



Service of Worship
3rd Sunday After Pentecost
June 25, 2017
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.

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An Earth Care Congregation of the PC (USA)

This Morning at Westminster

Deacon Team of the Month

Cathy Lang, Amy Bickhart, Nicole Fox, Blair McConnel, Lola Miller, 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

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the wedding of Justus Zimmerman and Elizabeth Brown, daughter of Chuck and Debbie Brown, which took place on June 17, 2017 in California.

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. Dates available are July 30 and August 6.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Linda Depfer, Barbara Gorman, Tom Preston
- ❖ **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 Evelyn Measley 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

MUSIC OF THE TOWER BELLS

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Mighty God, you pour out your spirit of grace on all who desire it. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, in order that we may worship you in spirit and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

Praeludium in C major

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Inspired by Psalm 86

To you, O Lord, we lift our voices.

For you hear our cries and give ear to our distress.

To you, O Lord, we lift our souls.

For you are full of compassion and eager to forgive.

To you, O Lord, we lift our hearts.

For, day after day, you turn toward us with unfailing love.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

Let us glorify God's name!

*HYMN No. 22

“God of the Sparrow”

ROEDER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the covenant,
your compassion reaches beyond
the mere making and keeping of promises.
Too often we take your faithfulness for granted,
enjoying your abundant grace
without sharing this gift with others.
Forgive us, O God,
when we fail to care for the weak,
neglect the needs of the poor,
and pay no heed to the cries of the powerless.
Open our eyes to see the suffering of others,
and give us hearts that overflow with compassion,
hands that are eager to serve,
and voices that are bold to demand justice.**

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

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

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

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 21:8-21

Old Testament, page 15
Walt Huzar, Lay Reader

ANTHEM

"I Sought the Lord"

Kenneth Kosche

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew
He moved my soul to seek him, seeking me.
It was not I that found, O Savior true;
No, I was found of thee.

Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold;
I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea;
'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold
As thou, dear Lord, on me.

I find, I walk, I love, but oh, the whole
Of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee!
For thou wert long before-hand with my soul;
Always thou lovedst me.

SERMON

"God's Other Stories"

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN NO. 42

"Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure"

WINCHESTER NEW

OFFERING

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver." – Maya Angelou

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love"

Everett Titcomb

Jesus! Name of wondrous love!
Name all other names above!
Unto which must ev'ry knee
Bow in deep humility.

Jesus! Name decreed of old,
To the maiden mother told,
Kneeling in her lowly cell,
By the angel Gabriel.

Jesus! Name of priceless worth
To the fallen sons of earth,
For the promise that it gave,
"Jesus shall His people save."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dick Jolly

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.**

*HYMN No. 65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM RHONDDA

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

William Tomer

GOING FORTH

If you are visiting with us and wish to learn more about our church family, we invite you to meet today's ambassadors, Dan Weintraub and Nancy Fleming, at the back of the center aisle following the service. They are happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.

***Please join us after the service for Summer Brunch downstairs in
Community Hall.***

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
Soloists/Section Leaders: Diana Milburn, Sharon Babcock, David Price, Travis Lucas

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Susan Moseley, Josh Cox, Merideth Hite Estevez

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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
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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, Dr. Mary Michael and Scott Parker
Peace Drums Steel Band – Ibillin and Haifa, Israel/Palestine



PLEASE JOIN US FOR
Summer Brunch

Today in Community Hall
following the 10:00 a.m. worship service

There will be a variety of delicious breakfast casseroles, salads, and desserts provided by the Westminster Deacons. This is a great time for fellowship with Westminster members and friends. We look forward to seeing you there!

Youth Partnership Trip to Guatemala

June 21 – 28, 2017

Fifteen members of Westminster are currently in the Western Highlands of Guatemala to strengthen ties with the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development and to establish a youth partnership with La Iglesia Presbiteriana del Verbo Divino (The Presbyterian Church of the Divine Word). This group consists of nine senior high youth, two young adult leaders, and four adult leaders.



Guatemalan Youth

Be sure to follow the Guatemala Partnership Team by subscribing to the blog at
wpcguatemala.wordpress.com

for updates before, during, and after the trip. We hope you'll keep our travelers in your prayers!