



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Service of Worship Day of Pentecost June 9, 2019 8:15 a.m.

PASTORAL STAFF:

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

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist and Director of Music  
Soloist and Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock,  
Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

YOUTH LEADERS

Tommy Neilson  
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper, Molly McPheeters

DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Colleen Falasco

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND SECURITY

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.

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## This Morning at Westminster

### Deacon Team of the Month

Roger Atkins, Jenn Blackford, Kyle Carrick, Ron Carrick, Marsha Mah, Bob Moore,  
Martha Spaethling, Josh Thomas

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

**9:00 – 9:55 a.m.**        **Deacon Meeting** in Classroom 6

**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. Following TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN, children age 2 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may leave for **Summer Sunday School** in the Preschool Suite.

**11:00 a.m.**                **Summer Tea** in the Meeting Room

### Later Today

6:00 p.m.                    Clean But Not Straight – NA                    Club Room

8:00 p.m.                    AA                                                            Club Room

**The mission of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians** is to strengthen the church of Jesus Christ, with the help of God's grace by working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.



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.

## *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 row 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.
- 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](http://www.wpc.org)) or contact the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson at [sniesenthompson@wpc.org](mailto:sniesenthompson@wpc.org) or (302) 654-5214 ext. 103.



## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God in memory of the Rev. Chad Miller and his brother, Christopher, from Paul and Ellie Miller.

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](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com) for available dates. The next available dates are June 30; July 21 and 28; August 4, 11, and 25.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Kathleen Lowthert
- ❖ **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 Donna and Tom Shaw, Paul Thompson, and Kay Johnson at home.
- ❖ **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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

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

*Touch me, God's Spirit eternal,  
teach me to thank and praise;  
by your grace be near me,  
guide me in all my ways.*

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Wind of God, who awakened creation and stirred dry bones to life —

**Sweep through this space and enliven our worship.**

Wind of God, who descended as tongues of flame and gave birth to the church —

**Sweep through this space and ignite our hearts.**

Wind of God, who guides our ministry and equips us for service.

**Sweep through this space and empower our witness.**

## \*HYMN No. 280

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

*EBENEZER*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.

We rejoice in the gifts you have given us.

Yet, we confess, we do not always use them to glorify you.

For using the gifts of your Spirit for selfish gain  
instead of using them for the common good.

**Forgive us, O God.**

For thinking too little of ourselves,  
not trusting that you have granted us gifts for your service.

**Forgive us, O God.**

For believing some gifts to be superior to others  
rather than celebrating the ways they each build up the body of Christ.

**Forgive us, O God.**

Spirit of the Living God,  
melt us, mold us,  
fill us again with your power and use us for your work  
so that our lives may glorify you. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

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!**

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.*

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

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Eternal God,  
we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit  
to give ourselves for others  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN No. 295

“Go to the World!”

*SINE NOMINE*

BENEDICTION

GOING FORTH

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# ***Congratulations and Best Wishes to the class of 2019!***

## **High School Graduates**

**Tristan Erik Bradley** (son of Cindy and Erik Bradley)

Unionville High School

Tristan will attend Bowdoin College.

**Riley Elizabeth DeBaecke** (daughter of Kathryn and Michael DeBaecke and granddaughter of Craig Wemmers)

Archmere Academy

Riley will attend Bucknell University.

**Jessica (Jessie) Jordan Falasco** (daughter of Colleen and Marty Falasco)

Ursuline Academy

Jessie will attend Drexel University to study Design and Merchandising.

**Nathaniel (Nate) Glenn Gerstenschlager** (son of Jen Barrington and Mark Gerstenschlager and grandson of Grace and Jack Barrington)

Unionville High School

Nate will take a gap year of service and then attend Washington College.

**Liam Graham Harron** (son of Sue and Ed Harron)

Wilmington Friends School

Liam will attend Elon University.

**Charlotte Foster Holden** (daughter of Meg and David Holden)

Charter School of Wilmington

Charlotte will attend University of Delaware, World Scholars program.

**Alexandra Carrie Kidd** (daughter of Dani and Robert Kidd and granddaughter of Eadie and the late Bob Churchill)

Conrad School of Math and Science

Alexandra will attend Hofstra University Class of 2023 (Honors College).

**Sophia Jin Malatesta** (daughter of Susan Jin Davis and the late Joseph J. Malatesta Jr.)

Westtown School, West Chester, PA

Sophia will attend Bryn Mawr College.

**Rabea Kathryn Pfaff** (daughter of Emily and Keith Pfaff)

Avon Grove High School

Rabea will attend University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to study Neuroscience, and has been recruited to swim for UNC.

**Davis Tyler Piercy** (son of Paula and Todd Piercy)

Kennett High School

Davis will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) and major in Computer Engineering.

**Theo Stone** (son of Julia and Gordon Stone)

Tower Hill School

Theo will attend Tulane University.

**Cameron Robert Sweet** (son of Mark and Christy Checkel Sweet and grandson of Jeanne and the late Bob Checkel, nephew of Craig Checkel)

St. Stephens and St. Agnes School in Alexandria, VA

Cameron will attend University of Virginia.

**John Christian Weber** (son of Teri and Bruce Weber)

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John will attend University of Delaware.

## College/University Graduates

**Melinda Amber Bilous** (daughter of Brenda and Peter Bilous)  
East Carolina University  
Bachelor of Science in Recreational Therapy

**Madison Russo-Bradley** (daughter of Cindy and Erik Bradley)  
James Madison University School of Media Arts and Design  
Madison will pursue a career in Marketing.

**Amanda Claire Evans** (daughter of Wendi and Stephen Evans and granddaughter of Sandi and George Evans)  
Towson University  
Bachelor of Science in Biology  
Amanda will attend University of Delaware for a Masters degree in Biology.

**Matthew George Evans** (son of Barbara and John Evans and grandson of Sandi and George Evans)  
University of Delaware  
Bachelor of Arts in Finance

**Ben Fischer** (son of Jessica and Matt Fischer)  
Wake Forest University  
Bachelor of Science in Biology and Anthropology with a minor in Chemistry

**Corinne Freeth** (daughter of Allison Freeth and David Freeth and granddaughter of Tenney Wheatley and the late Barbara Wheatley).  
University of Delaware  
Bachelor of Arts in Biology and History

**Denys A. Hubbard** (son of Leslie and Tom Hubbard)  
University of North Carolina at Wilmington  
Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology

**Hannah Day Yin Huzar** (daughter of Becky and Walt Huzar)  
University of Delaware  
Bachelor of Science in Economics and Finance with minors in International Business and Political Science

**Amanda Joy Kielhorn** (daughter of Lynne and Fred Kielhorn)  
University of Delaware  
Bachelor of Science in Economics

**Laura Peck** (daughter of Mary and Kevin Peck)  
University of Pittsburgh  
Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies with a certificate in Global Studies

**Lauren Claire Stabler** (daughter of Melissa and Craig Stabler and granddaughter of Jane and Dave Stabler)  
Clemson University  
Bachelor of Science in Marketing and Spanish  
Lauren will work in the Peace Corp or teach in Spain.

## Post Graduates

**Christopher Thomas Carper** (son of Martha and Tom Carper)

Stanford University

Masters of Business Administration

Christopher will begin work with Apple in August.

**Chesna Elizabeth Hinkley**

WPC Director of Christian Education (beginning August 2019)

Princeton Theological Seminary

Master of Divinity

**Alexander (Alex) Haines Sprague** (son of Sue Sprague and the late Michael Sprague and grandson of Margit and Spencer Stradley)

Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Master of Divinity

**Jarrell E. Young** (son of Alethia M. Brown Young and John Young)

University of MD Eastern Shore

Masters and Doctorate in Physical Therapy



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

# Summer Brunch

Sunday, June 23

in Community Hall

following the 10:00 a.m. service

There will be a variety of delicious breakfast casseroles, salads, and desserts provided by the Westminster Deacons. Members of the congregation are invited to bring salads or desserts as well. Please leave them at the reception desk prior to the 8:15 and 10:00 a.m. services. This is a great time for fellowship and to gather with our church family. We look forward to seeing you there!