



Services of Worship
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
June 5, 2016
8:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

PASTORAL STAFF:

Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff
Sudie Niesen Thompson, Associate Pastor
Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant
Tom Stout, Parish Associate

CHURCH EDUCATOR:

Susan Moseley

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR:

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Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Section Leaders/Soloists: Diana Milburn, Sharon Babcock,
Hunter Torggler, Jerry Polman

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

Barry Cobb, Cathy Lang, Judy Stoffer, Sue Weissinger, Sandy White

8:15 a.m.	Worship with communion in Rodney Chapel
9:45 a.m. – 11:15a.m.	Nursery
10:00 a.m.	Worship with communion in the Sanctuary Summer Sunday School in the Preschool Suite
11:00 a.m.	Summer Tea in Rodney Chapel/Meeting Room
11:15 a.m.	Flying Solo Brunch – Catherine Rooney’s, 1616 Delaware Avenue

Later Today

1:00 p.m.	Homebound Communion	Members’ Homes
6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 29 to September 4 (Summer Schedule)

8:15 a.m.	Worship service with communion in Rodney Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Worship service in the sanctuary <i>Summer Tea hosted by our deacons following the 10:00 a.m. service.</i>

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



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 our mission co-workers all over the world by Sue Weissinger.

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. Dates available are June 26, July 17, 24, 31, and August 7.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Bob Frelick, Drew Holmes, Julie Petrovick.
- ❖ **Westminster's homebound family** who can no longer attend worship with us, by sending a card, saying a prayer, or visiting. This week we ask you to remember Cornelia Cates, Frances Kirkpatrick, Hans Krahmer, Helen Mahaffy, and Pauline Scarborough, all of Stonegates.
- ❖ **Alex Sprague**, who is participating in the Young Adult Volunteer Program in Chinook, Montana.

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 often seems far away, and we may neglect to realize that Americans, as well as Afghans 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 Colleen Falasco: 302-654-5214 ext. 131, or cfalasco@wpc.org.

This week we pray for

- Those known to the WPC Community presently serving in various locations:
 - Matthew Burton, nephew of Greg and Camilla Jones
 - Brian Gorman, grandson of Art and Barbara Gorman
 - Jeremy Lushnat, nephew of Arch and Melody Layman
 - Rev. Susannah Tulloch, of New Castle Presbytery
- Those who have returned from service, possibly suffering from wounds or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

We are happy to welcome **Robert Dicks** back to the organ and piano benches this morning. Rob is the Assistant Director and Accompanist for the Cathedral Choir School of Delaware. Paul Fleckenstein and members of the Westminster Choir are in San Francisco this weekend preparing for a performance of the Fauré *Requiem*, which will take place at Grace Cathedral tomorrow evening.

All children who leave the sanctuary after Children's Time must have a completed yellow security label on their back. If you do not find a security label in the pew pocket, you may obtain one in the Preschool Suite. This policy is for your child's protection. Thank you for your help.

Worship Resources – You may 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MUSIC OF THE TOWER BELLS (10:00 A.M.)

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Mighty God, there are many voices that urge us to live in fear of the stranger. Such fear prompts us to stereotype people of other ethnic groups, nationalities and religions as one-dimensional figures who have nothing in common with us. Yet, Jesus showed us another way. He commanded us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Help us to see through our fears so that we may see each person as a child of God. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please sign your name and pass the friendship folder to the person next to you.

ORGAN PRELUDE (10:00 A.M.)

Prelude in C major
Robert Dicks, guest organist

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in this sacred space to worship God
**whose standards are right,
whose commandments are clear,
and whose judgments are true.**

We come to have our hearts stirred and our eyes opened wide.
**Let the words of our mouths and the whispering of our hearts
be in harmony with God's will.**

*HYMN No. 385

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

OLD HUNDREDTH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God,
we confess that it is much easier to say we follow Jesus
than to actually follow him.
We accept more readily the ways of the world
than the more demanding path of Christ.
We love the lovely and lovable
and hesitate to welcome the stranger.**

**Forgive us for turning away from the plight of those who are desperate,
and for failing to extend our hospitality and to offer our help.
In your great mercy, melt our hardened hearts
and correct our misguided thinking,
so that we may experience the joyful life that comes from aiding others. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN (10:00 A.M.)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 10:25-37

New Testament, page 62

Barbara Hoover, Lay Reader (8:15 a.m.)

John Gavenonis, Lay Reader (10:00 a.m.)

SERMON

“We Choose Welcome”

Greg Jones

OFFERING

*Jesus said, “For with the judgment you make you will be judged,
and the measure you give will be the measure you get.” (Matthew 7:2)*

OFFERTORY (10:00 A.M.)

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

P. A. Schnecker

(Text: Hymn #629)

Diana Milburn, soprano

Sharon Babcock, mezzo-soprano

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

When Jesus enjoyed a meal with tax collectors and sinners,
he proclaimed that God’s love knows no bounds.

We accept both the comfort and the challenge of that witness.

All are invited to share this meal and to be nourished by the Bread of Life.

HYMN NO. 203 (10:00 a.m.)

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

CHERE PONI

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.

Those sitting in the balcony at 10:00 a.m. will be served in their pews.

For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**God of grace and mercy,
you renew us with the bread of life and cup of salvation.
May these elements inspire us to love you by loving others
and to serve you through serving others.
We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.**

*HYMN No. 767

"Together We Serve"

SAN ANSELMO

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE (10:00 A.M.)

Fugue in C major

Bach

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, Suzie Hurlock (8:15) or Lisa Stoddard (10:00), following the service.
They are happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*

***Following worship, come to the front lawn for a blessing of our
Habitat for Humanity house (and sign the wood frames).***

***Please join us in Rodney Chapel for iced tea and coffee after the 10:00 a.m.
service, and to meet the two families that will own the houses that will be built with
the panels that we constructed. The Jennifer Kelly family and the Kevin Howell
family will put in 225 building hours and attend a series of workshops on the
responsibilities of home ownership.***

#WeChooseWelcome

FOR REFUGEES

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"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that, some have entertained angels without knowing it." HEBREWS 13:2

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With the Civil War continuing for five years and no end in sight, more than half of the population of Syria (11 million out of 22 million) has been forced to leave their country or been internally displaced. Imagine living with the threat of terrorism every day, or having children who are 10 years old and totally illiterate because they have never had the opportunity to go to school.

Some countries have shouldered most of the burden of the refugees (Turkey agreeing to take up to three million, Germany at one

million, and even the small country of Lebanon already with over one million refugees). So far, only a few thousand Syrian refugees have been allowed into the U.S. and none into Delaware.

You have the opportunity to put your faith in action and advocate allowing fully vetted and screened refugees to enter the U.S. and Delaware in increasing numbers. **At the end of the 10:00 a.m. service on June 12, we invite you to have your photo taken with the "#WeChooseWelcome" banner at the front of the church.** Then, share the photo with friends, family and elected officials and let them know we are willing to extend the hand of hospitality to those experiencing devastation of their country.

"Lord... when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you?" MATTHEW 25:38

FAITH IN ACTION
transforming lives



Tea with Elmarie

"The Shape of Hope in Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon"



This Friday, June 10
4:00 p.m.
Ruth Christie Room

How is ISIS impacting our partners in Iraq and Syria? How are our partner churches aiding Syrian refugees? Come to "Tea with Elmarie" on June 10 for a presentation by The Rev. Elmarie Parker. Elmarie serves as a PC(USA) Associate for Ecumenical Partnerships in the role of Regional Liaison to Church Partners in Iraq, Syria and Lebanon. She will discuss current conditions in the region where she and her husband live and work and how these conditions impact our partners' work. Though there is still much concern, there are also stories of hope to be shared. Bring your friends to hear firsthand what church leaders are doing in these areas of conflict.

For planning purposes, please RSVP to Carol Mosher (cemosher@comcast.net).