



Service of Worship
7th Sunday After Pentecost
July 23, 2017
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, Blair McConnel, Bob Moore, 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

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 memory of Elbridge “El” Graef from his wife Sally and his sons Charles, Pete, Fred and Dave.

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 6 and September 17.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Elizabeth Crook, Ed Hagopian and Nancy McFadden.
- ❖ **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 Tone Truitt, at home.
- ❖ **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.
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Private 1st Class Hansen B. Kirkpatrick, age 19, from Wasilla, Alaska
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome **Margaret Love** to the organ bench for this morning’s service. Margaret has held a number of church positions in the area, and is a member of the faculty at the Music School of Delaware.

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

Loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Andantino Poco Adagio
Margaret Love, guest organist

Théodore Dubois

CALL TO WORSHIP

Inspired by Psalm 139

We have come to worship the living God,
**who knit us together in secret,
and welcomes us with a parent's embrace.**

We have come to worship the almighty God,
**who searches us and knows our hearts,
and still loves us completely.**

We have come to worship the eternal God,
**who seeks us wherever we are,
and shepherds us with a guiding hand.**

*HYMN No. 409

"God Is Here!"

ABBOT'S LEIGH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,
You call us to pluck up the weeds of injustice
and to plant seeds of compassion,
so that your Kingdom might flourish.
But we are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility:
we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy.
It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference.
Forgive us, we pray.
Restore our imaginations and our hearts.
Let your courage and compassion flow through us
until we love with abandon
and our hands reach out in blessing.**

Adapted from a prayer in the Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

SILENT PRAYER

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

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Greg Jones

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

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

New Testament, page 12
Lilly Coleman, Lay Reader

SERMON

"Growing Together"

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN NO. 714

"God of the Fertile Fields"

ITALIAN HYMN

OFFERING

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:21)

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Offertoire

Dubois

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

*HYMN NO. 367

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Postlude

Dubois

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, Bill Nace, at the back of the center aisle following the service. He
is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*

Please join us in Rodney Chapel for iced tea following the service.

REMINDER! The church office is closed on Fridays in July and August.

*Don't Forget to Stop & Sign
Our Hospitality Cards!*

LOOK FOR THE TABLE
WITH THE RED STOP SIGN



PASTORAL STAFF

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

CHURCH EDUCATOR: Susan Moseley

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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

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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,
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PARTNERS IN WORLDWIDE MINISTRY

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
Guatemala - Rosario Diaz and the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development, CEDEPCA, Leslie Vogel, and
Sandi and Brian Thompson-Royer