



**Service of Worship
Trinity Sunday**

**Installation of The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson
A Service of New Castle Presbytery
May 22, 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

Deacon Team of the Month

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

8:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Nursery for babies and toddlers

9:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

After the RESPONSE, if you wish, your children may leave the Sanctuary and go to:

❖ **Godly Care – Today for children ages 2 – Kindergarten** 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.**

10:10 a.m.	Reception for Sudie Niesen Thompson	Community Hall
	Childcare for ages Preschool through 2 nd Grade	Preschool Suite Room D
	Crafts for children ages 3 rd Grade and older	Classroom 4 – Art Room

Later Today

3:00 p.m.	Matthew Mah Memorial Service	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Matthew Mah Memorial Reception	Community Hall
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.

UPCOMING 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

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

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

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of The Reverend Sudie Niesen Thompson on her installation as Associate Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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:

- ❖ 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 Jean Lewis, Jay Ritter, Gertrude Hood, Jim Waddell, Jean Reynard, and Evelyn Measley, all of 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 for Godly Care 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 ww.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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. – John 1:1-4

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greg Jones and Moderator Bruce Gillette

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

PRELUDE

“There’s a Spirit of Love in This Place”
Aisha Brooks-Lytle

Mark A. Miller
arr. Adam Tavolaro

CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Jones

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Let us enter God’s presence with songs of joy!

Know that the Lord is God, the one who made us and claims us.

We are God’s people, the sheep of God’s pasture.

Enter the gates of the Almighty with thanksgiving, and God’s courts with praise.

For the Lord is good. God’s steadfast love endures forever!

Adapted from Psalm 100

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 35

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bob Schminkey

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bob Schminkey and Tom Stout

The voice of God calls across public square and private space alike, beseeching our hearts to follow the ways of justice and righteousness. But the world beckons us to other paths, paths that promise security or personal success.

Creator God, too often we find ourselves far from the quiet beauty of your creation, too busy for those places and practices that nurture us in the life you call us to lead. Instead we are bombarded by the demands of work and schedule, bound to an existence that exhausts our energies and imagination. The call to discipleship quickly becomes one more unwelcome obligation. Forgive us for giving ordinary things such focus in our everyday lives.

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

Worldly voices can be so sweet and seductive. Yet their wisdom proves foolishness and the riches they promise are fleeting. The voice of God calls us to insights gained by attending to eternal truth, and promises life abundant to those whose delight is in the Lord.

Gracious God, so many voices compete for our attention; so much else demands our loyalty. Tune our hearts to hear your voice more clearly; set our feet upon the path of your wisdom, and strengthen us in the lives of discipleship to which your Spirit calls us.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Tom Stout

*RESPONSE NO. 270

“O Lord, You Are My God and King”
Verse 1

JERUSALEM

Children through Kindergarten may leave for Godly Care in the Preschool Suite, or they may remain in worship.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Tom Stout

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Lynn Horan, Liturgical Dance

Old Testament, page 553
Sarah McCann

SERMON

“Wisdom”

Casey Thompson

*HYMN NO. 450

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

OFFERING

Julius Jackson

If you would like to contribute to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry Candidate’s Fund to help New Castle Presbytery’s inquirers and candidates who are studying to become ministers of Word and Sacrament, please make checks payable to New Castle Presbytery and place them in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“O Be Joyful”
Westminster Choir

Gilbert Martin

Jubilate Deo; O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord is God; It is He that hath made us and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; Be thankful to Him and speak good of His name. For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father; glory be to the Son; Glory be to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

Julius Jackson

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

LITANY OF GIFTS

Denison Hatch and Robin Rosser

As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own function, so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all belong to each other.

We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.

If your gift is to hear God's Word,
speak it out in faith.

If your gift is service,
live to serve others.

If your gift is the heart of a teacher,
teach what is true.

Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;
let officers work diligently for the people, and let those who serve the poor serve gladly.

Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,
**serving the Lord,
rejoicing in hope,
patient in suffering,
constant in prayer,
supporting one another,
and welcoming all.**

STATEMENT ON THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Moderator Bruce Gillette

... In her baptism, Sudie was clothed with Christ. She was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament by the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and is now called by God through the voice of the church to serve as associate pastor of this congregation.

**We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ,
and we celebrate God's call to our sister, Sudie, to serve among us as pastor.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you be a faithful teaching elder, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Jeanne Checkel

Do we, the members of the church, accept Sudie as our associate pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for her, to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Do we promise to pay her fairly and provide for her welfare as she works among us; to stand by her in trouble and share her joys? Will we listen to the word she preaches, welcome her pastoral care, and honor her authority as she seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord? **We do and we will.**

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Nancy Rowland

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION AND WELCOME

Moderator Bruce Gillette

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED PASTOR

Bill Golderer

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 10

"Sing Glory to the Name of God"

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

SENDING

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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

Following the service, please join us downstairs in Community Hall for a reception to celebrate the installation of The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson.

Participants (* Indicates those serving on the Administrative Commission of New Castle Presbytery)

- The Rev. Aisha Brooks-Lytle** Minister for Mission, Wayne Presbyterian Church (Wayne, PA)
- *Jeanne Checkel** Clerk of Session, Westminster Presbyterian Church
- *The Rev. Bruce Gillette** Co-Pastor, Limestone Presbyterian Church (Wilmington, DE)
Moderator of New Castle Presbytery
- The Rev. Bill Golderer** Pastor, Arch Street Presbyterian Church (Philadelphia, PA)
- Denison Hatch** Elder & APNC Co-Chair, Westminster Presbyterian Church
- *The Rev. Lynn Horan** Pastor, Concord Presbyterian Church (Wilmington, DE)
- *Julius Jackson** Elder, Community Presbyterian Church (New Castle, DE)
Chairperson of Presbytery Council
- The Rev. Dr. Gregory Knox Jones** Senior Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church
- Sarah McCann** Elder, New Castle Presbyterian Church (New Castle, DE)
- Robin Rosser** Deacon & APNC Co-Chair, Westminster Presbyterian Church
- *The Rev. Nancy Rowland** Pastor, New Castle Presbyterian Church (New Castle, DE)
- *Bob Schminkey** Elder, Presbyterian Church of Chestertown (Chestertown, MD)
Stated Clerk of New Castle Presbytery
- The Rev. Tom Stout** Parish Associate, Westminster Presbyterian Church
- The Rev. Casey Thompson** Senior Pastor, Wayne Presbyterian Church (Wayne, PA)



Participants in Procession:

- Josh Cox, Cross
- Baden Saathoff, Light
- Anna Schiltz, Water
- Teresa Wemhoff, Word

