



Service of Worship
Christ the King; Reign of Christ
November 20, 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

8:30 a.m. – 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

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 A**.
- ❖ **Sing-to-Praise Choir Program** – Children in grades 3 through 6. Parents, please escort your child to the Youth Music Room for sign-in, just prior to the start of worship, and pick up your child from the Youth Music Room immediately following worship. Children will only be released to a parent or an adult pre-approved by the parent.

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 6 |

11:15 a.m.

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

Flying Solo Brunch at Catherine Rooney’s 1616 Delaware Avenue

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 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Frederick Iobst, Nancy Little and Tone Truitt.
- ❖ **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 Evelyn Measley 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 Cathy Lang: 302-654-5214 ext. 129, or cathylang@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.

WORSHIP NOTES

All children who leave the sanctuary after Children's Time 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 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 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

Thank you, God, for the glimpses of your glory, and the whispered words of your promise, which help me to continue from day to day. Help me press onward in the journey of faith, trusting your grace for today and tomorrow. Amen.

Ruth C. Duck, *Flames of the Spirit*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Sonata no. 11
II. Cantilene

Josef Rheinberger

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come to worship the living God;

Who creates heaven and earth.

Let us celebrate the gift of life;

And give thanks for the wonders of God's world.

*HYMN NO. 49

"The God of Abraham Praise"

LEONI

PRAYER

**Loving God, we are grateful for your grace
that nurtures and sustains us for the journey ahead.
We pray that when the journey is fraught with danger
and when dreams of the future are shrouded in mist,
your Spirit will inspire us to keep hope alive.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Susan Moseley

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

TELLING OF THE SCRIPTURE STORY

Deuteronomy 34
*Teresa Wemhoff, Storyteller
Westminster By Heart*

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

ANTHEM

“Onward, Ye Peoples”
Westminster Choir

Jean Sibelius

Onward, ye peoples, strive for the Light! The Light that the Lord hath given us for our guide, Who through murk and darkness of night Hath led us in safety unto our reward. See how the fiery pillar is gleaming, Lighting our steps, when dark is the way. And the Light of the World, It cleaveth the gloomy blackness of night that else would engulf us. See the cloudy pillar to shield us safe when the sun would blister us. Then forward, where faith revealeth the way! For God is our guide, and He will never fail. Fires are gleaming, voices are singing forth from Mount Neboh’s heaven-storming height. Salem! Salem! Hark, they call us upward and on, to our Father’s home. Salem! Salem! on the horizon, urging us on to God and our home; and the heavenly choir doth ring from Mount Neboh, piercing the blue like a living light.

SERMON

“The Promised Land”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 772

“Live into Hope”

TRURO

OFFERING

*“Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”
(Acts 20:35)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Dwelling Place”

Rob Landes

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or over thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. Thou turnest us to destruction; and sayest, “Return, ye children of God.” For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply ourselves unto wisdom. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*HYMN NO. 367

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Sonata no. 11
III. Intermezzo

Rheinberger

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



Adult Education Classes This Morning

A Mission Celebration for All Adults

Community Hall

Dozens of creative, eye-catching, and informative displays will represent the many mission organizations supported by Westminster Church. Grab a cup of coffee and something to eat at the Holy Toast Café, and then take a stroll around Community Hall to engage in conversation about various mission partnerships that enable us to share our faith in action and make a difference in the lives of others and our own.

Membership Exploration Classes

Today and December 4

Classroom 5

Are you interested in learning more about Westminster? Have you been considering membership? Please join us for a two week series today and December 4th to explore Presbyterian values and life as a member of WPC. Gathering together to share.... see you there!!!!

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.

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

Today, 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.

IT'S THE MOST ~~WONDERFUL~~ *hectic*

TIME OF THE YEAR!

Take a break from the hectic pace of the Christmas season and join us for a time of prayer and reflection, silence and song, inspired by the worship of the Taizé Community in France. All are welcome!



WEDNESDAY EVENING
TAIZÉ

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Wednesdays
November 30, December 7, 14 and 21
6:30 p.m.



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