



**Service of Worship**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 17, 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**

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

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

**9:45 - 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 Rodney Chapel and the Meeting Room

### **Later Today**

11:15 a.m.                      Flying Solo brunch                      Catherine Rooney's

4:00 p.m.                      Family Promise Ministry                      Downstairs

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

8:00 p.m.                      AA                      Club Room

### **Tomorrow ~ June 18**

11:00 a.m.                      Memorial Service for Frank Pickering                      Sanctuary



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 Dot and John Hunter.

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 June 24; July 1, 22 and 29.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those from Westminster who will be on a spiritual pilgrimage in the Holy Land June 18-30:** Greg and Camilla Jones, Martha Carper, Carol, Mark, and Lori Mosher, Roland and Mary Lu Pamm, Lucy Peebles, Margo Reign, Patti and Bob Ridout, and Mary Vane.
- ❖ **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 Betty Uhlinger and Margie Lounsbury at Cokesbury, and Margit and Spence Stradley at Country House.
- ❖ **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

*The seed of God's love is planted in your soul. It grows quietly and out of sight, we know not how. But soon it will burst forth and grow to amazing proportions!*

## 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

How can we picture the kingdom of God?

**It is like a mustard seed planted in the ground.**

It germinates and grows into a mighty bush.

**We sing praises to the One who makes great things possible.**

## \*HYMN NO. 32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

ELLACOMBE

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Lord of the morning,**

**You come to us in sunshine and in shower  
enlightening our minds and refreshing our souls.**

**You whisper in our hearts words of grace and inspiration  
stirring us to lives that are bold and generous.**

**We give you thanks for the gift of life  
and the blessings of each day –**

**may we use our precious time wisely. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 4:26-34

Barbara Hoover, Lay Reader

## SERMON

"Astonishing"

Greg Jones

## OFFERING

*"The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)*

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

According to the standards of our culture, this is not an elaborate feast.

**It is not how the world teaches us to eat, drink and be merry.**

Yet this meal is the ultimate celebration because at this table we receive food for our souls.

**Let us feast on the nourishment from heaven that unites us with God  
and one another.**

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 (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

**Mighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven,  
your Son, our Lord.**

**Grant that we who have received this sacrament  
may abide in him and he in us,  
that we may be filled with the power of his endless life,  
now and forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN No. 36

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

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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.*



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

# Summer Brunch

Next Sunday, June 24  
in Community Hall  
following the 10:00 a.m. service

You will enjoy 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. Please leave your dish 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!

## *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.





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**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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