



Service of Worship
5th Sunday after Pentecost
June 24, 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 2nd grade may leave for Sunday School in the Preschool Suite.

11:00 a.m. **Summer Brunch** in Community Hall

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

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 July 1, 15, 22 and 29, August 5 and 26.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Fay Barnaby, Jeanne Butz and Dolores “Dolly” Windsor.
- ❖ **Those from Westminster who are on a spiritual pilgrimage in the Holy Land:** 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 Evelyn Measley and Jay Ritter 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.

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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Mighty God, who speaks a word of peace to calm our troubled sea –
Open my eyes to see you in our boat today.
Strengthen my heart for the challenges that lie ahead.
Open my ears this hour to hear the word you speak. Amen.*

Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren (Adapted)

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

When seas churned and winds raged,
Christ commanded the forces of chaos:

Peace! Be still!

When turmoil threatens our homes and homeland,
we yearn to hear Christ calling:

Peace! Be still!

Even now, our Lord is speaking —
offering hope, promising peace.

God is our refuge — a haven from the storm.

Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 610

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

AZMON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

**O Lord our God,
you call us to work for a world
where all will be fed and have dignity.
We confess that we have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.**

**Forgive us, Lord.
Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
so that all may know your justice and peace.**

SILENT PRAYER

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

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.

For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One, your Savior.

From Isaiah 43

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 4:35-41

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

OFFERING

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? ~ 1 John 3:17

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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

**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 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 rejoice that you have made yourself known in broken bread,
in wine poured out,
and in the fellowship of friends.
May the meal we have shared renew our faith
and strengthen us for service,
so that all we do might bear witness to your love and grace.
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

*HYMN No. 821

“My Life Flows On”

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

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.

†Adapted from prayers from the revised *Book of Common Worship* (WJKP, 2018)



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
Summer Brunch
TODAY
in Community Hall
following the 10:00 a.m. service

Come, enjoy a variety of delicious breakfast casseroles, salads, and desserts provided by the Westminster Deacons! 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) or contact the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson at 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

BOARD OF DEACONS

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