



**Service of Worship  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
June 12, 2016  
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.

## **This Morning at Westminster**

### **Deacon Team of the Month**

Barry Cobb, Cathy Lang, Judy Stoffer, Sue Weissinger, Sandy White

8:15 a.m.	Worship with communion	Rodney Chapel
9:00 a.m.	We Choose Welcome Q&A	Rodney Chapel
9:45 a.m. – 11:15a.m.	Nursery	
10:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	Summer Sunday School	Preschool Suite
11:00 a.m.	We Choose Welcome Photo	Sanctuary
	Summer Tea	Rodney Chapel/Meeting Room

## **Later Today**

5:00 p.m.	New Members Gathering	Home of Barbara and Brock Jobe
6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
7:45 p.m.	Interfaith Iftar Dinner	Community Hall/Classroom 6
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room

We welcome to our worship the Right Reverend Father Emmanuel Atajanyan, chancellor of the Holy Synod and Supreme Religious Court of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem.



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 Barbara Wheatley 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](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com). Dates available are June 26, July 17, 24, 31, and August 7.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Bob Frelick, Phyllis Maynard-Stanton.
- ❖ **Westminster's homebound family** who can no longer attend worship with us, by sending a card, saying a prayer, or visiting. This week we ask you to remember Hal Schonhans at Crosslands, Bob Frelick at home, and Margit and Spence Stradley at Country House.
- ❖ **Alex Sprague**, who is participating in the Young Adult Volunteer Program in Chinook, Montana.

**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 often seems far away**, and we may neglect to realize that Americans, as well as Afghans 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 Colleen Falasco: 302-654-5214 ext. 131, or [cfalasco@wpc.org](mailto:cfalasco@wpc.org).

### This week we pray for

- Those known to the WPC Community presently serving in various locations:  
Brian Gorman, grandson of Art and Barbara Gorman  
Jeremy Lushnat, nephew of Arch and Melody Layman  
Rev. Susannah Tulloch, of New Castle Presbytery
- Those who have returned from service, possibly suffering from wounds or Post-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 back. If you do not find a security label in the pew pocket, you may obtain one in the Preschool Suite. This policy is for your child's protection. Thank you for your help.

**Worship Resources** – You may 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 the church, 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 may make a contribution** to Westminster Presbyterian Church by visiting our website [ww.wpc.org](http://ww.wpc.org) and click the "Donate Now" button or scan the QR code on your smart phone.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

MUSIC OF THE TOWER BELLS

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Waking up this morning, I smile.  
Twenty-four brand new hours are before me.  
I vow to live fully in each moment  
and to look at all beings with eyes of compassion. --Thich Nhat Hanh*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Please sign your name and pass the friendship folder to the person next to you.*

ORGAN PRELUDE

Symphony no. 5 in D major  
I. Allegro

William Boyce

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come before God in a spirit of thanksgiving;  
**As we recount the many blessings of this day.**  
We come before God with grateful hearts,  
as we marvel at the wonders of the world.  
**We sing praises to God for the gift of life,  
and for God's everlasting love.**

\*HYMN NO. 4

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name" *GROSSER GOT, WIR LOBEN DICH*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we are tempted to live strictly by the law,  
checking off each commandment from a list  
in the hope of silencing our conscience with a legal score card.  
We prefer the ease of clear-cut rules and one-size-fits-all answers  
to taking into account each personal relationship and unique circumstance.  
Yet, we know that you call us to something more challenging:  
cultivating a heart of compassion and a thirst for justice  
so that we can respond in ways that are in harmony with your vision.  
We pray that the fruit of your Spirit will take root in us  
and produce an abundant harvest  
so that we and those we touch may truly flourish. Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM

“There Is a Redeemer”  
(Text: Hymn #443)  
*Westminster Choir*

Melody Green

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Jack Ryan Burkhardt

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

PRESENTATION OF THE PARENTS AND CHILD

Elder: Jeanne Checkel

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 trust and be open to others,  
**may we learn to trust God’s ways for us.**

PROMISES OF COMMITMENT

Robin and Steve, 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 child?  
**We do.**

CONGREGATION

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

CHILDREN

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOLLOWING BAPTISM

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 7:36-50

New Testament, page 57  
Nancy Barlow, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Grace: The Power to Transform”

Greg Jones

\*HYMN NO. 435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

*IN BABILONE*

OFFERING

*“Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”  
(Acts 20:35)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Drop, Drop, Slow Tears”

Philip Young

Drop, drop, slow tears,  
And bathe those beauteous feet,  
Which brought from heav’n  
The news and Prince of Peace;  
Cease not, wet eyes,  
His mercies to entreat;  
To cry for vengeance,  
Sin doth never cease.  
In your deep floods  
Drown all my faults and fears;  
Nor let his eye  
See sin, but through my tears.

- poem by Phineas Fletcher

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

\*HYMN NO. 445

“God, How Can We Forgive”

*LEONI*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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

***Following the service, we invite you to have your photo taken with the  
“#WeChooseWelcome” banner at the front of the sanctuary.***

***Please join us after the service in Rodney Chapel for iced tea and coffee.***

#### **PASTORAL STAFF**

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

**CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR:** Debbie Brown

**CHURCH EDUCATOR:** Susan Moseley

#### **MUSIC STAFF**

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music  
Section Leaders/Soloists: Diana Milburn, Sharon Babcock, Hunter Torggler, Jerry Polman

#### **YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM**

Susan Moseley, Mike Gnade

#### **SUPPORT STAFF**

Susan Alexander, Reception Area Supervisor  
Paul Crothamel, Director of Facilities and Security  
Colleen Falasco, Operations Assistant  
Nicole Hughes, Director of Communication and Database Management  
Jerry Hunter, Financial Assistant  
Suzie Hurlock, Administrative Assistant  
Sextons: Roger W. Atkins, Terrence Clarke, Robert King, Joan Truitt

#### **SESSION**

Jen Barrington, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Jeanne Checkel, Art Colbourn, Joe Daley, Rich Diver, Mike Enderle, Mary Field, Mike Gnade, Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Dick Jolly, Kali Kniel-Tolbert, Jon McPheeters, Mark Mosher, Roland Pamm, Roger Reinicker, Craig Stabler, Barbara Stratton, Mary Vane, Susan Williamson, Helen Zumsteg

#### **BOARD OF DEACONS**

Liz Bacon, Don Beddie, Beatty Chadwick, Diane Chandler, Barry Cobb, Tammy Daley, Nancy Diver, Teisha Fooks, Nicole Fox, Sue Frost, Laura Holmes, Hillary King, Cathy Lang, Kris Marvel, Mary Lou McDowell, Susan McPheeters, Lola Miller, Bob Moore, Carol Neff, Keith Pierce, Cassandra Piovoso, Kris Ruebling-Jass, Ann Shadduck, Mark Shiflett, Jerry Spilecki, Lisa Stoddard, Judy Stoffer, Josh Thomas, Natalia Thompson, Sharlym Torres, Jennifer Trickey, Jennie Wagner, Gen Wallace-Roe, Sue Weissinger, Pam White, Sandra White

#### **TRUSTEES**

Charlie Babcock, Gary Bryde, Jim Carter, Denison Hatch, Bobbe Hoy, Fred Iobst, Charles McDowell, John McFarland, Bill Nace, Mary Lu Pamm, Kris Qualls, Chris Singewald

#### **PARTNERS IN WORLDWIDE MINISTRY**

Guatemala – Leslie Vogel (CEDEPCA), Sandi and Brian Thompson-Royer, Rosario Diaz  
Kenya – JOHABETO Ruth and Martin Shikuku, Kitale, Kenya  
Congo – PCUSA Missionaries Bob and Kristi Rice, John and Gwenda Fletcher, Jeff and Kristi Boyd  
Ruth Brown, Cecilé de Sweemer, MD, Pastor Jean-Marc Katujudi Nkuna  
and Members of the Kamulumba-Ditalala Parish  
Syrian Refugees in Lebanon and Jordan  
Peace Drums – Ibillin and Haifa  
Montana – Alex Sprague, Young Adult Volunteer

# #WeChooseWelcome

## FOR REFUGEES

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Wilmington, DE | [www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org)

*"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that, some have entertained angels without knowing it."* HEBREWS 13:2

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With the Civil War continuing for five years and no end in sight, more than half of the population of Syria (11 million out of 22 million) has been forced to leave their country or been internally displaced. Imagine living with the threat of terrorism every day, or having children who are 10 years old and totally illiterate because they have never had the opportunity to go to school.

Some countries have shouldered most of the burden of the refugees (Turkey agreeing to take up to three million, Germany at one million, and even the small country of Lebanon already with over one million refugees). So far, only a few thousand Syrian refugees have been allowed into the U.S. and none into Delaware.

You have the opportunity to put your faith in action and advocate allowing fully vetted and screened refugees to enter the U.S. and Delaware in increasing numbers. **At the end of the 10:00 a.m. service today, we invite you to have your photo taken with the "#WeChooseWelcome" banner at the front of the sanctuary.** Then, share the photo with friends, family and elected officials and let them know we are willing to extend the hand of hospitality to those experiencing devastation of their country. You can find sample letters, social media posts, and instructions on our website, [www.wpc.org/uploads/WeChooseWelcome\\_Packet.pdf](http://www.wpc.org/uploads/WeChooseWelcome_Packet.pdf).

*"Lord... when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you?"* MATTHEW 25:38

FAITH IN ACTION  
*transforming lives*