



Service of Worship
8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 30, 2017
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.

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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 by Roger Atkins to the glory of God, and in memory of the Reverend Dr. William Atkins and Reverend Janet Atkins on the occasion of their wedding anniversary and their many years of faithful and dedicated service to God.

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:** Fred Carspecken, Bill Francis and Kathryn Van Amerongen.
- ❖ **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 Leucia Venable at home, and Harry Hoopes at Genesis Brackenville Center.
- ❖ **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.
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

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

*We will become bread for a hungry world.
And we will become drink for those who thirst.
And the blessed will become the blessing.
And everywhere will be the feast.* Jan Richardson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Become aware of God's presence in the world and in your life.
We will seek to understand the ways of God.
Love God with your hearts, your souls and your minds.
**We will strive to deepen our faith
so that we may live abundant and meaningful lives.**

*HYMN No. 630

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

CRUSADERS' HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of life, we draw the circle of your love much too small,
favoring ourselves and excluding others.
We yearn for treasures that perish
and overlook your blessings that endure.
Our devotion to you ebbs and flows as the tide,
depending more on our circumstances than on your never-failing love.
Forgive us and shake us into acts that follow the example of Jesus
and proclaim to all the world the wonder of your kingdom. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46

Barbara Hoover, Lay Reader

SERMON

"Is it Just Bread?"

Greg Jones

OFFERING

*"With a freewill-offering I will sacrifice to you;
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good." (Psalm 54:6)*

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more.

We are invited to share in the feast of God's presence.

Celebrate here, celebrate now, the renewal of hope and joy.

**We come to be nourished by the Bread of Life,
and to taste God's boundless love for us.**

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Eternal God . . .

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*The Lord's Supper is open to all who trust in Christ.
When you approach communion servers, please take 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 forward, please tell an usher so that you can be served.
For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.*

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 541

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

RANDOLPH

BENEDICTION

*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.*

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

LOOK FOR THE TABLE
WITH THE RED STOP SIGN



REMINDER! During the month of August, the church office is open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and closed on the following days:

- Fridays in August
- Tuesday, August 22 – It's our 10th Annual Summer Cleaning day! While the phones will go to voice mail, the staff will be busy cleaning out closets, going through files, and straightening up. They will be preparing for the coming program year starting September 10.

PASTORAL STAFF

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

CHURCH EDUCATOR: Susan Moseley

MUSIC STAFF

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

SUPPORT STAFF

Susan Alexander, Reception Area Supervisor
Paul Crothamel, Director of Facilities and Security
Colleen Falasco, Director of Financial Operations
Nicole Hughes, Director of Communication and Database Management
Jerry Hunter, Financial Assistant
Suzie Hurlock, Administrative Assistant
Cathy Lang, Administrative Assistant
Sextons: Roger W. Atkins, Robert King, Joan Truitt, John Young

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,
Nicole Fox, Laura Holmes, Hillary King, Cathy Lang, Kris Marvel, Sally McBride, Blair McConnel,
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TRUSTEES

Charley Babcock, Gary Bryde, Jim Carter, Denison Hatch, Bobbe Hoy, Fred Iobst, Bill Nace, Mary Lu Pamm,
Kris Qualls, Bob Ridout, Bruce Weber, Dan Weintraub

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



Month of Musical Masterworks

August 2017

Once again, the month of August brings the only-at-Westminster (as far as we know) program of major three-movement instrumental works presented each Sunday morning, interspersed throughout our 10 o'clock worship services as Prelude, Offertory and Postlude. Outstanding instrumental soloists from the region join organist/pianist Paul Fleckenstein to add this festive touch to our Sunday morning worship. Here is the line-up for this year.

August 6

Robert Henriques: Suite for Oboe and Piano, op. 16

Merideth Hite Estevez, oboe

August 13

Denis Bédard: Sonata for Saxophone and Organ

Todd Groves, saxophone

August 20

Camille Saint-Saëns: Violin Concerto no. 3 in B minor, op. 61

Timothy Schwarz, violin

August 27

Franz Danzi: Sinfonia Concertante, op. 41

Eileen Grycky, flute

Christopher Nichols, clarinet