



**Service of Worship
Pentecost Sunday
May 15, 2016
9:00 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:

Debbie Brown

MUSIC STAFF:

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

8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. The Holy Toast Café, in Community Hall, offers free coffee, tea, and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar per item.

Deacon Team of the Month

Jennie Wagner, Liz Bacon, Beatty Chadwick, Lola Miller, Ann Shadduck, Gen Wallace-Roe, Sue Weissinger

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

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

After TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN, if you wish, your children may leave the Sanctuary and go to:

- ❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 – 4 experience simple worship rituals and learn key stories in the Bible. They respond through crafts, songs and prayers. Class meets in the **Preschool Suite Classroom A**.
- ❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade gather in the **Ruth Christie Room** to 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**.
- ❖ **Godly Play 2** – Children in grades 3 through 5 gather in the **Meeting Room**. The stories in Godly Play 2 are longer and the work/response time offers added variety for the interests and abilities of older children. You may pick up your children in the **Preschool Suite Classroom C**.

10:10 a.m.

Education for All Ages

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers ➤ Creation Station for Grades K – 5 ➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 9 ➤ Adult Ed: Revelation | <p>Preschool Suite
Classroom 4
Classroom 8
See page 6</p> |
| <p>Syrian Refuge Task Force</p> | <p>Staff Conference Room</p> |

11:15 a.m.

Living Mosaics worship in Rodney Chapel. Children are always welcome in worship.

Flying Solo Brunch at Catherine Rooney’s 1616 Delaware Avenue

12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Time after Living Mosaics Meeting Room

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 are given by the Bennett family to the glory of God and in loving memory of former Westminster Associate Pastor, Rev. Jim Bennett, whose memorial service was held yesterday.

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 5, 26 and July 17, 24, and 31.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Bill Butz.
- ❖ **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 Charlie Depfer at Cokesbury, Jim Bercaw and Edie Lennox, both at Country House.
- ❖ **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

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.

Are you wearing a nametag? Whether you are a long-time member or new to the church, 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 may 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

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Spirit of God, brooding over the waters of our chaos, inspire us to generous living.
Wind of God, dancing over the desert of our reluctance, lead us to an oasis of celebration.
Breath of God, inspiring communication among strangers, make us a channel of your peace.*

Kate McIlhagga

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

Komm, Gott Schöpfer, heiliger Geist
(Come, Creator God, Holy Spirit)

Johann Gottfried Walther

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 fire and galvanized the disciples,
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 embolden our witness.

*HYMN NO. 280

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

EBENEZER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mighty God, your Spirit swirled around the gathered disciples,
creating bold tongues and igniting a passion for justice and peace.
We confess that we resist the force of your Spirit.
We close our ears to the cries of the oppressed,
we avert our eyes from those who suffer
and we are reluctant to open our mouths to share the good news of your love.
Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,
so that we may walk the path of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life is past, the new life has begun.

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

Children through Grade 5 may leave for Godly Care, Godly Play 1, and Godly Play 2, or they may remain in worship.

ANTHEM

“Come, Holy Ghost, the Maker”
Westminster Choir

Cedric Thorpe Davie

Come, Holy Ghost, the Maker, come;
Take in the souls of Thine Thy place;
Thou whom our hearts had being from,
O fill them with Thy heav’nly grace.
Thou art that comfort from above
The Highest doth by gift impart;
Thou spring of life, a fire of love
And the anointing Spirit art!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

New Testament, page 103
Walt Huzar, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Filled”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 295

“Go to the World!”

SINE NOMINE

OFFERING

“No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.” (Luke 16:13)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

Joe Cox/Jody Lindh

Come, Holy Spirit, heav’nly Dove,
With all your quick’ning powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours.

See how we trifle here below,
Fond of our earthly toys;
Our souls, how heavily they go,
To reach eternal joys.

In vain we tune our formal songs,
In vain we strive to rise;
Hosannas languish on our tongues,
And our devotion dies.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

“Spirit of the Living God” (Hymn No. 288)

**Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me; mold me;
fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.**

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

*HYMN NO. 66

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”
Congregation sings refrain

PENTECOST

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

Franz Joseph Schuetky

Send out Thy Spirit, O God, that all may praise Thee,
And let the earth rejoice in new bounty.
Alleluia!

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, Ellie and Don Furry, at the back of the church following the service. They are happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.

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Adult Education This Morning

Revelation: A series using the lectures of Professor Craig R. Koester from Luther Seminary

Classroom 3

Facilitators – Jill Getty, Bob Cox, and Margo Reign

Today: The Modern Apocalyptic Renaissance

Exiled to the island of Patmos over 1,900 years ago, a prophet named John wrote a remarkable letter to fellow Christians. That letter is the Apocalypse of John, also known as the book of Revelation. The Greek word for apocalypse is “disclosure,” and John’s book discloses dimensions of two age-old mysteries: the character of evil and the nature of hope. Because the series is 24 sessions (classes began in the fall), the facilitators will establish a way to make notes from each session available to participants.

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 22

9:00 a.m. One worship service, in which we will install
Sudie Niesen Thompson as our Associate Pastor

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

*Join us for Summer Tea hosted by our deacons following
the 10:00 a.m. service.*

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

It's Time to Build a House!

This Saturday, May 21
On Westminster's Lawn

Join us for our third Habitat for Humanity 'Road Show Build'. Invite friends and family members to come with you and share the experience!

Adults and youth ages 16 and above will work in two-hour shifts, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to hammer together the framing sections for a home to be built in Habitat's new Walnut Street community. If you're not inclined to swing a hammer, you can serve in other areas – hospitality, sign-in, and refreshments. Kids ages 7 to 15 will have a mini-construction opportunity, and child care will be provided for children six and younger.

Everyone is welcome and NO building skills are required! Contact Fred Nelson (484-508-8416 or nelsondmff@comcast.net) or Craig Wemmers (302-239-9698 or scwemmers@aol.com) with any questions.



NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY AND THE
CONGREGATION OF WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THE INSTALLATION OF

The Rev. Audie Niesen Thompson

AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016
AT 9:00 A.M.

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