



**Service of Worship
Trinity Sunday
May 27, 2018
10:00 a.m.**

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

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

9:45 – 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.

11:00 – 12:00 p.m. **Summer Tea** in Rodney Chapel and the Meeting Room

Also Today

11:15 a.m. Session Meeting Classroom 6

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

One rosebud on the chancel this morning is in celebration of the birth of Xanthi Juliette Rassias, born May 23 to Julie Reinicker Rassias and husband Pete. Proud grandparents are Sandy and Roger Reinicker.

One rosebud on the chancel this morning is in celebration of the birth of Aslyn Cora Zimmerman, born May 22. She is the daughter of Elizabeth and Justus Zimmerman, and the granddaughter of Debbie and Chuck Brown.

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 June 3 and 24; July 1, 22 and 29.

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 Hal Schonhans at Crosslands, Frank Pickering at The Summit and Bob Kline at Cokesbury.
- ❖ **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

Welcome

We welcome Alex Sprague to our pulpit. Alex grew up in Westminster and recently finished his second year at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. This summer, as part of his preparation for ministry, Alex will be a student chaplain in a supervised program at Chelsea Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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

Mighty God, we pray for your blessing on all gathered for worship this day. May the faithful find guidance and the careless be awakened. May the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged. May the tempted find help, and the sorrowful be comforted. May the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. May the lost find guidance and the discouraged be inspired; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Trio Sonata no. 1 in E-flat major
I. Allegro

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Why have we gathered for worship today?

We have come to be born anew.

May we possess the courage to open our lives to the transforming power of God.

Let us embrace God's Spirit and be reborn from above.

*HYMN NO. 2

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

ITALIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we have not always lived for you.

You have invited us into new life,

yet we have closed our eyes and ears to your invitation.

You have challenged us to step out of well-worn ruts,

yet we hesitate to venture onto a new path.

Enter our lives and renew our spirits,

so that we will have the needed courage

to make overdue changes in our lives.

We ask this in the name of Christ,

who brings us hope for new life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Children through age 4 may leave for Godly Care, or they may remain in worship.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:1-17

New Testament, page 81

SERMON

“The Story Doesn’t End Here”

Alex Sprague

*HYMN NO. 286

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

TRENTHAM

OFFERING

True kindness lies within the act of giving without the expectation of something in return.

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Trio Sonata no. 1
II. Adagio

Bach

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 8

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

MELITA

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Trio Sonata no. 1
III. Allegro

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 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.

PLEASE JOIN US IN RODNEY CHAPEL FOR SUMMER TEA

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 3 – August 26 (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

We Want to Acknowledge Graduates!

DEADLINE: June 1

Congratulations to the Class of 2018! Westminster Church would like to acknowledge the class of 2018. If you would like your name listed in our bulletin on Sunday, June 10 and in the July/August issue of *The Westminster Chimes*, please send an email to Susan Williamson (susanwilliamson@comcast.net) with the following information by June 1. Please put "Graduation" in the subject line.



- **High school graduates:**

- Full name and parents
- Name of your high school
- Plans for the fall

- **Post high school graduates:**

- Full name
- Institution name and location
- Degree

New to Westminster?

Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

Here is some information you might find helpful:

- Hymnals are located on a shelf under the pew in front of you, or at the ends of the pew. Please join us in singing!
- A red Friendship Pad at the end of the pew 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.
- There will be an Ambassador at the back of the church at the end of worship, who would love to answer any questions you might have or give you more information about Westminster.
- 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) or contact the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson at sniesenthompson@wpc.org or (302) 654-5214 ext. 103.



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Ask someone to show you the way!**

PASTORAL STAFF

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

DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES: Teisha Fooks

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YOUTH LEADERS

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SESSION

Jen Barrington, Karen Beer, Ty Burns, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Jeanne Checkel, Joe Daley, Karen Dietz, Rich Diver, Michael Enderle, Peter Gildner, Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Kelly McCulloch, Mark Mosher, Margo Reign, Carrie Saathoff, Kent Smith, Janet Steinwedel, Barb Stratton, Mary Vane, Susan Williamson, Helen Zumsteg

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