



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

**Service of Worship  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 8, 2018  
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.

## 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



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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.wpc.org) and click the "Donate Now" button or scan the QR code on your smart phone.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## 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

## 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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 6:1-13

Robin Rosser, Lay Reader

SERMON

Greg Jones

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

## OFFERING

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

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

We come to the table as children of God.

**We share a common faith and a common desire.**

We come to be transformed into new people  
who live according to the loving spirit of Christ.

**May Christ transform us and bring us peace.**

### 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

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

### PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Loving God, we pray that we may know Christ’s transforming love  
so that we may live generous and bountiful lives.**

**Give us, who are nourished by him,  
the grace to share our bread with the hungry  
and with the hungry of heart  
so that all may know God’s love. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

## 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, by the door following the service. She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*

**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 underneath your chair. Please join us in singing!
- A 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 by the Chapel door 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.



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

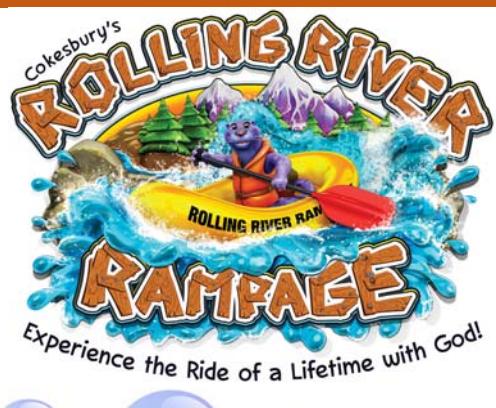
## JULY 23-27

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.

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| Day 1: <b>Jesus Calls the Disciples</b><br>Find Adventure on the River.        | Day 4: <b>Jesus Shares a Special Meal</b><br>Find Rest on the River. |
| Day 2: <b>Jesus Accepts Mary &amp; Martha</b><br>Find Acceptance on the River. | Day 5: <b>Jesus Makes a Promise</b><br>Find Peace on the River.      |
| Day 3: <b>Jesus Walks with Zacchaeus</b><br>Find Joy 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](http://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 [rraigstabler@gmail.com](mailto:rraigstabler@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

**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  
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

**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 Shadduck, 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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**PARTNERS IN WORLDWIDE MINISTRY**

Congo – PCUSA Mission Co-workers: John and Gwenda Fletcher, Jeff and Christi Boyd, Larry and Inga Sthreshley, Cecilé de Sweemer, MD; Kananga Presbytery and Members of Kamulumba-Ditalala Parish  
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