



Service of Worship
7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 8, 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 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 loving memory of Arthur C. Butters by his wife, Anna.

The flowers by the lectern are given by Adam and Jennifer Blackford in honor of their son, Samuel.

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 15, 22 and 29, August 5 and 26.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Kenneth Barnaby, Lola Miller and Mary Young.
- ❖ **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 Cappy Hanke, Frances Kirkpatrick and Hans Krahmer 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

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 and click the "Donate Now" button or scan the QR code on your smart phone.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

For the mystery of your presence in and beyond all that can be seen, thanks be to you, O God. Guide me further this day into the inner universe of my soul – ever opening inwards light upon light, new depth after new depth. Guide me through strange and fearful spaces towards the place of your eternal dwelling and assure me again that, in drawing closer to you, I draw closer to the heart of every living being; that in drawing closer to you I approach the heart of life. Amen.

J. Philip Newell, *Celtic Benediction*

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

Improvisata

Edgar Tinel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.

Psalm 100

*HYMN NO. 667

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

LAUDES DOMINI

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, restore our eyesight and awaken our insight.

We are in the presence of holiness,

but we fail to discern it.

We stand in the midst of your dynamic Spirit,

yet we do not perceive it.

We walk on the road of newness,

but we see only the dust and signs of the old.

Help us to see your activity in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary,

so that we may be aware of your power and work.

We pray in the name of the one who opens the eyes of the blind,

heals the souls of the wounded,

and commissions us to spread God's love in the world. Amen.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

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

*The congregation is asked to refrain from taking photographs
or video recording during the worship service.*

PRESENTATION OF THE PARENTS AND CHILD

Elder Carrie Saathoff

OPENING WORDS

As this child is helpless without adults,
may we learn how helpless we are without God.
As this child is curious to explore the world,
may we be curious to explore the ways of faith.
As this child will learn to trust and be open to others,
may we learn to trust God's ways for us.

PROMISES OF COMMITMENT

Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? **We do.**

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and to teach that faith to your son? **We do.**

CONGREGATION

Will we, the people of the church, nurture and support Sam and his parents, and will we encourage him to become a faithful Christian? **We will.**

CHILDREN

Do you promise to help Sam be a part of our church family by being a friend to him?

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOLLOWING BAPTISM

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 6:1-13

New Testament, page 35
Margo Reign, Lay Reader

SERMON

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 410

“God is Calling through the Whisper”

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OFFERING

*“Whatever we give carries the energy of our motivation,
and the level of our integrity and spiritual development.” – Mary Cook*

OFFERTORY

Romance

Joachim Raff

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (page 35 in our *Glory to God* hymnal, using "debts" and "debtors")

*HYMN NO. 298

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"
Verses 1, 2 & 5

ABBOT'S LEIGH

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Allegro maestoso e vivace
(from Sonata no. 2)

Felix Mendelssohn

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, Cathy Higgins, at the back of the center aisle following the service. She 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 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 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) or contact the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson at sniesenthompson@wpc.org or (302) 654-5214 ext. 103.



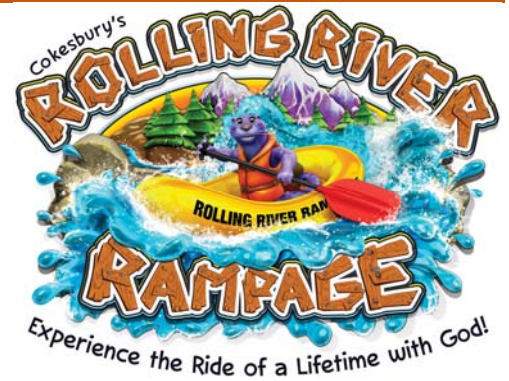
**Please join us for a Summer Tea in Rodney Chapel after the 10 a.m. service.
Ask someone to show you the way!**

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



4TH ANNUAL Summer Celebration

AT FRANKS WINE

Thursday, July 19

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

What is Greg's favorite beer? Here's your chance to find out! Join us for a two-hour wine and beer tasting at Franks Wine (1206 N. Union Street, Wilmington, DE 19806). The tastings are BYOG (bring your own glass!), and we'll have light snacks to enjoy. As an added bonus, there is a 10% discount on beer, wine, and spirits purchased during the event. Plus, Franks Wine will donate back 10% of total sales that evening to WPC! Cost: \$15/person. Visit <http://bit.ly/frankswine> to register. Space is limited to 40 people. Questions? Contact Craig Stabler at rcraigstabler@gmail.com.

PASTORAL STAFF

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

DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES: Teisha Fooks

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Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Merideth Hite Estevez, Director of Faith Formation through Music and Arts, Teaching Artist in Residence

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Merideth Hite Estevez
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper, Tommy Neilson

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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

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Iran, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon – PCUSA Mission Co-workers: the Reverends Elmarie and Scott Parker, Dr. Mary Mikhael
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