



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship November 13, 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

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Merideth Hite Estevez, Director of Music for Children and Youth
Section Leaders/Soloists: Diana Milburn, Sharon Babcock,
David Price, Travis Lucas

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.

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An Earth Care Congregation of the PC (USA)

This Morning at Westminster

Deacon Team of the Month

Carol Neff, Tammy Daley, Teisha Fooks, Laura Holmes, Cathy Lang, Judy Stoffer

8:45 – 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 **main hallway and 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.**
- ❖ **The Sing-to-Praise Choir** is singing for the 9:00 worship service and will remain in the sanctuary for the entire service. Therefore, there is no Sing-to Praise rehearsal in the youth music room this morning.

10:10 a.m.

Education for All Ages

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| ➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers | Preschool Suite |
| ➤ Joyful Noise Choir Program for K – 2 | Youth Music Room |
| ➤ Godly Play 2 for Grades 3 – 5 | Classroom 4 (Art Room) |
| ➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8 | Classroom 8 |
| ➤ Confirmation Class for Grades 9 and 10 | Classroom 7 |
| ➤ Adult Education Classes | See page 7 |

11:15 a.m.

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

Later Today

5:00 p.m.	180° Youth Dinner and Fellowship	Classroom 6/ Community Hall
6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
7:00 p.m.	Parent Support Group for Families with Addiction	Daughtry House Conf. 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Fred Iobst and Tom Stout
- ❖ **Westminster's homebound** who can no longer attend worship with us, by sending a card, saying a prayer, or visiting. This week we ask you to remember Edie Lennox, Jean Lewis and Jay Ritter, all at Country House.

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:
 - Brian Gorman, grandson of Art and Barbara Gorman
 - Jeremy Lushnat, nephew of Arch and Melody Layman
 - Sam Pittman, nephew of Roland and Mary Lu Pamm
- Those who have returned from service, possibly suffering from wounds or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

~ FALL SERMON SERIES ~

The Story of Moses is the Story of Faith

Dr. Jones is preaching a sermon series focusing on key elements of religious faith. For six Sundays in October and November, we will consider stories of Moses with an eye toward how they shape our thinking about: God's call, our response, doubt, faithful living, courage, freedom, guidance, and hope.

The six passages we will study are:

Exodus 3:1-10, Exodus 3:11-4:17, Exodus 5, Exodus 14:10-15:21, Exodus 32:1-14, Deuteronomy 34

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MUSIC OF THE TOWER BELLS

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Great and good God, give me a clear heart that I may see you, a humble heart that I may hear you, a compassionate heart that I may serve you, a faithful heart that I may worship you, here and in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL PRELUDE

“Hallelujah, Amen”
Westminster Choir

G. F. Handel

Hallelujah, Amen; O Judah, rejoice in songs divine,
with cherubim and seraphim harmonious join.

CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world of partial truths, we need a time of truth-telling.

In a world of many gods, we need to encounter the one true God.

In a world that makes many demands on our time,
we need to be confronted by the ultimate claim on our lives.

We are here to worship the Creator of heaven and earth.

*HYMN NO. 32

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

ELLACOMBE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Written by the youth of Westminster*)

Lord, we idolize our iPhones and care more about having the most up-to-date technology than we do about praying, reading scripture, and acting with kindness. Lord, in your mercy:

Forgive us.

We desire nice cars, clothes, and other material things so we can feel better about ourselves, instead of seeing our value in Jesus, and we forget how we are called to help the poor. Lord, in your mercy:

Forgive us.

We let movie stars, athletes, and other public figures define what we value, instead of your word. Lord, in your mercy:

Forgive us.

We always long for more. More money, more success, more popularity...we want to desperately lose weight or have bigger muscles. We long to be cherished and accepted by everyone, instead of living like we are cherished and accepted by you. Lord, in your mercy:

Forgive us.

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

Lord, we know all the things we love are not bad in and of themselves, but only point to how much we need you. Help us to trust in you and know that these idols in our lives can be put down, because in Jesus we find true value and security.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM

“God Called Moses”
Sing-to-Praise Choir

John D. Horman

God called Moses to the top of the mountain;
spoke to him through a trumpet blast,
smoke and fire, thunder and ligh’ning,
words to remember, that would ever last!

God called Moses to the top of the mountain,
gave him commandments, ten in all,
rules for living, rules for loving,
rules to remember God’s law.

“I have brought you out of bondage,
parted waters, dried the sea.
Know I am the Lord, your God.
You must worship no God but me.”

God sent Moses down from the mountain
With stone tablets for all to see.
Holy laws were written upon them,
Ten commandments, by God’s decree.

God gave us the Ten commandments,
rules for all who seek God’s way.
Holy laws for us to follow,
guiding all we do each day.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Joanna Rose Lattanzio

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

PRESENTATION OF THE PARENTS AND CHILD

Elder: Barbara Stratton

OPENING WORDS

Every birth is a miracle of blessing and wonder,
and every 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 child? **We do.**

CONGREGATION

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

CHILDREN

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOLLOWING BAPTISM

TELLING OF THE SCRIPTURE STORY

Exodus 32:1-14

*Mary-beth Howard and Shelley Gnade, Storytellers
Westminster By Heart*

SERMON

“Chasing Idols”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 58

“When Israel Was Going Forth”

PISGAH

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

“Teach Me, O Lord”

Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes;
and I shall keep it unto the end.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER (page 35 in our *Glory to God* hymnal)

*HYMN NO. 65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM RHONDDA

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Coronation March, from *Le Prophète*

Giacomo Meyerbeer

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, Robin Rosser, following the service. She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.



Adult Education Classes This Morning

History of the Bible

Today through May 14, 2017

Classroom 3

Facilitator: Bob Cox

Have you ever wondered where the Bible came from? Who wrote it? Why do some Christian Bibles have different books in them? Who decided which books would be included and how were they chosen? Join Bob Cox to explore these and other questions as we use video lectures, archeological discoveries, samples of key texts, and various classroom aids to follow the path of our sacred scriptures from pre-history to the digital age.

Food for Thought

Classroom 6

Presenter: Kali Kniel-Tolbert

Today's food culture includes large-scale agricultural production of grains, meats, fruits, and vegetables as well as locally sourced and small-scale production of these products. So much of our food culture is driven by media lacking the science that is behind the production and processing of our food. Thinking forward to the 9 billion in the world by the year 2050 the needs are great for production of high quality, healthy foods that are also low in risk of foodborne illness. In the United States alone 48 million Americans become sick each year from food that appears healthy and safe. Food products can become contaminated anywhere along the farm to fork continuum and all food production systems are at risk from contamination. Consumers, food industry professionals, and government officials all play a role in food safety.

Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas (DVD and Book Study)

Today, November 20 and December 4, 11, and 18

Ruth Christie Room

Facilitator: Sue Linderman

In this 5-week, small group program, we will embark on an Advent journey to discover how, where, and why we are sent. Dynamic pastor, Jorge Acevedo and four young clergy will challenge us through story, art, and Bible study. Each session begins with a story about Advent or Christmas and is followed by a lively discussion among the presenters. *Jesus' birth was not a one-time occurrence. Every Christmas has the possibility of Jesus being born again in our lives and in our world.*—Jorge Acevedo.

Your Generosity Changes Everything!

Anything is possible at Westminster as we seek to become the church God is calling us to become. But not *everything* is possible at any given time. Our Session and Trustees thoughtfully and prayerfully seek to discern God's calling as they craft our path to the future. They strive to balance the needs of our church and the world around us in order to create and sustain an environment that enables our congregation to grow in faith, transforming lives.

Your support of the mission and ministries of our church makes all the difference in what we can accomplish. Thank you for your generous and compassionate spirit!



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