



Service of Worship
6th Sunday After Pentecost
July 16, 2017
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.

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An Earth Care Congregation of the PC (USA)

This Morning at Westminster

Deacon Team of the Month

Bob Moore, Don Beddie, Blair McConnel, Carol Neff, Judy Stoffer, Sue Weissinger, Debbie Wise

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

11:15 a.m. **Flying Solo brunch**

- ❖ Extend your time of church fellowship by joining **Flying Solo** for brunch. We will be trying different restaurants this summer, so meet us at the reception desk at 11:15 and we will pick a location. We look forward to you joining us!

Later Today

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

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and loving memory of Tom Charles from his wife Eleanor, his children and his grandchildren.

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 date is August 6.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Jane Arthur Hamlin, Corrine Perkins, and Ed Hagopian.
- ❖ **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 Margit and Spence Stradley at Country House and Jim Coker at Cokesbury.
- ❖ **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

- This week we pray for Brian Gorman, grandson of Art and Barbara Gorman, serving in the United States military.
- Those suffering from 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 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. 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

Author of Life, Living Word, Holy Breath, we have stumbled through the week and found our way back to this place. Illumine the steps before us and write your word on our hearts, for we carry the name of Jesus and want to walk in the light of his love. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the friendship folder, at the end of the row, to the person next to you.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

All people are God's children born with a birthright to Christ's mission and purpose in the world.

**God sows seeds of natural ability and talent in each person,
so the Spirit can accomplish great deeds through us.**

Come, let us worship our God who has a creative vision for each of us!

**Let us worship our Redeemer,
who yearns to harvest a wellspring of goodness in us!**

*HYMN NO. 610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's word is a lamp showing the way of love and a light that illuminates the roads of life we travel.

**We long to treasure God's truths in our hearts
so that we may be released from temptation and harmful attitudes.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

Each day brings forth opportunities for kindness, peace and positive interaction.

Yet we often walk by people without noticing them, smiling, or saying hello. We get lost in our own preoccupations and circumstances of life and forget that others have problems and burdens to bear as well. We fail to recognize loneliness in others' eyes and the forlorn faces of people in need, for fear that their pain may infiltrate our own hearts. Holy God, forgive us for allowing fear, hostility, and selfishness, to be planted in our minds and hearts. Give us the power to overcome these tendencies so that we can be transformed to live with a spirit of empathy and hospitality.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!

**God washes us clean from our misdeeds and misunderstandings
and sets us free to live, to reconcile, and to renew our world.**

Thanks be to God for everlasting love and grace that continuously restore our souls.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Dave Mathé, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Spiritual Farming”

Jill Getty

OFFERING

We bring our gifts because tendrils of God's love have worked their way into the soil of our hearts.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Great Sower of Seeds calls us to the table that has been harvested for our salvation.

How can wheat and grapes bring such great power?

It is not the grains and juice that have power but the one they represent – Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**We desire to partake in the nourishment of Christ
that brings forgiveness and new 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 communion servers, 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.
For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.*

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Loving God,
With whole heart we follow you, seeking your will in our lives. May your
manna from heaven and your cup of salvation bring healing to our hungry
hearts and thirsty souls so that our lives can be good soil that bear the fruit
of unselfish love. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

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, 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, Faith Formation through Music and Arts ~ Teaching Artist in Residence

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Susan Moseley, Josh Cox, Merideth Hite Estevez

SUPPORT STAFF

Susan Alexander, Reception Area Supervisor
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Nicole Hughes, Director of Communication and Database Management
Jerry Hunter, Financial Assistant
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Cathy Lang, Administrative Assistant
Sextons: Roger W. Atkins, Robert King, Joan Truitt, John Young

SESSION

Jen Barrington, Ty Burns, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Jeanne Checkel, Art Colbourn, Joe Daley,
Rich Diver, Michael Enderle, Mike Gnade, Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Kali Kniel,
Kelly McCulloch, Jon McPheeters, Mark Mosher, Margo Reign, Roger Reinicker, Craig Stabler, Barb Stratton,
Mary Vane, Susan Williamson, Helen Zumsteg

BOARD OF DEACONS

Liz Bacon, Don Beddie, Amy Bickhart, Beatty Chadwick, Barry Cobb, Tammy Daley, Nancy Diver, Teisha Fooks,
Nicole Fox, Laura Holmes, Hillary King, Cathy Lang, Kris Marvel, Sally McBride, Blair McConnel,
Mary Lou McDowell, Susan McPheeters, Lola Miller, Bob Moore, Carol Neff, Cassandra Piovoso, Ann Shadduck,
Jerry Spilecki, Lisa Stoddard, Judy Stoffer, Josh Thomas, Sharlym Torres, Jennifer Trickey, Lois Underhill,
Lowell Underhill, Jennie Wagner, Gen Wallace-Roe, Sue Weissinger, Pam White, Sandy White, Debbie Wise

TRUSTEES

Charley Babcock, Gary Bryde, Jim Carter, Denison Hatch, Bobbe Hoy, Fred Iobst, Bill Nace, Mary Lu Pamm,
Kris Qualls, Bob Ridout, Bruce Weber, Dan Weintraub

PARTNERS IN WORLDWIDE MINISTRY

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

JULY 17-21

8:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Age 4/Pre-K to Grade 6

Do good! Seek peace and go after it! Psalm 34:14b

Each day, we will take kids on awesome adventures alongside some of our favorite Bible heroes and discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God:

Day 1: **Samuel Anoints David**

God's heroes have heart.

Day 2: **Abigail Saves the Day**

God's heroes have courage.

Day 3: **Jesus Goes to the Temple**

God's heroes have wisdom.

Day 4: **Beatitudes**

God's heroes have hope.



Day 5: **Pentecost**

God's heroes have power.

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



3RD ANNUAL Summer Celebration

AT FRANKS WINE

Thursday, July 20

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

What is Greg's favorite beer? How about Sudie's favorite wine? 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). 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.