



**Service of Worship**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 22, 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

**9:00 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 piano 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](http://www.wpc.org) and click the "Donate Now" button or scan the QR code on your smart phone.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## 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

## 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”

*ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN*

## 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.

*Left:*

**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*

*Right:*

**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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 6:30-44

Jim Wilson, Lay Reader

SERMON

"God's Economy"

Sudie Niesen Thompson

OFFERING

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

~ The Rev. Karla Miller

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

At this table one loaf feeds a multitude; the common cup overflows.

**There is enough for everyone.**

At this table the crowds receive compassion, the weary find a welcome;

**the parched quench their thirst, the hungry eat their fill.**

Come – taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Let us share the feast Christ has prepared!**

\*HYMN NO. 498

"Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

BEACH SPRING

*Vs. 1 & 4*

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 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

**God of Grace, we give thanks that you have gathered us at your table and nourished us with the Bread of Life.**

**May the feast we have shared strengthen us for service, and inspire us to pour out grace in abundance.**

**Send us now, filled with hope but hungry for a world that resembles your Kingdom. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 546

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

SICILIAN MARINERS

## 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.*

The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer from Christian Aid ([www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk))

**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](http://www.wpc.org)) or contact the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson at [sniesenthompson@wpc.org](mailto:sniesenthompson@wpc.org) or (302) 654-5214 ext. 103.

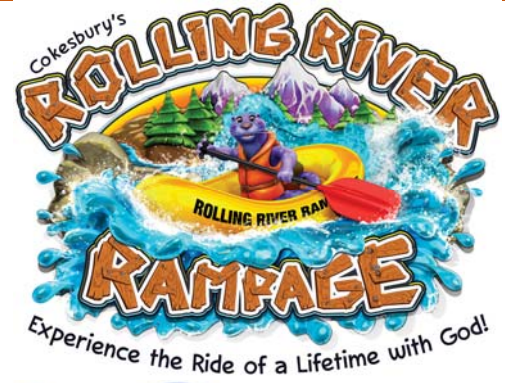


# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

## 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.

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](http://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  
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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**

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**PARTNERS IN WORLDWIDE MINISTRY**

Congo – PCUSA Mission Co-workers: John and Gwenda Fletcher, Jeff and Christi Boyd,  
Larry and Inga Sthreshley, Cecilé de Sweemer, MD; Kananga Presbytery and Members of Kamulumba-Ditalala Parish  
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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