



**Service of Worship
Pentecost Sunday
June 4, 2017
10:00 a.m.**

PASTORAL STAFF:

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Paul Crothamel

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

Cathy Lang, Amy Bickhart, Nicole Fox, 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** with communion 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 Tea** in the Meeting Room

11:15 a.m. **Flying Solo Brunch** at Catherine Rooney's at 1616 Delaware Avenue

Later Today

1:00 p.m. Homebound Communion Members' homes

4:00 p.m. Ulster Project Family Orientation Community Hall/Classroom 6

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 rosebud on the chancel this morning is in celebration of the birth of Lilly LaVonne Ferrell, born May 17th, daughter of Sarah and Jason Ferrell and granddaughter of Diane and Chad Chandler.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Barbara Gorman, Jeff Lippincott and Anne Waldburger.
- ❖ **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 Laura Stevens and Betty Uhlinger, both at Cokesbury.
- ❖ **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.
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Specialist Etienne Murphy, age 22, Loganville, Georgia
- 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

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Touch me, God's Spirit eternal,
touch me, resplendent Light;
give my life new meaning,
show me the true and right.*

~ From a prayer by Pia Perhio in *Prayers Encircling the World*

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

Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott
(Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God)

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Spirit of God, you breathe new life into your church, and so we cry:

Come, Holy Spirit!

Spirit of God, you open our minds to new understanding, and so we cry:

Come, Holy Spirit!

Spirit of God, you stir our hearts to new ways of loving, and so we cry:

Come, Holy Spirit!

Spirit of God, you spur us to faithful action, and so we cry:

Come, Holy Spirit!

*HYMN NO. 280

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

EBENEZER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, at Pentecost you poured out your Spirit upon gathered disciples and empowered the church for ministry. Your Spirit still moves among us, calling us to follow you. We are often unresponsive, for we are afraid. When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears, for we fear what you might call us to do. When your Spirit touches our lips, we close our mouths, embarrassed to speak your Word. When the wind of your Spirit blows, we close the windows of our hearts, afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives. When the fire of your Spirit touches us, we quench the flame, afraid of the new life it might bring. Forgive us, O God, and give us the courage to open ourselves to your Spirit moving in our lives.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

New Testament, page 103

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me”

arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me,
I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see,
I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal,
Thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek,
For Christ, my Savior, speak.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me,
I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly,
Make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would
And cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be
Give him who gave me thee.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me,
I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see,
I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear,
Thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly,
Speak Christ’s sincerity.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me,
I would mighty be;
Help me now thy pow’r to see,
I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield,
Be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be,
Lord, Thine the victory.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!
**We come from east and west,
and from north and south
to sit at table in the kingdom of God.**

Come! This is the Lord’s table;
all who hope in Christ are welcome here.

Let us share the feast Christ has prepared!

HYMN NO. 505

“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”

THE FEAST IS READY

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 . . .

SANCTUS (Sung by the choir)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Hymn No. 563)

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

AMEN (Hymn No. 564)

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen.

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

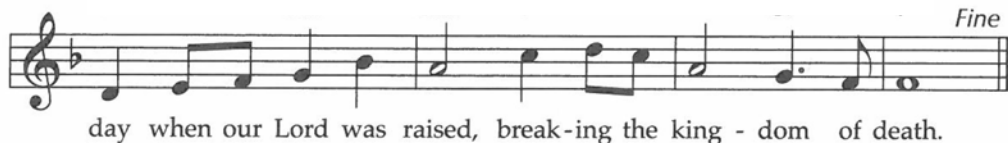
*The Lord's Supper is open to all who trust in Christ.
When you approach a communion station, please take a piece of bread,
the symbol of Christ's love for you, and dip it in the cup, representing the new life in Christ.
If you are unable to come to a station, please tell an usher so that you may be served.
Those sitting in the balcony will be served in their pews.
For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.*

COMMUNION HYMN (NO. 277)

"Hail Thee, Festival Day!"

SALVE FESTA DIES

Congregation joins on the Refrain:



PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

*HYMN No. 295

“Go to the World!”

SINE NOMINE

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Veni Creator Spiritus

Dom Paul Benoit

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, Cathy Higgins, at the back of the center aisle following the service. She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.

Lay Readers:

Susan Jin Davis and Sophia Malatesta– Korean
Arun Loptes – Malayalam

Roland Pamm – French
Rick Suarez – Spanish

PLEASE JOIN US IN RODNEY CHAPEL FOR ICED TEA

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 4 to August 27 (Summer Schedule)

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

10:00 a.m. Worship service in the sanctuary

Summer Tea hosted by our deacons following the 10:00 a.m. service.

TO EXPLORE OUR FULL CALENDAR, VISIT CALENDAR.WPC.ORG

ADULT ED/CIL EVENING EVENT: PERENNIAL PHILOSOPHY

Thursday, June 8

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in Rodney Chapel

John Amoroso, Ph.D. and Anna Swora, M.Ed. will discuss the *Perennial Path and Perennial Astrology* which is a unique and integrated approach regarding the application of astrology to one's psychological and spiritual development. Through research in Jungian psychology, world religions, and transpersonal studies, a model for pursuing a psycho-spiritually grounded life. This model focuses on not only proven spiritual practices but the psychological dynamics or complexes that affect the process of life. John holds a Ph.D. in clinical psychology and maintains a psychotherapy practice. Anna is a professional astrologer, educator, and certified transpersonal counselor. Free event; donation optional. Registration required at: www.cil-de.org



'Young at Heart' Luncheon to Welcome Summer!

Saturday, June 10

11:30 a.m. in Classroom 6

The chance to reconnect with friends and meet new people, a delicious light luncheon and a program by Ed Okonowicz – this promises to be another wonderful event for Young at Heart, members and friends of 'retirement age' – all for only \$10! Many of you will remember Ed's informative, amusing presentation on "Muskrat, Scrapple and More" at a previous luncheon. This time, Ed will regale us with "Remembering Nights at the Drive-In", so bring some of YOUR memories along (at least the ones you can talk about). Call the church office (302-654-5214) or add your name to the signup sheet at the reception desk to make your reservation. Join us as we welcome summer!

