



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship **3rd Sunday after Pentecost** **June 10, 2018** **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
Merideth Hite Estevez, Director of Faith Formation through Music
and Arts, Teaching Artist in Residence
Soloist/Section Leaders: Elizabeth Holmes, Sharon Babcock
Malcolm Cooper (guest), Travis Lucas

YOUTH LEADERS

Merideth Hite Estevez
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Tommy Neilson

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.

This Morning at Westminster

Deacon Team of the Month

Roger Atkins, Cathy Lang, Dan McAllister, Hugh Underhill, Lois Underhill, Lowell Underhill, Sue Weissinger

- 8:15 a.m.** **Worship** with communion in Rodney Chapel
- 9:00 – 9:55 a.m.** **Deacon Meeting** in Classroom 6
- 9:00 – 9:55 a.m.** **Adult Ed: “Let’s Talk About It”** in the Ruth Christie 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

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.

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 iced tea after the service in Rodney Chapel.
Ask someone to show you the way!**

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara Wheatley from 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 dates are June 24; July 1, 22 and 29.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Barbara Armen and Frank Waldburger.
- ❖ **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 Jim Coker, Laura Stevens and Reade Tompson at Cokesbury, and Betty Kelley who is with her daughter in Connecticut.
- ❖ **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

The world is not healed, O God, by correct ideas, or intellectual nods in the direction of doctrine. No, the world is healed when faith becomes a fire that captures our hearts, that consumes our lives, and that moves us into actions of love and justice. Amen. John van de Laar

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

Morceau de Concours
Merideth Hite Estevez, oboe

Émile Paladilhe

CALL TO WORSHIP

The hills and valleys shall sing for joy!
The trees of the field shall clap their hands!
God's love and mercy shall last forever;
fresh as the morning and sure as the sunrise.

CHORAL INTROIT

*HYMN No. 612

"We Praise You, O God"

KREMSER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all times and places,
we confess that we would rather join the crowds than stand alone.
We prefer the popular point of view to a solitary witness for justice and truth.
We like safety and security while shrinking from the risk of involvement.
We do not like to admit our lukewarm response to you,
but neither do we want to be considered fanatics.
Grant us the courage to follow the way of Jesus
and to be passionate about our faith. Amen.**

Adapted from Ruth Duck

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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

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

PRESENTATION OF THE PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Elder Barbara Stratton

OPENING WORDS

Each birth is a miracle of blessing and wonder,
and each child is cherished by God.
God blesses all children with a potential for what is right and true and good,
and shows them the beauty of a life of love.

PROMISES OF COMMITMENT

Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian Faith and to teach that faith to your children?

CONGREGATION

Will we, the people of the church, nurture and support George, Alice and Charles, and their parents, and will we encourage them to become faithful Christians? **We will.**

CHILDREN

Do you promise to help George, Alice, and Charlie be a part of our church family by being a friend to them?

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.*

ANTHEM

“Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies’ Sake”

Richard Farrant

Lord, for Thy tender mercies’ sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that
we may walk with a perfect heart before Thee now and evermore.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 3:20–27, 31-35

New Testament, page 32
Kyle Carrick, Lay Reader

SERMON

Greg Jones

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“When the Stars Are Gone”

Henry Mollicone

The stars shine over the mountains,
The stars shine over the sea,
The stars look up to the mighty God,
The stars look down on me;
The stars shall last for a million years,
A million years and a day,
But God and I will live and love
When the stars have passed away.

- Text attributed to Robert Louis Stevenson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER (page 35 in our *Glory to God* hymnal, using “debts” and “debtors”)

*HYMN NO. 846

“Fight the Good Fight”

DUKE STREET

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Military March no. 1 in D major

Edward Elgar

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, Bill Nace, at the back of the center aisle following the service. He is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.

PLEASE JOIN US IN RODNEY CHAPEL FOR ICED TEA

Congratulations and Best Wishes to the class of 2018!

High School Graduates

Ashton Albert (daughter of Rich and Taryn Albert)

Kennett High School

Ashton will attend the University of South Carolina Honors College to study International Business.

Ellen Banker (daughter of Suzy and Ray Banker)

Padua Academy

Ellen will attend Villanova University.

Ryan Matthew Fischer (son of Jessica and Matt Fischer)

Wilmington Friends School

Ryan will attend the University of Southern California to study Music Production.

Jason Vaughan Lengel (son of Eric and the late Amy Lengel; grandson of Jack and Bunny Michener)

Avon Grove High School

Jason will attend Virginia Tech to study Engineering.

Katie Lynn Lengel (daughter of Eric and the late Amy Lengel; granddaughter of Jack and Bunny Michener)
Avon Grove High School
Katie will attend James Madison University to study Biology.

Kala Richardson (daughter of Pamela Richardson)
Saint Marks High School
Kala will attend University of North Dakota to study Commercial Aviation and will be a part of the Air Force ROTC program.

Lindsay Singewald (daughter of Beth and Chris Singewald)
Ursuline Academy
Lindsay will attend the University of Colorado in Boulder to study Integrated Physiology.

Allison Smith (daughter of Drew and Julie Smith)
Tower Hill School
Allison will study Business in University of Delaware's World Scholar Program. She will begin her first semester at the University of Auckland in New Zealand.

Kendal Trickey (daughter of Jennifer and John Trickey)
Sanford School
Kendal will attend St. Joseph's University to study Biology.

College/University Graduates

Patrick Walker Bova (son of Mike and Carol Bova; grandson of Helen and Jim Walker)
New York University - Gallatin School of Individualized Study
Bachelor of Arts in Contemporary Art, Museum Studies, and Anthropology, with a minor in French

Kyle Carrick (son of Kim and Ron Carrick)
University of Delaware
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Arthur Guild "Gil" Connolly IV (son of Katy and Chip Connolly; grandson of Joan Connolly)
Bates College, Lewiston ME
Bachelor of Arts in Rhetoric

Charlotte Anne Deering (daughter of Sarah Mentzer)
University of Delaware
Bachelor of Arts in English and Women's Gender Studies

Kevin Roland Flaherty, WPC Youth music assistant 2017/18
University of Delaware
Bachelor of Music- Instrumental Music Education

Emily Harrison (daughter of Melissa and Sudzy Harrison)
Elon University, Elon, NC
Bachelor of Arts in Broadcast Journalism and Political Science

Alexandra Lynn Knepper (daughter of Marty Knepper and Barbara Stratton)
West Chester University
Bachelor of Arts in Athletic Training

Emily Stratton Knepper (daughter of Marty Knepper and Barbara Stratton)
University of Delaware
Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, Minors in Psychology and Sociology

Erica G. Linderman (daughter of Sue and Bob Linderman)
Smith College in Northampton, MA
Bachelor of Arts in History and Theater

Bethany Maxwell (daughter of Stephen and Sherri Maxwell; granddaughter of Dick and Jean May)
Fort Lewis College
Bachelor of Arts in Biology and Philosophy

Jordan L. Maxwell (grandson of Fred and Jane Iobst)
University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Economics

Post-Graduates

Evan Whiteside Burt (son of David and Audrey Burt; grandson of Cynthia Kuespert)
University of Texas, LBJ School of Public Policy, Masters in Global Studies and a Masters in Middle Eastern Studies.

Peter Robeson Cruice (son of Kathy and Chip Cruice)
Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MA
The Degree of Juris Doctor

Olesya Kuchma (daughter of Iryna and Ned Bedrossian)
Jefferson College of Health Science
Doctorate in Health Sciences



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
Summer Brunch
Sunday, June 24
in Community Hall
following the 10:00 a.m. service

There will be a variety of delicious breakfast casseroles, salads, and desserts provided by the Westminster Deacons. Members of the congregation are invited to bring salads or desserts as well. Please leave them at the reception desk prior to the 8:15 and 10:00 a.m. services. This is a great time for fellowship and to gather with our church family. We look forward to seeing you there!