



Service of Worship
26th Sunday after Pentecost
November 18, 2018
9:00 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.

A Covenant Network Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
An Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
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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 6 |

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

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

Later Today

11:15 a.m.	Flying Solo Brunch	Catherine Rooney’s
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 Charma Welch and Martin Gravely by Barbara Gravely Welch and Chuck Welch.

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:** John Bowman and Carla (Susan) Pyle.
- ❖ **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 Nancy and Howard Horne at Stonegates, and Margaret and Jim Hodges at the Summit.
- ❖ **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

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

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Eternal God, when the way forward is unclear, may I see your light. When I am weary and discouraged, buoy my soul. Help me to see past the distractions so that I may catch a glimpse of the possibilities you put before me. Amen.

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

PRELUDE

Concerto in A-flat
I. Allegro
II. Sarabande
Barbara Prugh, trumpet

Antonio Vivaldi

CALL TO WORSHIP

From the shadows of darkness, reach for the light.

God is our rock and our foundation.

Reject evil and seek God's truth.

The ways of justice and love are the hope of the world.

*HYMN NO. 619

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, when trials beset us, it is natural to fear.
Called to be courageous, we find our faith lacking.
When asked to take risks, we confess our complacency.
By ignoring injustice, we hope it will subside.
You have shown us that you are trustworthy.
You stay by our side through both suffering and celebration.
Forgive our reluctance to trust your guidance
and to take bold steps in your name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Merideth Hite Estevez

ANTHEM

"God Is So Good"
Joyful Noise and Sing-to-Praise choirs

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

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

SERMON

“Impermanence”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 357

“The Days Are Surely Coming”

LLANGLOFFAN

OFFERING

“Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in your love for us – we want you to excel also in this grace of giving.” (2 Corinthians 8:7)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“O Give Thanks to the Lord”
Westminster Choir

Walter Pelz

O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name, make known his deeds among his people. Sing to him, sing praises unto him, tell of all his wonderful works! Glory in his holy name; Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. O give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever and ever. Amen.

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. 373

“O Day of Peace”

JERUSALEM

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Concerto in A-flat
III. Presto

Vivaldi

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, Marlys Kerr, 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.

The office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and Friday this week, November 22 – 23.



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.

Kairos Prison Ministry

Classroom 6

Presenter: Victoria McDowell of Kairos of Delaware

Learn about three programs that spread the Good News to those in prison: Kairos Inside is a 3.5 day program taken into the institution that, through a step by step program, (re)introduces participants to the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Kairos Torch is a more intensive program for incarcerated offenders (25 and younger) in which each participant receives an individual mentor who works with mentees weekly for 6 months. Kairos Outside is a 2.5 day program for female relatives of those who are or have been incarcerated.

Membership Exploration Class

Today and December 2

Classroom 5

Facilitator: Greg Jones

Have you been considering membership at Westminster? Are you interested in learning more about this community of faith? Please join us for a two-session Membership Exploration Series to discuss the Presbyterian tradition, Westminster's ministry and mission, and ways to connect with our church family. There will also be an opportunity to join the Westminster congregation at the end of the second session on December 2nd.

Christmas Boxes Project Is Under Way!

Every year, Westminster fills more than 120 boxes at Christmas with food and gifts for families in need in our community. You can be a part of this joyful project.

- Take one or more “Wish Stars” from a Christmas tree in the Pavilion or near Rodney Chapel. **Sign the log book by the tree for each star you take!**
- Buy and wrap the gifts with the Wish Stars taped to the outside of the package. Place them in one of the festively wrapped collection bins **by Sunday, December 9.**
- Donate boxed healthy cereal and stuffing mix; and canned corn, sweet potatoes, fruit and cranberry sauce (no more green beans, please). Bring your donations to church **by Sunday, December 9** and place them in a collection bin.
- Help wrap and sort gifts in Grace Hall beginning at 10:10 on **Sunday, December 9.**
- Plan to attend the Packing Party and Potluck Dinner on **Friday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m.**

You can find more detailed information and additional ways to help in the October/November 2018 issue of *The Westminster Chimes* and the *Weekly Word* e-newsletter. There will also be an “Answer Elf” at each tree on Sunday mornings to answer questions.



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!

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