



Service of Worship
5th Sunday After Pentecost
July 9, 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

Bob Moore, Don Beddie, Blair McConnel, Carol Neff, Judy Stoffer, Sue Weissinger, Debbie Wise

8:15 a.m. **Worship** with communion in Rodney Chapel

9:00 a.m. **Deacon Small Group Meeting** in Staff Conference Room

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

11:10 a.m. **Session Meeting** in Classroom 6

Later Today

6:00 p.m. Clean But Not Straight – NA Club Room

8:00 p.m. AA Club Room

✚ **Reminder!** The church office is closed on Fridays in July (except July 21 for Vacation Bible School) and Fridays in August.



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 rosebud on the chancel this morning is in celebration of the birth of Cooper George Wemhoff, born July 5, son of Aaron and Teresa Wemhoff, brother of Griffin and grandson of Elaine Lunardi.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and loving memory of Betty Coker by her family.

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 date is August 6.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Richard Hatfield, Cathy Higgins, William Marsh, Tone Truitt
- ❖ **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 Jay Ritter and Tee Jay King, at Country House.
- ❖ **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

God of Compassion, remind me of your presence wherever I encounter suffering in our world. As Jesus healed those with infirmities, may I become a conduit of your love to assist the healing in someone's life. Amen.

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

We have come to worship the Creator of heaven and earth.

We have come to listen for a Word from God.

We have come to deepen our commitment to God.

We have come to express the love of God.

*HYMN No. 305

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

DARWALL'S 148TH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Gracious God, we give you thanks for calling us into the church
where you assure us of your immeasurable love for us,
and where you command us to share your love with others.
Through words of Scripture and your Spirit whispering in our soul,
help us to know the work that is ours to do,
and grant us the courage to carry it out.
Embolden us to resist evil, injustice, and violence;
inspire us to speak the truth, to show respect, and to live generously;
and energize us to spread joy, create beauty and foster hope.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

John 15:1-17

Alex Sprague, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Our Faith, Our Foundation, Our Future”

Greg Jones

OFFERING

Seventy-five children and youth from the city of Wilmington are attending “Camp Promise” at Westminster this summer. Providing a safe and secure building for Urban Promise to offer this ministry is one of the ways your gift makes a difference in the lives of these children.

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Christ calls us to love God with all of our heart, soul and mind.

This is the first and greatest commandment.

Christ also said to love our neighbors as ourselves.

All of God's law is derived from these two commandments.

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 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 forward, 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

*HYMN NO. 320

"The Church of Christ in Every Age"

WAREHAM LM

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, following the service.*

She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.

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,
Mary Lou McDowell, Susan McPheeters, Lola Miller, Bob Moore, Carol Neff, Cassandra Piovoso, Ann Shadduck,
Jerry Spilecki, Lisa Stoddard, Judy Stoffer, Josh Thomas, Sharlym Torres, Jennifer Trickey, Lois Underhill,
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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

Guatemala – Leslie Vogel (CEDEPCA), Sandi and Brian Thompson-Royer, Rosario Diaz
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



3RD ANNUAL
**Summer
Celebration**

AT FRANKS WINE

**Thursday, July 20
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

What is Greg's favorite beer? How about Sudie's favorite wine? 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). 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

JULY 17-21

8:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Age 4/Pre-K to Grade 6

Do good! Seek peace and go after it! Psalm 34:14b

Each day, we will take kids on awesome adventures alongside some of our favorite Bible heroes and discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God:

Day 1: **Samuel Anoints David**

God's heroes have heart.

Day 2: **Abigail Saves the Day**

God's heroes have courage.

Day 3: **Jesus Goes to the Temple**

God's heroes have wisdom.

Day 4: **Beatitudes**

God's heroes have hope.

Day 5: **Pentecost**

God's heroes have power.



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