



Service of Worship
Christ the King Sunday
November 25, 2018
9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL STAFF:

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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.

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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 |
| ➤ Sunday Seminars | See page 7 |

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

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

Later Today

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 from the Cobb family. Every day is Thanksgiving Day to be a part of this church community.

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 December 16 and 30.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **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 Jeanne Butz and Polly McPheeters at Foulk Manor North.
- ❖ **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

This morning we welcome singers from the *Choir School of Delaware*, who are providing musical leadership and choral offerings for our worship service. Under the direction of *Arreon Harley-Emerson*, the choir school, formerly known as the Cathedral Choir School (associated with the now-closed Cathedral Church of St. John), is a multifaceted after-school program that provides professional musical training and academic mentoring for youth in Wilmington and the surrounding regions. The music they are presenting today is a setting of the traditional Latin Mass text by Canadian-born composer Peter Mathews. To learn more, visit www.choirschoolofdelaware.org.

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

Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things and made us servants in your kingdom. By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need. Then, at the last, bring us to your eternal realm where we may worship you and be welcomed into your everlasting joy; through Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.
(from *The Book of Common Prayer (PCUSA)*)

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

Fanfare

Percy Whitlock

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship the One who is and who was and who is to come –
**whose glory shone forth in Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
and the unlikely ruler of the kings of the earth.**

We celebrate today the Reign of Christ the King.

He had no troops and built no palace, yet his rule is now boundless.

He had no earthly throne and wore but a crown of thorns,

yet, as a king, he is without peer.

Come, let us sing praise to Christ our King!

*HYMN NO. 268

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

CALL TO CONFESSION

God does not give us a spirit of cowardice,
but seeks to inspire in us courage, determination and hope.

Let us confess our reluctance to follow where Christ leads us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, you have crowned Jesus Christ Lord of all,
but we confess that we are slow to embrace his rule.**

**We give allegiance to the glamorous powers of this world,
but fail to be governed by justice and love.**

**Forgive us and inspire us to acclaim Jesus as ruler of our lives
so that we may become loyal ambassadors,
who follow his life-giving commands. Amen.**

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

KYRIE

Missa Brevis
Choir School of Delaware
Arreon Harley-Emerson, director

Peter Mathews

Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

GLORIA

Mathews

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
Miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.
Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest.
And on earth peace
to all those of good will.
We praise thee. We bless thee.
We worship thee. We glorify thee.
We give thanks to thee
according to thy great glory.
Lord God, Heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father.
Thou who takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou who takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For Thou alone art holy.
Thou alone art the Lord.
Thou alone art the most high, Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

*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

Matthew 25:31-46

New Testament, page 25
Nancy Fleming, Lay Reader

SERMON

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 273

*"He Is King of Kings"
Refrain: All
Verses: Choir*

OFFERING

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."

Maya Angelou

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

“Sanctus”

Mathews

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra
gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full
of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*HYMN NO. 265

“Jesus Shall Reign”

DUKE STREET

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“Agnus Dei”

Mathews

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi:
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God,
who takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God,
who takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God,
who takest away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.*

POST-POSTLUDE

“Great Day”

arr. Stacey V. Gibbs

GOING FORTH

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!



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.

Let's Talk About It

Ruth Christie Room

Facilitator: Sue Linderman

White people are unaccustomed to talking about race and its implications in their lives. Yet at some level everyone recognizes that racism and prejudice have a profound impact on our communities and our country. We need opportunities to experience the challenges and benefits that come from bringing racial issues into the light of day. All are welcome to join us on November 25th as we continue the journey of exploring our beliefs about race, with openness to differing opinions and respect for one another. This week we address the questions – Where do we experience/observe racism? What can we do about it?

Living Generously: Stewardship at Westminster

Classroom 6

Facilitator: Rich Diver

Rich Diver will discuss the many ways that Westminster is changing the lives of those within our community and around the world, as well as how *you* play an important role in this transformative work through your commitments of time, talent and treasure. Come and learn how your generosity changes the world and what is required for Westminster to continue these ministries into the future.

LATER THIS WEEK: Combating Violence in Wilmington – A Framework for Discussion

Thursday, November 29th at 6:30 p.m. in Classroom 5

Lynne Kielhorn and a colleague from her work in Wilmington will present on the topic of street violence in Wilmington. This program is based on Lynne's 10:TEN presentation in Community Hall on March 4, 2018, and will include a brief history, recent trends, learnings from other cities, and the status of current Wilmington initiatives. Come and learn about the work being done to make our city safer.

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.



WEDNESDAY EVENING TAIZÉ

A SERVICE OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Wednesdays
December 5, 12, and 19
6:30 p.m.

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!