



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship All Saints' Sunday November 5, 2017 9:00 a.m.

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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.

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, Beatty Chadwick, Tammy Daley, Nancy Diver, Laura Holmes, Sandy White

8:45 – 11:15 a.m. Nursery for babies and toddlers

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Children are always welcome in worship. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith.

- ❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 through 4 begin in worship with their families. Following the Time with Our Children, they walk with a parent to the **Preschool Suite** where they are greeted by the morning coordinator and escorted into **Classroom A**. The children experience simple worship rituals and learn key stories in the Bible. They respond through crafts, songs and prayers.
- ❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade begin worship with their families. Following the Time with Our Children, they 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**.

10:10 a.m.

Education for All Ages

- Sunday School for Preschoolers Preschool Suite D
- Godly Play 2 for Grades 3 – 5 Classroom 4
Today only – Children K-2 to join Godly Play 2
- Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8 Classroom 8
- Senior High for Grades 9 – 12 Classroom 7
- Sunday Seminars See page 8

11:15 a.m.

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

12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Time

Meeting Room

Also Today

11:15 a.m.	Flying Solo Brunch at Catherine Rooney’s	1616 Delaware Avenue
12:15 p.m.	Church in the World: Congo Discussions	Adult Music Room
12:15 p.m.	Bazaar Setup	Community Hall
1:00 p.m.	Home Communion	Members’ Homes
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 Matthew Hammond Mah (November 10, 1980 – May 8, 2016), the son of Marsha and Dennie Mah.

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 date is December 31.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Sally Buttner
- ❖ **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 Tom Ford at home, Gerry Greth at home, Frieda Tice in Stroudsburg, PA with her daughter, and Dottie Gkonos at Brandywine Senior Living.
- ❖ **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

- This week we pray for Brian Gorman, grandson of Art and Barbara Gorman, serving in the United States military.
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Chief Petty Officer Jacob Sims, age 36, from Juneau, Alaska
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

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 parent or an adult pre-approved by the parent. Thank you for your help.

Worship Resources – You can 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 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

MUSIC OF THE TOWER BELLS

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

In the infinity of night skies, in the free flashing of lightning, in whirling elemental winds, you are God. In the impenetrable mists of dark clouds, in the wild gusts of lashing rain, in the ageless rocks of the sea you are God and I bless you. You are in all things and contained by no thing. You are the Life of all life and beyond every name. You are God and in the eternal mystery I praise you.

J. Philip Newell, *Celtic Benediction*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the friendship folder, at the end of the pew, to the person next to you.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

In Memoriam

Craig Penfield

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in awe before the Source of all things.

We come to praise the Maker of heaven and earth.

Powerful Presence above us, below us, within us and around us,

touch us with a sense of wonder.

*HYMN No. 53

“O God, Who Gives Us Life”

NOEL

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God,

open our eyes to the wonders of your creation,

as we strive for a deeper connection with you.

**Many distractions seek to divert our attention
from your radiance that surrounds us.**

**Help us to notice your mercies that are hidden in plain sight
and the opportunities to love that appear each day.**

You have given us the breath of life and shown us how to live.

We pray that we may embrace your gift

and live our lives to the fullest –

not some day, but this day.

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

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

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

SERMON

“Can the Church Revive Our Sense of Enchantment with the World?”

Greg Jones

OFFERING

*“What we do for ourselves dies with us.
What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal.”* – Albert Pine

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Give Us the Wings of Faith”

Ernest Bullock

Give us the wings of faith to rise
Within the veil, and see
The Saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came;
They, with one united breath,
Ascribe the conquest to the Lamb,
Their triumph to his death.

They mark'd the footsteps that he trod,
His zeal inspir'd their breast;
And, following their incarnate God,
They reach'd the promis'd rest.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

According to the standards of our culture, this is not an elaborate feast.

It is not how the world teaches us to eat, drink and be merry.

Yet this meal is the ultimate celebration because at this table we receive food for our souls.

Let us feast on the food of heaven that unites us with God and one another.

*HYMN NO. 3

“Womb of Life and Source of Being”

RAQUEL

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Eternal God...

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”
“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

William Howard Doane
Lowell Mason

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 326

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

Vs. 1: All

Vs. 2: Men

Vs. 3: Choir

Vs. 4: Women

Vs. 5: All

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“Souls of the Righteous”

T. Tertius Noble

GOING FORTH

If you are visiting with us and wish to learn more about our church family, we invite you to meet today's ambassadors, Bill Nace, at the back of the center aisle following the service. He is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.

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

Mission Update: Westminster's Congo Partnership

Classroom 6

Presenters: Jeff and Christi Boyd

Jeff and Christi Boyd are Presbyterian mission co-workers in the Democratic Republic of Congo. As regional liaison for Central Africa, Jeff facilitates support for the relationships, programs and activities of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) partners in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cameroon, and Equatorial Guinea. Christi accompanies global partners as they seek to remedy the marginalization of women and children in their communities. Come hear the Boyds' unique and inspiring story, and learn more about Westminster's partnership with the church in Congo.

My Key Theological Problem

Today and November 12

Classroom 3

Facilitator: John Johnston

The "atonement" doctrine is arguably the most widely accepted religious doctrine in the history of the world. For Christian "progressives" it is also "the most unfortunately successful piece of theology" in the history of the world--and the doctrine that most separates progressives from the vast majority of Christians. Over two classes, John Johnston will explore the atonement doctrine and the explanations by progressives, including Greg and Sudie, to explain the "meaning" of Jesus's crucifixion. John will also share his personal struggle with the role of Christ's death and how he finally settled on the approach of Richard Rohr.

Membership Exploration Classes

Today Classroom 5

Facilitator: Dr. Greg Jones

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

In Memoriam

*On this day we remember those who have died since All Saints' Sunday last year.
Included are the names of members and other loved ones whose names were
requested to be remembered by their families.*

Vern Albright

Janet Atkins

Bob Blickenstaff

John Christie, Jr.

Nonie Church

Bob Churchill

Ethel Schmitt Clark

Jim Clark

Brendan Cobb

Patricia McGee Cullen

David Curry

Mark Delmerico

Helen Dennison

Humphrey Fedorak

Jenna Fox Devonshire

Joyce Franks

Lucille Greth

Audrey Hatfield

Nancy Henderer

Jamie Hood

Harry Hoopes

Judy Hoopes

Fred Johnston, Jr.

John Koston

Marsha Koston

Milmo Laman

Edie Lennox

Amy Lewandowski

Marilyn Lockfeld

Helen Mahaffy

Pauline Mason

Ross Micheals

Alan Moore

Louzetta Morris

Robert Morrow

Blair Nowland

Georges Pamm

Anne Rundquist

Theodore Smeal

Mike Sprague

Tom Stout

Katherine Theo

Albert Tigani, Sr.

Tone Truitt

Charles Uhlinger

Vera Walker

SERMON SERIES: WHY CHURCH?

The Golden Age of the church has passed. Or has it? The church will never regain its place of importance. Or will it? The Christian Church in the West has been on a downward slide for decades. Belief in God remains high among Americans, but church membership is on the decline. Is this the long, slow death of Christianity, or is it the long, slow death of the church as we know it today? Are we living in the final days of the church or could this be the beginning of the reformation of the church?

On seven Sundays this fall, Dr. Jones will lay out the reasons that the church is absolutely crucial to the state of the world.

October 8 The Church Plays a Critical Role in Society

October 15 Where Community is Built

November 5 Can the Church Revive Our Sense of Enchantment with the World?

November 12 Shaping Character

November 19 Serving the World, Finding Our Soul

December 3 A Prophetic Voice

December 10 Where We Find Hope

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SESSION

Jen Barrington, Ty Burns, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Jeanne Checkel, Art Colbourn, Joe Daley,
Rich Diver, Michael Enderle, Mike Gnade, Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Kali Kniel,
Kelly McCulloch, Jon McPheeters, Mark Mosher, Margo Reign, Roger Reinicker, Craig Stabler, Barb Stratton,
Mary Vane, Susan Williamson, Helen Zumsteg

BOARD OF DEACONS

Liz Bacon, Don Beddie, Amy Bickhart, Beatty Chadwick, Barry Cobb, Tammy Daley, Nancy Diver, Teisha Fooks,
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PARTNERS IN WORLDWIDE MINISTRY

South Sudan – Bob and Kristi Rice
Congo – PCUSA Mission Co-workers John and Gwenda Fletcher, Jeff and Cristi Boyd,
Larry and Inga Sthresley, Cecilé de Sweemer, MD, Members of Kamulumba-Ditalala Parish
Iran, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon – Mission Co-workers the Reverends Elmarie and Scott Parker, Dr. Mary Mikhael
Peace Drums Steel Band – Ibillin and Haifa, Israel/Palestine
Guatemala - Rosario Diaz and the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development, CEDEPCA, Leslie Vogel, and
Sandi and Brian Thompson-Royer



WESTMINSTER CHURCH

Bazaar 2017

Friday, November 10
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Collectibles, Gifts, White Elephants, Books, Children's Clothing,
Toys, Equipment, Baked/Gourmet Specialties, Crafts

Hot Dogs & Chili
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Our annual bazaar is a colossal one-day-only extravaganza of bargains! Hundreds of donated items will find new purpose for unbelievably low prices.

Thank you to EVERYONE for donating treasures, time, and energy! Donation drop-off is Sunday, November 5 – Wednesday, November 8. No donations will be received after Wednesday, November 8. Please donate new or used items in reusable condition.

Total bazaar proceeds support local and global outreach efforts.