



Service of Worship
8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 15, 2018
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.

This Morning at Westminster

Deacon Team of the Month

Don Beddie, Nancy Diver, Laura Holmes, Blair McConnel, Carol Neff, Sue Weissinger, Pam White

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

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.

❖ **Summer Sunday School** - Following Time with Our Children, children age 2 through 2nd grade may leave for Sunday School in the Preschool Suite.

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

Later Today

11:15 a.m. Flying Solo Brunch Off Site Location

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. Only 2% of the 10,000 Presbyterian congregations in this country have earned this honored 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 for available dates. The next available dates are July 22 and 29, August 5 and 26.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized: Peggy Cartmell, Kathy Graham, Lola Miller**
- ❖ **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 Tom Eliason and Jane Arthur Hamlin at Stonegates.
- ❖ **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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Lord, open unto me.
Open unto me - light for my darkness.
Open unto me - courage for my fear.
Open unto me - hope for my despair.
Open unto me - peace for my turmoil.
Open unto me - joy for my sorrow.
Open unto me - strength for my weakness.
Open unto me - wisdom for my confusion.
Open unto me - forgiveness for my sins.
Open unto me - love for my hates.
Open unto me - thy Self for myself.
Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen. Howard Thurman*

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

We have come to worship the living God,
who creates heaven and earth.
Let us celebrate the gift of life,
and give thanks for the wonders of God's world.

*HYMN NO. 394

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Gracious and loving God,
we are deeply grateful that we may experience lives of joy,
thanks to Christ's rising from the dead.
In his victory over death,
you revealed yourself as a God of transformation
who is forever working to bring
good out of evil,
justice out of inequity,
and hope out of despair.
Through all the peaks and valleys of our lives,
we pray that our resurrection faith may live within us
as a mighty source of strength and guidance and confidence
so that we may live the bold spiritual adventure you call us to live.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

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

SERMON

Greg Jones

OFFERING

“Generosity is the action of an open heart and mind seeing a need and providing an answer.”
Anonymous

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

In the midst of trials and suffering,
we celebrate God’s promise of strength and courage.
In the midst of bitterness and death,
we celebrate God’s promise of love and eternal life.

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

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*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 raise your hand 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

**Loving God, your Spirit strengthened the first disciples
to be faithful witnesses to your truth.
Give us the courage to speak your word and to do your will,
that all may know the compassion of our Creator. Amen.**

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

REMINDER! The church office is closed every Friday in July and August, except July 27 for Vacation Bible School

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 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 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.

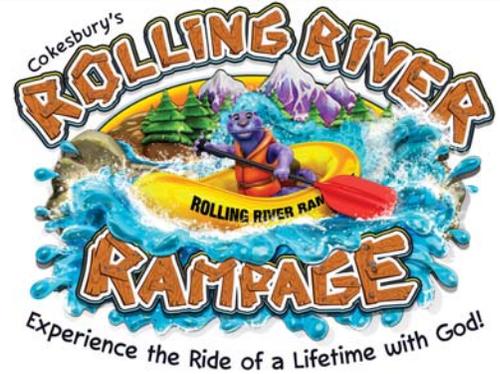


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

JULY 23-27

8:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Age 4/Pre-K to Grade 6



Each day, we will take kids on awesome “river” adventures alongside Jesus and his followers.

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| Day 1: Jesus Calls the Disciples
Find Adventure on the River. | Day 4: Jesus Shares a Special Meal
Find Rest on the River. |
| Day 2: Jesus Accepts Mary & Martha
Find Acceptance on the River. | Day 5: Jesus Makes a Promise
Find Peace on the River. |
| Day 3: Jesus Walks with Zacchaeus
Find Joy on the River. | |

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/learn/for-children



4TH ANNUAL Summer Celebration

AT FRANKS WINE

Thursday, July 19

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

What is Greg's favorite beer? Here's your chance to find out! Join us for a two-hour wine and beer tasting at Franks Wine (1206 N. Union Street, Wilmington, DE 19806). The tastings are BYOG (bring your own glass!), and we'll have light snacks to enjoy. As an added bonus, there is a 10% discount on beer, wine, and spirits purchased during the event. Plus, Franks Wine will donate back 10% of total sales that evening to WPC! Cost: \$15/person. Visit <http://bit.ly/frankswine> to register. Space is limited to 40 people. Questions? Contact Craig Stabler at rcraigstabler@gmail.com.

PASTORAL STAFF

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

DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES: Teisha Fooks

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Merideth Hite Estevez, Director of Faith Formation through Music and Arts, Teaching Artist in Residence

YOUTH LEADERS

Merideth Hite Estevez
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper, Tommy Neilson

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Nursery: Beatrice Taylor, Kristen Wolanski

SESSION

Jen Barrington, Karen Beer, Ty Burns, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Jeanne Checkel, Joe Daley, Karen Dietz, Rich Diver, Michael Enderle, Peter Gildner, Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Kelly McCulloch, Mark Mosher, Margo Reign, Carrie Saathoff, Kent Smith, Janet Steinwedel, Barb Stratton, Mary Vane, Susan Williamson, Helen Zumsteg

BOARD OF DEACONS

Jeff Argus, Roger Atkins, Liz Bacon, Don Beddie, Amy Bickhart, Kyle Carrick, Beatty Chadwick, Diane Chandler, Barry Cobb, Nancy Diver, Teisha Fooks, Nicole Fox, Laura Holmes, Louis Horton, Hillary King, Cathy Lang, Kris Marvel, Luke Mathé, Dan McAllister, Sally McBride, Debbie McCullough, Blair McConnell, Mary Lou McDowell, Carol Neff, Ann Shadduck, Lisa Stoddard, Josh Thomas, Sharlym Torres, Jennifer Trickey, Hugh Underhill, Lois Underhill, Lowell Underhill, Jennie Wagner, Gen Wallace-Roe, Sue Weissinger, Pam White, Sandy White, Debbie Wise

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Ibillin and Haifa, Israel/Palestine – Peace Drums Steel Band
Guatemala – Rosario Diaz and the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development, CEDEPCA,
PCUSA Mission Co-Workers: Leslie Vogel, Sandi and Brian Thompson-Royer