



Service of Worship
5th Sunday after Pentecost
July 14, 2019
8:15 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.

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

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This Morning at Westminster

Deacon Team of the Month

Roger Atkins, Liz Bacon, Laura Holmes, Tara Lee, Blair McConnel, Hugh Underhill, Pam White

8:15 a.m. **Worship** with Communion in Rodney Chapel

9:00 a.m. “Let’s Talk About It” in Ruth Christie Room

9:45 – 11:15 a.m. **Nursery Care**

10:00 – 10:55 a.m. **Worship** in the Sanctuary

Children are always welcome in worship. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith. Following TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN, children age 2 through 2nd grade may leave for **Summer Sunday School** in the Preschool Suite.

11:00 a.m. **Summer Tea** in Rodney Chapel and the Meeting Room

Later Today

3:00 p.m. Urban Promise Internship Training Downstairs and Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. Clean But Not Straight – NA Club Room

8:00 p.m. AA Club Room

REMINDER! The church office is closed on Fridays in July and August, except on July 26 for Vacation Bible School.

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 our sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Natalie Freeman, whose memorial service was held yesterday, from Tom Freeman.

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 July 28 and August 25.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **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 Gerry Greth at Amity Place, and Tom Ford and Ruth Joslin 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:

- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Sergeant 1st Class Elliott J. Robbins, age 31, from Ogden, Utah.
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome **Dr. James H. Laster** to the organ (and piano) bench this morning. In addition to serving on the faculty of the Shenandoah Conservatory (Shenandoah University, Winchester VA) for 27 years, James boasts a varied career including composer, author, actor, and church musician. He and his wife Madlon have recently moved to Delaware to be near their son and grandchildren.

Paul Fleckenstein is playing the Prelude Recital this morning at the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles (CA), home of the world's largest church organ.

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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Gracious God, the radiance of your incarnate Word pierces the darkness that covers the earth and signals the dawning of justice and peace. May Christ's brightness illumine my life and may I have the courage to walk in your light each day. I ask this through Jesus, your Word made flesh. 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

My soul magnifies the Lord;
my spirit delights in God my Savior.
The Almighty embraces us with mercy;
holy is God's name.
With Mary, we raise our voices in jubilant song.
Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN No. 641

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

ENGELBERG

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God –
there is none like you.
You have called us to ways of justice and righteousness;
you guard our feet, but we wander from your path.
We confess the ways we have failed to do your work.
You are the God who lifts up the lowly,
but we often pass by neighbors in need.
You are the God who satisfies the hungry,
but we do not share from our abundance.
Forgive us when we do not live as your faithful ones,
and shape us into the disciples you call us to be.
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:26-38, 46-55

Shelley Gnade and Mary-beth Howard, Storytellers

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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

OFFERING

*“With a freewill-offering I will sacrifice to you;
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.” (Psalm 54:6)*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Blessed are you who hunger for justice,
for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who thirst for righteousness,
for you will drink deeply of the cup of joy.
Blessed are we—for Christ calls us to his table,
where there is room for everyone, and plenty for all.

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

*This is not just a Presbyterian table;
the Lord’s Supper is open to all who trust in Christ.
When you approach a communion station, 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 to a station, please tell an usher so that you may be served.
For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.*

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**God of Grace –
You have filled us with the bread of heaven
and the cup of new life.
Fill us also with a spirit of service
and sacrificial love,
that – through us – the world may taste
your justice and peace.
We ask this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Adapted from a prayer from *Liturgies Alive, Models of Celebration**

BENEDICTION

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, 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.

Second Impressions: A Closer Look at Three Biblical Women

There are biblical figures whom we have come to know through Sunday school lessons and children’s musicals, myth and tradition, and – even – their representations in art and pop culture. But, when we delve deeper into Scripture, we realize that these characters’ reputations are not always faithful to the biblical text. In a three-week sermon series, the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson will be inviting us to take a closer look at three “misunderstood” women in the Old and New Testaments and to consider what their stories teach us about the life of faith.

- ❖ July 7 – Eve
- ❖ July 14 – Mary, the Mother of Jesus
- ❖ July 21 – Mary Magdalene

New to Westminster?

Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

Here is some information you might find helpful:

- Hymnals are located underneath your chair, please join us in singing!
- A Friendship Pad at the end of the row 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 by the Chapel door 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.



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT – A Periodic Series

TODAY, 9:00 a.m.

Ruth Christie Room

Facilitated by Sue Linderman



In recent weeks the subject of 'reparations' has been in the news, especially with the revitalization of H.R. 40 - Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act, currently being discussed in the U.S. House of Representatives. Our conversation on July 14th will focus on this topic, as we continue the journey of exploring our national history and our beliefs about race, with openness to differing opinions and respect for one another. All are welcome to join in this dialogue.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

JULY 22-26

8:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Preschool to Rising 6th Graders

Discover the wonders of God's universe!
Become voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take you.



PLAN NOW TO JOIN US AT WPC FOR A FUN-FILLED VBS!

Cost: \$25 per child/\$40 maximum per family

Pick up a registration form on the literature table or download online at: www.wpc.org

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

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock, Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES STAFF

Teisha Fooks, Director of Preschool Ministries
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SESSION

Karen Beer, Ty Burns, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Karen Dietz,
Rich Diver, Michael Enderle, Peter Gildner, Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Kelly McCulloch,
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