



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship **7th Sunday of Easter** **May 13, 2018** **10:00 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/Director of Music
Merideth Hite Estevez, Director of Faith Formation through Music
and Arts, Teaching Artist in Residence
Kevin Flaherty, Assistant Director of Children's Music
Soloist/Section Leaders: Elizabeth Holmes, Sharon Babcock
Christian Sanders, Travis Lucas

YOUTH LEADERS

Merideth Hite Estevez
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Tommy Neilson

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.

This Morning at Westminster

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Coffee and Tea in Classroom 6.

Deacon Team of the Month

Beatty Chadwick, Teisha Fooks, Kris Marvel, Luke Mathé, Pam White, Debbie Wise

8:30 - 11:00 a.m. Preparation for Children’s Musical in Community Hall

8:45 – 11:15 a.m. Nursery for babies and toddlers

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.

❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 through 4 begin in worship with their families. Following the Time with Our Children, they walk with a parent to the **Preschool Suite** where they are greeted by the morning coordinator and escorted into **Classroom A**. The children experience simple worship rituals and learn key stories in the Bible. They respond through crafts, songs and prayers.

❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade begin worship with their families. Following the Time with Our Children, they walk with their teachers to the Ruth Christie Room. The children learn the language of God’s people through sacred space, stories, parables and liturgical actions. You may pick up your children in the **Preschool Suite Classroom C**.

10:10 a.m. Sunday School for Preschoolers Preschool Suite D

11:00 a.m. Children’s Musical – An Intergenerational Event Community Hall

Also 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 memory of Elizabeth and Rodney Higgins from their daughter, Cathy Higgins.

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. The next available dates are May 27, June 3, June 24 and July 1.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ Reade Tompson who turns 100 on May 18th.
- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Jamie Cartmell, Judith Herdeg and Tenney Wheatley.
- ❖ **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 Anne Waugh who lives near her son in Idaho, Charlene Weaver who lives in Texas with her daughter, and Margaret Lyle Stevens at Rockford Place.
- ❖ **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.

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 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 and click the "Donate Now" button or scan the QR code on your smart phone.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*God of many names, my name is known to you.
I am held in the hand of your life, and I do not know what you will make of me.
All I know is that I cannot make myself any more than I could in my mother's womb.
But this I can do, this I choose, to give myself into the hand of your continuing creativity.*
~Kathy Galloway, *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

Toccata in C major

Johann Gottfried Walther

CALL TO WORSHIP

We seek a deeper faith in the God of the universe.
We come asking, searching, and knocking.
We seek the good gifts only God can provide.
We come to experience God's steadfast love.

*HYMN No. 643

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Spirit of love and energy of the universe,
we give you thanks for the wonders of your creation:
for beauty our eyes can spot in the natural world,
for joy our ears can detect in children playing,
for love we can share with our family and friends
and for faith that can generate purpose for our lives
and hope for the future.**
Help us to live grateful lives for the gifts you give us. Amen.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Cooper George Wemhoff
Son of Teresa Lunardi and Aaron Wemhoff

*The congregation is asked to please refrain from taking photographs
or video recording during the worship service.*

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

OPENING WORDS

People brought little children to see and hear Jesus.

The disciples tried to turn them away, but Jesus said:

“Let the little children come to me and do not stop them;

For it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”

And Jesus took the children in his arms, laid his hands on them and blessed them.

Baptism is a sign of our entry into the universal Christian Church.

By water and God’s Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ’s ministry of sharing God’s love with others.

PROMISES OF COMMITMENT

Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? **We do.**

Relying on God’s grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and to teach that faith to your sons? **We do.**

CONGREGATION

Will we, the people of the church, nurture and support Cooper and his brother, Griffin, and their parents, Teresa and Aaron, and will we encourage Cooper to become a faithful Christian? **We will.**

CHILDREN

Will you promise to help Cooper become a part of our church family by being a friend to him?

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOLLOWING BAPTISM

Children through Grade 2 may leave for Godly Care and Godly Play Ior they may remain in worship.

ANTHEM

“Behold Now, Praise the Lord”

Everett Titcomb

Behold now, praise the Lord; all ye servants of the Lord. Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of our God. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord.

TELLING OF SCRIPTURE

Jochabed, the mother of Moses (Exodus 1:15-17, 22; 2:1-10)

Jan Harrison, Westminster by Heart

1.A moth - er lined a bas - ket to
 2.A moth - er sewed a jack - et lined

3 keep her ba - by dry, then rocked him on a
 in the soft - est wool, then dressed her lit - tle

6 riv - er, lest he a - wake and cry. She
 boy - child, her cup of bless - ing full. She

9 let a prin - cess name him her son that he might
 brought him to the tem - ple where he would serve and

12 live. God's peo - ple had a lead - er. She
 live. God's peo - ple had a proph - et. She

15 had such hope to give.
 had such faith to give.

Words: Mary Nelson Keithahn; Music John D. Horman

TELLING OF SCRIPTURE

Rebekah, the mother of Esau and Jacob (Genesis 25:19-28, 27:5-13, 41-45)

Jon McPheeters, Westminster by Heart

HYMN NO. 53

“O God, Who Gives Us Life”

NOEL

TELLING OF SCRIPTURE

Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist and Mary, the mother of Jesus (Luke 1:5-60)

Mary-beth Howard, Sue Linderman and Shelley Gnade, Westminster by Heart

*HYMN NO. 100

“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout!”

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

TELLING OF SCRIPTURE

The Canaanite Woman, mother of an ill daughter (Matthew 15:21-28)

Jill Getty, Westminster by Heart

OFFERING

“Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want.”
 (Proverbs 11:24)

Eternal light, shine in my heart;
eternal hope, lift up my eyes,
eternal pow’r, be my support;
eternal wisdom make me wise.

Eternal life, raise me from death;
eternal brightness, help me to see;
Eternal Spirit, give me breath,
Eternal Savior come to me.

Until by your most costly grace,
invited by your holy word,
at last I come before your face
to know you, my eternal God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER (page 35 in our *Glory to God* hymnal, using “debts” and “debtors”)

*HYMN NO. 305

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

DARWALL’S 148TH

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“God Be in My Head”

Bob Burroughs

God be in my head and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes and in my looking;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;
God be in my heart and in my thinking;
God be at mine end and at my departing.

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, Don and Ellie Furry, 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.

Upcoming Sunday Worship Schedule

May 20

One service at **10:00 a.m.** in the sanctuary
Westminster Choir and string orchestra
present Haydn *Missa Brevis*

May 27

One service at **10:00 a.m.** in the sanctuary
Beginning June 3 (summer schedule)
Service in Rodney Chapel at **8:15 a.m.**
Service in the sanctuary at **10:00 a.m.**

For a full schedule of all events and programs for children, youth, and adults on Sunday mornings and throughout the week, please check our up-to-date calendar at: calendar.wpc.org

• **TODAY** •



Cookie Sale

Benefits Youth Mission!

**Before and After
the 10:00 a.m. service**

\$5.00 per box



CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

**“Life of the Party: The
Story of Mary and Martha”**

**Community Hall
11:00 a.m.**

(immediately following
the 10:00 a.m. service)