



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **Service of Worship Reign of Christ Sunday November 22, 2015 9:00 a.m.**

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Youth and Handbells  
Children's Music Student Directors: Kourtney Bastianelli  
and Nicole Maragus

**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 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**

Bill Kaye, Barry Cobb, Sue Frost, Laura Holmes, Lola Miller, Cassandra Piovoso, Mark Shiflett

8:45 a.m. – 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 **Ruth Christie Room** to 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**.
- ❖ **Godly Play 2** – Children in grades 3 through 5 meet upstairs in the **Meeting Room**. The stories in Godly Play 2 are longer and the work/response time offers added variety for the interests and abilities of older children. You may pick up your children in the **Preschool Suite Classroom C**.

10:10 a.m.

### **Education for All Ages**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers</li> <li>➤ Sunshine Choir for Grades K – 2</li> <li>➤ D.R.U.M. for Grades 3 – 6</li> <li>➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 9</li> <li>➤ Adult Education Classes</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preschool Suite</li> <li>Classroom 7</li> <li>Youth Music Room</li> <li>Classroom 8</li> <li>See page 7</li> </ul> |
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## **Later Today**

<p>4:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Heavenly Metal Handbell Choir 180° Dinner and Fellowship Clean But Not Straight – NA Adult Handbell Ensemble AA</p>	<p>Classroom B Classroom 6/Community Hall Club Room Classroom B Club Room</p>
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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. We are one of 140 congregations (out of more than 10,000) that has earned this 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.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Andrew Holcombe
- ❖ **Westminster's homebound family** who can no longer attend worship with us, by sending a card, saying a prayer, or visiting. This week we ask you to remember Gordon Lewis at Stonegates, Vern Albright at Shipley Manor, and Leucia Venable at home.

**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](mailto:cfalasco@wpc.org).

### This week we pray for

- Those known to the WPC Community presently serving in various locations:  
Brian Gorman, Jeremy Lushnat
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:  
Specialist Kyle Gilbert, age 24, of Buford, Georgia  
Seaman Philip Manes, age 21, of Fairfax, Virginia  
Airman 1st Class Kcey Ruiz, age 21, of McDonough, Georgia
- 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

### **We Welcome the Reverend Thomas Speers**

Tom moved to Delaware in June and lives on the campus of Tower Hill School where his wife Bessie is Head of School. Until June, he served as co-pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Hartford, CT. Previously, he served as pastor of Overbrook Presbyterian Church, in Philadelphia and Dickey Memorial Presbyterian Church in Baltimore. He was probationer assistant minister in the Old Parish Church of East Kilbride, Scotland. He grew up in First Presbyterian Church, New Canaan, CT, where Jon Walton was associate pastor.

Tom and Bessie have two children. Nellie is in 12th grade at Ethel Walker School where she loves theater and dance and is in her fifth year of Chinese. Guthrie is in 9th grade at Tower Hill. He loves sports and is delighted again to be amongst fans of the Phillies, the Eagles, the Flyers and the Sixers.

**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.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

MUSIC OF THE TOWER BELLS

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*For the morning light and its irresistible dawning, for your untamable utterances of life in boundless stretches of space and for the strength of the waves of the sea I give you thanks, O God. Release in me the power of your Spirit that my soul may be free and my spirit strong. Release in me the freedom of your Spirit that I may be bridled by nothing but love; that I may be bridled only by love.*

J. Philip Newell, *Celtic Benediction*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Praise the Lord with the Drums and Cymbals

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come before God in a spirit of thanksgiving,  
**as we recount the many blessings of this day.**

We come before God with grateful hearts,  
as we marvel at the wonders of the world.

**We give thanks to God for the gift of life  
and for God's everlasting love.**

\*HYMN NO. 268

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Spirit of love and energy of the universe,  
we give you thanks for the wonders of your creation:  
for the beauty our eyes can spot in the natural world,  
for the joy our ears can detect in children playing,  
for the love we can share with our family and friends  
and for the faith that can generate purpose for our lives  
and hope for the future.**

**Help us to live grateful lives for the gifts you give us. Amen.**

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

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Tom Speers

*Children through Grade 5 may leave for Godly Care, Godly Play 1, and Godly Play 2, or they may remain in worship.*

ANTHEM

“Rejoice in the Lord Always”  
*Sunshine Choir and D.R.U.M.*

Upon direction, congregation joins:

**All the world is God's own field,  
fruit in thankful praise to yield,  
wheat and tares together sown,  
unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade, and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.**

Text: Henry Alford, 1844, alt.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 4:4-14

New Testament, page 175  
Lisa Stoddard, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Ever Thankful”

Greg Jones

SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn No. 654)

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;  
in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God; do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.  
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.**

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\*HYMN NO. 644

“Give Thanks, O Christian People” *ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN*

OFFERING

*“Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.”  
Psalm 96:8*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“King of Glory, King of Peace”  
*Westminster Choir*

Eric H. Thiman

King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love Thee;  
And, that love may never cease,  
I will move Thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
Thou hast heard me;  
Thou didst note my working breast,  
Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing Thee,  
And the cream of all my heart  
I will bring Thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
Thou didst clear me,  
And alone, when they replied,  
Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise Thee;  
In my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise Thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
To enrol Thee;  
E'en eternity's too short  
To extol Thee.

(Text by George Herbert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

\*HYMN NO. 270

“O Lord, You Are My God and King”

*JERUSALEM*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

Prayer for Blessing

David Schwoebel

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor. Direct us, O Lord, and further us with thy continual help; That in all our works begun, That in all our works continued, and ended in thee, We may glorify thy name, and receive everlasting life; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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



## Adult Education Classes This Morning

### ***In Search of Wholeness through the Archetype of the Wounded-Healer***

Classroom 6

Presenter – Janet Steinwedel

Living fully is a journey into wholeness. That journey requires us to not only see our wounding but to consciously experience our wounds so that we come out the other side with its blessing. This is an encounter with something greater than our limited ego, an encounter with the Self. Each encounter with the numinous Self enlarges us and enables us to heal and be creative once again. When we live into both aspects of the Wounded-Healer we are empowered. We're blessed with wisdom - the wisdom of compassion. Janet Steinwedel, PhD, is a member of WPC and the President of Leader's Insight, an Executive Coaching and Leadership Effectiveness consultancy. Her first book, *The Golden Key to Executive Coaching*, was published in August 2015.

### ***Exploring Westminster***

Today and December 6 in Classroom 5

Facilitated by Greg Jones

Interested in knowing more about Westminster Church or about who we are and how we serve? Are you thinking about the possibility of uniting in membership with us? If you answered, "Yes" to either of these questions, please join us for this two-session Membership Exploration Class. This class will meet in Classroom 5 (downstairs across from Community Hall). Each class lasts 50 minutes. Although there's no obligation to join at the conclusion of these classes, there will be an opportunity to do so.

### ***Revelation: A series using the lectures of Professor Craig R. Koester from Luther Seminary***

Through May 1, 2016, in Classroom 3

Facilitators – Jill Getty, Bob Cox, and Margo Reign

Exiled to the island of Patmos over 1,900 years ago, a prophet named John wrote a remarkable letter to fellow Christians. That letter is the Apocalypse of John, also known as the book of Revelation. The meaning of the Greek word for apocalypse is "disclosure," and John's book discloses dimensions of two age-old mysteries: the character of evil and the nature of hope. Because the series is so long (24 sessions), notes from each of the sessions will be available in the member's only section of the WPC website. Makeup sessions will also be available.

# CELEBRATING GENEROSITY

Sunday, November 29  
10:10 a.m. in Community Hall



A special celebration is planned for next Sunday in Community Hall during the 10:TEN hour as we celebrate the spirit of generosity alive in our congregation. We will share fun and fellowship, grateful for God's grace that surrounds us and fills our lives with gifts beyond measure. With music, images, special refreshments and more, we will rejoice that our faithful generosity – in spirit and in action – transforms so many lives. We look forward to seeing you there!

IN EVERYTHING Give Thanks  
1 THES. 5:18

## Christmas Boxes Project Is Under Way!

Every year, Westminster fills over 125 boxes at Christmas with food and gifts for those in need in our community. Here's how you can help:

- 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 6.**
- Donate any of the following food items: boxed cereal and stuffing mix, and canned sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, and fruit. Bring the food donations to church **by Sunday, December 6** and place them in one of the collection bins.

More detailed information and additional ways to help can be found in the *Weekly Word* e-newsletter and the upcoming December 2015 issue of *The Westminster Chimes*. There will also be an "Answer Elf" at each tree on Sunday mornings to answer questions.

