



**Service of Worship**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
**June 25, 2017**  
**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.

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 and 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](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

*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 row, to the person next to you.*

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## 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.**

## SILENT PRAYER

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 21:8-21

Mary Field, Lay Reader

SERMON

“God’s Other Stories”

Sudie Niesen Thompson

OFFERING

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

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.**

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 communion servers, 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 forward, 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

**God of Grace, we give thanks that you have gathered us at your table and  
nourished us with the Bread of Life. May the meal we have shared strengthen  
us for service, and sustain us as we go forth to do your work. Send us out  
filled with hope, but hungry for a world that resembles your Kingdom.  
Amen.**

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

**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

**SUPPORT STAFF**

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

**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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Spilecki, Lisa Stoddard, Judy Stoffer, Josh Thomas, Sharlym Torres, Jennifer Trickey, Lois Underhill, Lowell Underhill,  
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**TRUSTEES**

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Kris Qualls, Bob Ridout, Bruce Weber, Dan Weintraub

**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](http://wpcguatemala.wordpress.com)**

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