



Service of Worship
9th Sunday after Pentecost
July 22, 2018
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

10:00 a.m. **Backpack mailing** in Rowell Conference 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.

❖ **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

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 in celebration of Don and Dolly Windsor's 70th wedding anniversary from their family.

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 August 5 and 26.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Emmett Jacobs
- ❖ **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 Betty Kelley living with her daughter in Connecticut 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:
 - Staff Sergeant James T. Grotjan, age 26, from Waterford, Connecticut
 - Corporal Joseph Maciel, age 20, from Southgate, California
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome **Mary Ann Champion** to the organ bench for this morning's service.

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

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Sustainer of the hungry,
like a mother you long to feed your children
until each is satisfied.
Turn our eyes to you alone,
that, aware of our own deepest longings,
we will reach out with Christ
to feed others with the miracle of your love. Amen.*

From Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

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

Aria
Mary Ann Champion, guest organist

Flor Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP

All who hunger – gather gladly.
We come to feast on the life-giving Word.
Here, love abounds and grace overflows.
Here, blessings multiply as gifts are shared.
Come – let us pour ourselves out in prayer and praise,
and open ourselves to renewal and rest.

*HYMN NO. 393

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God,
whose giving knows neither measure nor end –
We confess that, all too often,
we have kept our hearts, hands and minds
firmly closed.

Lectern:

**Forgive us for those times
when concerns for our own well-being
or fears of having too little to share
have made us cling tightly to what we have
and ignore the needs of others.**

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

Pulpit:

**Forgive us for those situations
when seeing only a problem,
rather than daring to dream a solution,
has left us fettered and powerless
where we might have been building your Kingdom.**

All:

**Transform us, we pray.
Help us move beyond greed and fear
so that our lives may reflect
the abundant grace of God. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Merideth Hite Estevez

*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 6:30-44

New Testament, page 35
Gill Timon, Lay Reader

SERMON

"God's Economy"

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN NO. 477

"Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord"

TALLIS' ORDINAL

OFFERING

"Five loaves and two fish are never enough until you start giving it away."

~ The Rev. Karla Miller

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Prelude on *Slane*
(Tune: Hymn #450)

Dale Wood

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dick Jolly

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.**

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

In Christ There Is No East or West

arr. Dale Wood

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.

The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer from Christian Aid (www.christianaid.org.uk)

Please join us after the service for Summer Tea in Rodney Chapel.

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 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) or contact the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson at sniesenthompson@wpc.org or (302) 654-5214 ext. 103.



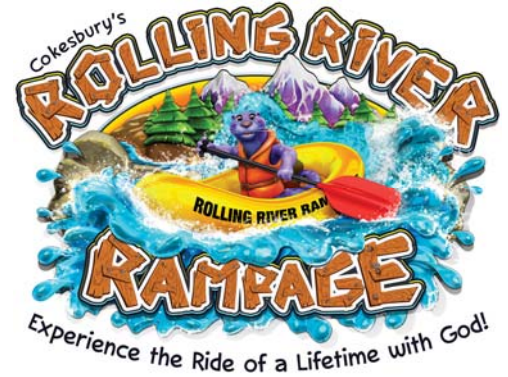
**Please join us for a Summer Tea in Rodney Chapel after the 10 a.m. service.
Ask someone to show you the way!**

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

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT – A Periodic Series

Sunday, July 29, 9:00 a.m.

Ruth Christie Room

Facilitated by Sue Linderman



White people are unaccustomed to talking about race and its implications in their lives. Yet, at some level, everyone recognizes that racism and prejudice have a profound impact on our communities and our country. We need opportunities to experience the challenges and benefits that come from bringing racial issues into the light of day. All are welcome to join us on July 29 as we continue the journey of exploring our beliefs about race, with openness to differing opinions and respect for one another.

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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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

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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