



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship **25th Sunday after Pentecost** **November 11, 2018** **9:00 a.m.**

PASTORAL STAFF:

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

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Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
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Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

YOUTH LEADERS

Merideth Hite Estevez
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper,
Molly McPheeters, Tommy Neilson

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DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND SECURITY

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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 – 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

Liz Bacon, Amy Bickhart, Beatty Chadwick, Barry Cobb, Sally McBride, Pam White

8:45– 12:15 p.m. Nursery Care

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. Worship

Children are always welcome in worship. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith. Children are escorted to classes after TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN during worship.

- ❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 through 4 in Preschool Suite C.
- ❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade in the Ruth Christie Room.
- ❖ **Sing-to-Praise Choir Program** – Children in grades 3 through 6 in the Youth Music Room.

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 guardian or an adult pre-approved by the guardian. Thank you for your help.

10:10 a.m. Education for All Ages

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| ➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers | Preschool Suite C |
| ➤ Joyful Noise Choir Program for K – 5 | Youth Music Room |
| ➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8 | Art Room |
| ➤ High School/Confirmation Class Grades 9 – 12 | Classroom 7 |
| ➤ Sunday Seminars | See page 7 |

11:15 a.m. Living Mosaics Worship in Rodney Chapel

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time after Living Mosaics Meeting Room

Later Today

5:00 p.m.	180° Dinner and Fellowship	Classroom 6/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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Amy Michener Lengel by her family – Eric, Katie, Jason and Justin – and her parents, Bunny and Jack.

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 November 25; December 16 and 30.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Kay Johnson
- ❖ **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 Gordon Lewis and Caroline Sparks at Stonegates.
- ❖ **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:

- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Major Brent Taylor, age 39, from Ogden, Utah
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

Easy-to-use assisted listening devices may be found in the back of the sanctuary and the side entrance off the main hallway.

Worship Resources – You can obtain large print hymnals and listening devices from any usher. Worship bags for children ages 3 through 6 include a children's bulletin designed for them. Children's bulletins for ages 7 through 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

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Here in the company of the neighbor whom we know, and the stranger in our midst, and the self from whom we turn, we ask to love as Jesus loved. Make this the place and time, good Lord, when heaven and earth become one, and we know ourselves beloved. Amen.

From a prayer from the Old South Church in Boston

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the friendship folder, located at the end of the pew, to the person next to you.

*PASSING THE PEACE

CHORAL PRELUDE

“O Lord God, to Thee Be Praise”

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

O Lord God, to Thee be praise evermore: And Thy glory shall be told to the ends of the earth: While we sing unceasingly the great deeds which Thou hast wrought.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear, O People: The Lord is our God –
the One who made us, the One who sustains us.

Keep these words in your heart:
**You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your might.**

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

**Let us enter God’s house with thanksgiving;
and come into God’s presence with praise!**

(Inspired by Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Psalm 100)

*HYMN NO. 403

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

UNSER HERRSCHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, you entered into our broken world
that we might learn to love you with heart, soul, mind, and strength,
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Yet, with the daily demands of life,
it is easy to become fixated on our own needs,
and frazzled by the demands others make on our time and energy.**

**Forgive us when we fail to love you and others fully and freely,
and when we fall into habits that distort discipleship into duty.**

Turn us back to you, O God.

**Draw us into the joy of love practiced wholeheartedly,
so that we may give genuinely and generously of ourselves in service. Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM

“Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee”

Dan Forrest

Jesus, Lord, we look to Thee;
Let us in Thy Name agree;
Show Thyself the Prince of Peace,
Bid our strife forever cease.

By Thy reconciling love
Ev'ry stumbling block remove;
Each to each unite, endear;
Come and spread Thy banner here.

Make us of one heart and mind,
Gentle, peaceable and kind,
Lowly, meek in thought and word,
Altogether like our Lord.

Let us for each other care,
Each the other's burdens bear;
To Thy church the pattern give,
Show how true believers live.

Free from anger and from pride;
Let us this in God abide;
All the depths of love express,
All the heights of holiness.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

John Richard Ellis IV
Son of John and Patricia (Johnson) Ellis

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

PRESENTATION OF THE PARENTS AND CHILD

Elder Barbara Stratton

OPENING WORDS

Each birth is a miracle of blessing and wonder,
and each child is cherished by God.
God blesses all children with a potential for what is right and true and good,
and shows them the beauty of a life of love.

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 son? **We do.**

CONGREGATION

Will we, the people of the church, nurture and support John and his parents, and will we encourage him to become a faithful Christian? **We will.**

CHILDREN

Do you promise to help John be a part of our church family by being a friend to him?

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOLLOWING BAPTISM

RESPONSE: HYMN NO. 492

**You belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

1st Time: Choir

2nd Time: All

*Children through Grade 6 may leave for Godly Care, Godly Play 1, and Sing-to-Praise Choir,
or they may remain in worship.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 12:38-44

New Testament, page 43
Craig Stabler, Lay Reader

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN NO. 703

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

ST. CATHERINE

OFFERING

*“All shall give as they are able,
according to the blessing the LORD your god has given you.” (Deuteronomy 16:17)*

OFFERTORY

“Hear Ye, Israel” (from *Elijah*)
Hye Eun Choi, soprano

Felix Mendelssohn

Hear ye, Israel: hear what the Lord speaketh: “Oh, had’st thou heeded my commandments!” Who hath believed our report? To who is the arm of the Lord revealed? Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him oppressed by tyrants: “I am He that comforteth; Be not afraid, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee! Say, who art thou, that thou art afraid of a man that shall die; and forgettest the Lord thy Maker, who hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the earth’s foundations.”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*HYMN NO. 694

“Great God of Every Blessing”

AURELIA

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Trio Sonata no. 5 in C major
I. Allegro

J. S. 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 ambassador, Tammy Daley, at the back of the center aisle following the service. She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.



Sunday Seminars

The Challenge of Paul

Today through December 16

Classroom 3

Facilitator: Bob Cox

The Challenge of Paul is an educational video series of lectures featuring historical Jesus scholar, John Dominic Crossan, who guides participants through the three-dimensional world of the Apostle Paul's time and place. Crossan pushes past generations of doctrine and dogma to reveal the real-life character of Paul who shaped a generation of courageous Christ-followers to challenge boldly the greed and violence of the Roman Empire, the overlord of the first century Mediterranean world.

NCP Congo Partnership: Where New Mission Vision Builds Hope, Relationships, and Empowerment

Classroom 6

Presenters: Members of the New Castle Presbytery Congo Partnership

Did you know that New Castle Presbytery (NCP) has restructured itself to be more focused on mission, both locally and globally? Did you know that Westminster is one of several member churches of the NCP Congo Partnership, which has a fourteen year history of working to build hope, strengthen relationships, and empower the people and sister congregations in Kananga, Democratic Republic of Congo? Congolese people experience widespread poverty, but their land is rich in natural resources. They flee tribal warfare and suffer oppressive government, but are bound in deep-rooted faith and share unbound hospitality. If you are interested to learn how these partnership churches are sharing their experiences, hopes, dreams, and fears and are supporting one another in Christ across distance, time zones, and cultures, please join us to hear of our successes and struggles.

Race In America: Legacy and Future- Racism, Bias and Inequality Today

Classroom 5

Facilitators: Sue Linderman and Dave McBride

After learning the history of race relations in America over the past 400 years, we now discuss the current state of race relations by addressing four questions. First, how prevalent in America today is the conscious and overt racism that believes in the superiority of the white "race" and the inferiority of other "races"? Is such racism increasing in the past 10 years either in prevalence or intensity? Second, since race is ***not*** a biological category, but merely a social and political construct, how deep is our unconscious bias if we continue to see the world in terms of different races with presumably different characteristics that we use to define them? Third, how deep is the legacy of inequality caused by the racism of our past and how do we address it? Is the inequality itself a cause of bias or racism today? Finally, are racism, unconscious bias and racial inequality caused or perpetuated by other social forces and, if so, what forces increase or decrease racism, bias or inequality?

LATER THIS WEEK: Book Discussion – So You Want to Talk About Race

Thursday, November 15th at 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in Ruth Christie Room

Presenter: Sue Frost

Discussion facilitator Sue Frost invites you to join us for what promises to be a fascinating discussion of So You Want To Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo, a Seattle-based writer and speaker. Oluo is an exceptional writer with a rare ability to be straightforward, funny, and effective in her coverage of sensitive, hyper-charged issues in America. This book is a timely addition to our ongoing series of "Let's Talk About It" conversations on Sunday mornings. You need not have read the (whole) book in order to participate in the discussion. We look forward to seeing you!

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.



Please join us for coffee or tea in Community Hall after the service.

Ask someone to show you the way!