



Service of Worship
6th Sunday after Pentecost
July 1, 2018
8:15 and 10:00 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.

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An Earth Care Congregation of the PC (USA)

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** with communion 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.

Later Today

11:15 a.m.	Flying Solo Brunch	Off Site Location
1:00 p.m.	Homebound Communion	Members' Homes
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 15, 22 and 29, August 5 and 26.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Kenneth Barnaby, Emmett Jacobs, Dolores “Dolly” Windsor, Mary Young.
- ❖ **Those from Westminster who are on a spiritual pilgrimage in the Holy Land:** Greg and Camilla Jones, Martha Carper, Carol, Mark, and Lori Mosher, Roland and Mary Lu Pamm, Lucy Peebles, Margo Reign, Patti and Bob Ridout, and Mary Vane.
- ❖ **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 Cornelia Cates and Caroline Sparks at Stonegates, and Tee Jay King at Country House.
- ❖ **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

TOWER CHIME (10:00)

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Loving God, we are yours. We come as we are, with our cares and concerns. We long to touch you and find healing in your embrace. Strengthen our faith and heal our brokenness, that we may worship you with joy. Amen.

Adapted from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009*

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

ORGAN PRELUDE (10:00)

Praeludium in F minor

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Like the crowds of old, we gather 'round Jesus,
for we have heard of his compassion and grace.

We believe Jesus will receive us with mercy.

Like the desperate father, who knelt at Christ's feet,
like the long-suffering woman, who touched his garment's hem –

We trust Christ to make us whole.

All who seek healing, all who long for joy –
come into God's presence!

With awe and amazement, let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator.
You draw us close,
enveloping us with grace that heals and love that sustains.
Yet, we resist your embrace,
and shrink from entrusting our hearts fully to you.

Forgive us, Lord.

We come besieged by the demands of our own lives –
our energy too depleted to turn toward the pain of others.

Forgive us, Lord.

We come overwhelmed by the suffering of your children,
but feeling powerless to effect change.

Forgive us, Lord.

We come holding tight to what we have,
more confident in a perceived scarcity than in your abundant grace.

Forgive us, Lord.

Open our hands and hearts, and give us generous spirits,
so that we might serve others and help heal your world.

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

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN (10:00)

*Children age 2 through 2nd Grade may leave for Summer Sunday School in the Preschool Suite,
or they may remain in worship.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 5:21-43

New Testament, page 34
Craig Stabler, Lay Reader (8:15)
Jon McPheeters, Lay Reader (10:00)

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

OFFERING

"Offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life." – Roman 6:13

ORGAN OFFERTORY (10:00)

Scherzo in E major

Eugène Gigout

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Family of God, Kin of the Creator,
come to the Table of Life.
Welcomed and washed, forgiven and freed,
come to the Table of Life.
Courage and compassion beckon.
Hunger and hope embrace.
All are invited to this meal of delight and deliverance.
All are invited to this meal of justice and joy.
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

HYMN NO. 529 (10:00)

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

UNION SEMINARY

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Eternal God...

LORD'S PRAYER (page 35 in our *Glory to God* hymnal, using "debts" and "debtors")

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 tell an usher so that you may be served.

Those sitting in the balcony at 10:00 a.m. 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 (10:00)

Arabesque

Louis Vierne

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Gracious God –

Thank you for feeding us at this table!

May we, who share Christ's body,

live his risen life;

we, who drink his cup,

bring life to others;

we, whom the Spirit lights,

give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,

so that we and all your children shall be free,

and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 343

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

GERMANY

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE (10:00)

Duo in G minor

Paul Benoit

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.

The Invitation to the Table was written for use in Opening Worship for the 223rd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), which took place on June 16, 2018 in St. Louis, Missouri. The Prayer Following Communion is adapted from a prayer from the revised *Book of Common Worship* (WJKP, 2018).

Participants in the Scripture reading at 10:00 include Suzie Hurlock and Bob Moore.

Please join us in Rodney Chapel for iced tea after the 10:00 a.m. service.

REMINDER! The church office is closed on the following days in July and August:

- Wednesday, July 4
- Fridays in July (except July 27 for Vacation Bible School)
- Fridays in August

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.

Day 1: **Jesus Calls the Disciples**

Find Adventure on the River.

Day 2: **Jesus Accepts Mary & Martha**

Find Acceptance on the River.

Day 3: **Jesus Walks with Zacchaeus**

Find Joy on the River.

Day 4: **Jesus Shares a Special Meal**

Find Rest on the River.

Day 5: **Jesus Makes a Promise**

Find Peace 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.

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