more than a few epiphanies through his videos.

### ***LATER THIS WEEK: So You Want to Talk About Race***

Thursday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m. in Ruth Christie Room with Lynne Kielhorn

## ***New to Westminster?***

**Welcome! We are so glad you are here.**

Here is some information you might find helpful:

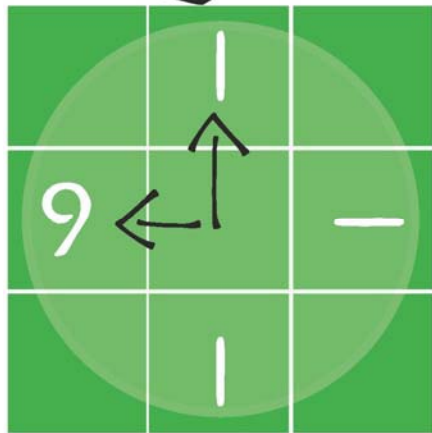
- Hymnals are located on a shelf under the pew in front of you, or at the ends of the pew. Please join us in singing!
- A red Friendship Pad at the end of the pew will be passed during the service. We hope you will sign it and let us know how we can welcome you with a follow-up contact.
- There will 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](http://www.wpc.org)) or contact the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson at [sniesenthompson@wpc.org](mailto:sniesenthompson@wpc.org) or (302) 654-5214 ext. 103.

**Please join us for coffee or tea in Community Hall after the service.**

**Ask someone to show you the way!**

# Come Out and Play! 9-Square-A-Thon

## 9-SQUARE



## A-THON

Sunday, January 20, 2019

1:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Community Hall

Our 180° youth will be playing 9-Square to raise money for the Chad Miller Youth Mission Fund, and everyone is welcome! Want to play? For a minimum donation of \$5.00, you can join the fun anytime from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Can't play but want to support the cause? Go to [www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org), click the "Donate Now" button, and select the Chad Miller Youth Mission Fund. Or, drop your donation in the offering plate on Sunday. Write Chad Miller Mission Fund in the memo line! Thank you for your support!

The Chad Miller Youth Mission Fund was created in memory of The Rev. Chad Miller after his tragic death in 2009. Chad served as our Associate Pastor for Mission and Youth. During that time, he became an integral part of our church and community. He believed in the transforming power of mission work for teenagers and their families who share in the experience with them.



## SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

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 on Sunday, January 27, 2019, 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 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.