



**Service of Worship**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 29, 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

**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

2:00 p.m.                    Urban Promise 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service                    Sanctuary

3:30 p.m.                    Urban Promise 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration                    Community Hall



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 El Graef from wife Sally, and sons Charles, Pete, Fred and David.

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, September 2, 16, and 23.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER**

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Margaret Stevens
- ❖ **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 Grace and Jack Barrington, Ed Hagopian, and Leucia Venable at home.
- ❖ **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**

We welcome **David Herman** 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](http://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

*God of the past –  
accept the person I have been  
and the baggage I drag behind me.*

*God of the present –  
accept the person I am now  
and the potential that lies within me.*

*God of the future –  
accept the person I can be  
and, by your Spirit, transform me.*

Adapted from a prayer by John Birch

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Chant de Paix  
(Song of Peace)

Jean Langlais

*David Herman, guest organist*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of Abraham and Sarah, David and Bathsheba calls us together.

**We come — one household united in faith.**

The God of steadfast love draws near to us.

**We gather — heirs of the promise, freed by grace.**

The God who dwelled with our ancestors is in our midst.

**Hallelujah! Let us worship the Lord!**

\*HYMN No. 41

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

LYONS

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

How many times, O Lord, have we heard ourselves say: “It’s tempting. . .”?

How many times have we found the strength to turn away?

**For that grace we are grateful.**

But we know that there have been times in our lives

**when our judgment has faltered,**

**when our choices have caused hurt or harm,**

**when we have prioritized personal good over the well-being of others.**

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

We beg for your mercy.

**Forgive us our missteps,  
our small transgressions,  
even the huge mistakes that haunt us with regret.**

You have called us to be your people,  
and have entrusted to us the care of planet and of community.

**Give us hearts full of compassion,  
hands that are generous,  
and minds that are kind,  
that our actions may build a kingdom of welcome and well-being for all.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Merideth Hite Estevez

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Old Testament, page 263  
Jerry Spilecki, Lay Reader

SERMON

"Dirty Laundry"

Sudie Niesen Thompson

\*HYMN NO. 436

"God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"

*O QUANTA QUALIA*

OFFERING

*"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."*  
Maya Angelou

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Danse

Tielman Susato

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Greg Jones

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

Intrada and Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell

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 after the service for Summer Tea in Rodney Chapel.***

**REMINDER!** The church office is closed every Friday in August.

## 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](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.



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

# Month of Musical Masterworks

**August 2018**

Continuing our only-at-Westminster tradition, the month of August brings a series of great instrumental works to enhance our 10 o'clock worship services.

Each Sunday during August, outstanding guest instrumental soloists present a major three-movement work as Prelude, Offertory, and Postlude. This year the repertoire is all sonatas, with piano accompaniment by Paul Fleckenstein at the Steinway grand.

Here is the line-up:

## **August 5**

Carl Reinecke:  
Flute Sonata, "Undine," op. 167  
*Kimberly Reighley, flute*

## **August 12**

Johannes Brahms:  
Cello Sonata no. 1 in E minor, op. 38  
*Douglas McNames, cello*

## **August 19**

Henri Vieuxtemps:  
Viola Sonata in B-flat, op. 36  
*Sheila Browne, viola*

## **August 26**

Francis Poulenc:  
Clarinet Sonata  
*Christopher Nichols, clarinet*

**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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**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**

Jeff Argus, Roger Atkins, Liz Bacon, Don Beddie, Amy Bickhart, Kyle Carrick, Beatty Chadwick, Diane Chandler, Barry Cobb, Nancy Diver, Teisha Fooks, Nicole Fox, Laura Holmes, Louis Horton, Hillary King, Cathy Lang, Kris Marvel, Luke Mathé, Dan McAllister, Sally McBride, Debbie McCullough, Blair McConnel, Mary Lou McDowell, Carol Neff, Ann Shaddock, Lisa Stoddard, Josh Thomas, Sharlym Torres, Jennifer Trickey, Hugh Underhill, Lois Underhill, Lowell Underhill, Jennie Wagner, Gen Wallace-Roe, Sue Weissinger, Pam White, Sandy White, Debbie Wise

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