



Service of Worship
4th Sunday after Pentecost
July 7, 2019
8:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

PASTORAL STAFF:

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

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock,
Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

YOUTH LEADERS

Tommy Neilson
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper, Molly McPheeters

DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Colleen Falasco

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND SECURITY

Paul Crothamel

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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SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The rosebud on the chancel this morning is in celebration of the birth of Jayden Bhumphat Jobe, born June 28, 2019, son of Eddie Jobe and Alis Naksiri and grandson of Brock and Barbara Jobe.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Arthur C. Butters by his wife, Anna.

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 July 28 and August 25.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Jamie Cartmell and William Francis.
- ❖ **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 at home, and Gordon Lewis and Caroline Sparks at Stonegates.
- ❖ **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 Dr. James H. Laster to the organ (and piano) bench this morning. In addition to serving on the faculty of the Shenandoah Conservatory (Shenandoah University, Winchester VA) for 27 years, James boasts a varied career including composer, author, actor, and church musician. He and his wife Madlon have recently moved to Delaware to be near their son and grandchildren.

Paul Fleckenstein has been in California this week attending a convention of the American Guild of Organists and visiting with family.

Easy-to-use assisted listening devices may be found in the back of the sanctuary and the side entrance off the main hallway.

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. 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 (10:00)

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God of grace, you have given me a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a voice to sing your praise. Fill me with your Spirit, so that I may celebrate your glory and worship you with passion and joy; 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

PRELUDE (10:00)

Prelude in C major
James Laster, guest organist

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, all nations;
extol our Creator, all peoples!
**For God's kindness overwhelms us;
God's steadfast love endures forever.**
Come, let us lift our voices in prayer and praise.
Let us worship the Lord!

Psalm 117

*HYMN NO. 327

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, source of all life,
you claim us in the waters of baptism
and call us to life with you.
Yet we are rebellious children.
We have turned away,
choosing safety and security
over the call to service
and the promise of abundant life.
By grace you have led us to freedom,
yet we remain enslaved by our fears
and imprisoned by doubt.
Forgive us, we pray.
Turn back our uncertainties,
overwhelm our timidity,
and set us free to serve you
with courage, passion, and faith.**

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

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN (10:00)

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

TELLING OF THE SCRIPTURE STORY

Genesis 3:1-10
Mary-beth Howard, Storyteller

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

OFFERING

*"Bring your tithes and your donations, your votive gifts, your freewill-offerings...
because the LORD your God has blessed you." (Deuteronomy 12:6-7)*

MUSICAL OFFERING (10:00)

I've Found a Friend

arr. Robert Thygeron

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*HYMN NO. 507 (10:00)

"Come to the Table of Grace"
Vs. 1 – 3

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

*This is not just a Presbyterian table;
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 tell an usher so that you may be served.

Those sitting in the balcony at 10:00 a.m. will be served in their pews.

For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life.
As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors.
As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry.
As we have been loved, help us to love the world –
because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen.**

*HYMN No. 23

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

PLEADING SAVIOR

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (10:00)

Postlude in G major

John Stanley

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 (8:15) or Jenn Blackford (10:00), following the service. They are happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.

Please join us in Rodney Chapel for iced tea after the 10:00 a.m. service.

Second Impressions: A Closer Look at Three Biblical Women

There are biblical figures whom we have come to know through Sunday school lessons and children’s musicals, myth and tradition, and – even – their representations in art and pop culture. But, when we delve deeper into Scripture, we realize that these characters’ reputations are not always faithful to the biblical text. In a three-week sermon series, the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson will be inviting us to take a closer look at three “misunderstood” women in the Old and New Testaments and to consider what their stories teach us about the life of faith.

- ❖ July 7 – Eve
- ❖ July 14 – Mary, the Mother of Jesus
- ❖ July 21 – Mary Magdalene

REMINDER! The church office is closed on Fridays in July and August, except on July 26 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 beneath your chair (8:15) or on a shelf under the pew in front of you or at the ends of the pew (10:00). 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 iced tea in Rodney Chapel after the 10 a.m. service.
Ask someone to show you the way!**

One Day Honey, One Day Onions: ~ Life in Palestine ~

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

7:00 P.M.

**St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
(1301 N. Broom Street, Wilmington, DE)**

Dr. Michael Connor, a retired biostatistician, will talk about the struggles of daily living for Palestinians living in East Jerusalem and the West Bank. Dr. Connor's presentation will describe what it's like living under occupation and some of the challenges facing Palestinian youth. He will also share testimonies of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim "living stones" who experience hope, despite decades of conflict.

Please RSVP to: delawarephr@gmail.com

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT – A Periodic Series

Sunday, July 14, 9:00 a.m.

Ruth Christie Room

Facilitated by Sue Linderman



In recent weeks the subject of 'reparations' has been in the news, especially with the revitalization of H.R. 40 - Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act, currently being discussed in the U.S. House of Representatives. Our conversation on July 14th will focus on this topic, as we continue the journey of exploring our national history and our beliefs about race, with openness to differing opinions and respect for one another. All are welcome to join in this dialogue.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

JULY 22-26

8:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon

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Become voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take you.



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