



**Service of Worship**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 16, 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.

## This Morning at Westminster

### **Deacon Team of the Month**

Keith Pierce, Don Beddie, Beatty Chadwick, Sue Frost, Lola Miller, Kris Ruebling-Jass

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 C**.
- ❖ **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**

- |  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| ➤ 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 in worship.

Flying Solo Brunch at Catherine Rooney’s

1616 Delaware Avenue

12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Time after Living Mosaics

Meeting Room

### Later Today

This afternoon

4:00 p.m.

Stewardship Home Gatherings

Members’ homes

5:00 p.m.

Family Promise Ministry

Downstairs

6:00 p.m.

180° Youth Dinner and Fellowship

Community Hall/Cl. 6

7:00 p.m.

Clean But Not Straight – NA

Club Room

8:00 p.m.

Caron Treatment Parent Support Group

Daughtry House Conf. Room

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 by the Spilecki family in loving memory of Jay, born October 15, 1978.

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](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com) for available dates.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ Those recently hospitalized: Peggy Cartmell, Bill Farnham, Richard Hatfield.
- ❖ 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 Jeanne Butz and Polly McPheeters at Foulk Manor North, Margaret Lyle Stevens at Rockland Place, and Frieda Tice 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, 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.

## ~ FALL SERMON SERIES ~

# The Story of Moses is the Story of Faith

Dr. Jones is preaching a sermon series focusing on key elements of religious faith. For six Sundays in October and November, we will consider stories of Moses with an eye toward how they shape our thinking about: God's call, our response, doubt, faithful living, courage, freedom, guidance, and hope.

The six passages we will study are:

Exodus 3:1-10, Exodus 3:11-4:17, Exodus 5, Exodus 14:10-15:21, Exodus 32:1-14, Deuteronomy 34

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

MUSIC OF THE TOWER BELLS

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Holy God, we come before you with awe, for you are great in love and power. Some of us come with reluctance, and some with joy, some with sadness, and others full of fear, yet we know you receive us as we are. Speak to us through your word, and send us back into the world renewed and eager to do your will. For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen. (Ruth C. Duck, Touch Holiness )*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Here I Am, Lord  
(Tune: Hymn #69)

arr. Robert Buckley Farlee

CALL TO WORSHIP

We do not live by our own strength alone.

**God anchors all life, and without God there is no life.**

Let us draw close to God, trusting in divine love.

**Let us join with all creation in singing God's praise!**

\*HYMN No. 26

"Earth and All Stars!"

*EARTH AND ALL STARS*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O 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 in 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

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

ANTHEM

“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”

Tom Fettke

*Westminster Choir*

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers; The moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, who are we, that You are mindful of us? You have given us a crown of glory and honor, And have made us a little lower than the angels. You have put us in charge of all creation: The beasts of the field, The birds of the air, The fish of the sea. But who are we, that You are mindful of us? O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly, And so would we. Alleluia!

TELLING OF THE SCRIPTURE STORY

Exodus 3:11 – 4:17

*Moses and Narrator: Bob Moore*

*The voice of God: Suzie Hurlock, Carol Shortlidge and Jerry Spilecki*

*Storytellers, Westminster By*

*Heart*

SERMON

“Responding to God’s Call: Who Me?”

Greg Jones

\*HYMN NO. 53

“O God, Who Gives Us Life”

*NOEL*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“God Has Called Us”

Robert Hobby

God has called us: and how can we but raise our voices, echoing God’s praise?  
God has called us: and let us answer with our lives.  
God has changed us: and how can we but live as servants of the Spirit’s gift?  
God has changed us: and let us worship with our lives.  
God has charged us: and how can we but ask for wisdom for the Christly task?  
God has charged us: and let us labor with our lives.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

\*HYMN NO. 69

“I, the Lord of Sea, and Sky”

*HERE I AM*

*Verses: Choir*

*Refrain: All*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

Clara H. Scott

Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
Ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart; illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

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



## Adult Education Classes This Morning

### ***Major League Sports: The Real American Idol?***

Classroom 5, Presenter: Margo Reign

Can you imagine the United States without football? Or major league sports? There are some serious issues that continue to haunt major league sports: domestic violence, doping, long term physical damage, the excessive contracts some players receive, and cheating. What type of values do major league sports teach our children? Do dreams of major league contracts create unrealistic hopes? How do we reconcile our Christian values with these issues? Can we be passionate about sports while recognizing its shortcomings and working toward eliminating some of them? What should *sports* be teaching our young children? These are just a few of the issues that will be explored and discussed. Join Margo for a closer look at America's favorite pastime.

### ***Three Contemporary Christian Theologians***

Today and October 23, Classroom 6

Teacher: Greg Jones

**October 16: John Shelby Spong** is a retired bishop of the Episcopal Church who calls for a fundamental rethinking of Christian belief. Spong believes Christianity will cease to exist if the Christian Church fails to make major changes.

**October 23: John Philip Newell** is a minister in the Church of Scotland who presents a contemporary spirituality modeled on Celtic spirituality through the centuries. He emphasizes the goodness of creation.

### ***Membership Exploration Class***

Meeting Room (Upstairs), Facilitated by Sudie Niesen Thompson

Are you interested in learning more about Westminster? Have you been considering membership? Please join us in the Meeting Room to explore Presbyterian values and life as a member of WPC. We look forward to sharing this time with you.

### ***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.

## **You're Invited!**

### **Sundays, Today and October 30**

By now you should have received your invitation to our home gatherings scheduled for today and October 30. These are great opportunities to gather in members' homes for fellowship, refreshment and conversation as we reflect on our experiences at Westminster and our hopes for the future of our church. Your invitation offers you a choice of time and location, so just choose one that works for you and contact your hosts to let them know you'll be there. We look forward to seeing you and promise you'll have a wonderful time!



## **Rights of Children under Occupation**

### **Tomorrow, October 17, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Rodney Chapel**

Interested in the human rights crisis facing Palestinian children? If so, come to this presentation and discussion with presenters from Defense of Children International – two dedicated child rights advocates with vast experience and knowledge of human rights abuses. Delaware Churches for Middle East Peace, DeINATO, and Pacem in Terris are co-sponsors. See the latest issue of the *Chimes* for more information and backgrounds of our speakers.



## **Why Wait? Help Syrian Refugees Now!**

### **Sunday, October 23 through Saturday morning, October 29**

Westminster has chosen to welcome Syrian refugees to Delaware. However, we must wait during the lengthy refugee selection and resettlement process. You can help refugees living in a Syria camp NOW by donating new and gently used adult clothes, coats, shoes, boots, hats and gloves. WPC is partnering with Pacem in Terris and other community and religious organizations to collect and send desperately needed winter supplies to a Syrian refugee camp on the Turkish border. Donations may be dropped off at WPC Sunday morning, October 23, or between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. October 24 – October 28. Questions? Contact Mary Vane (302-545-7672 or [vanemk1@yahoo.com](mailto:vanemk1@yahoo.com)).



# FALL FESTIVAL

**Sunday, October 23**

**11:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Please come and join in the fun at our annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 23, from 11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Community Hall. There will be hot dogs, apple cider, games, crafts, face painting and plenty of treats! All ages and costumes are welcome. Questions? Contact Tammy Daley at (302) 633-0222. Hope to see you there!

## Westminster Presbyterian Church and the Community for Integrative Learning (CIL) present...

### ***Proof of Heaven: Science, Spirit and the Profound Mystery of Consciousness***

Keynote Address: Friday, October 28, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$30 (\$25 for CIL members)

### ***Awakening Consciousness: Feeding the Soul through Sound***

Workshop: Saturday, October 29, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

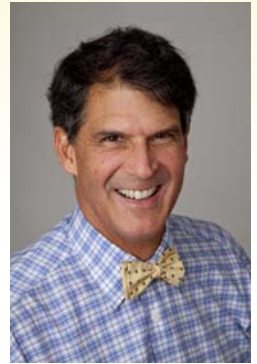
Cost: \$50 (\$45 for CIL members)

Cost for Friday and Saturday: \$65 (\$55 for CIL members)

Join *New York Times* best-selling author Eben Alexander, M.D. and co-founder of Sacred Acoustics Karen Newell on an exploration of science, spirit and consciousness. In 2008, Dr. Alexander spent seven days in a coma due to severe bacterial meningitis. While in coma with his brain shut down, he experienced a spectacular odyssey to realms beyond our known physical universe – an ultra-real journey that ran counter to all conventional neuro-scientific views about brain, mind and consciousness.

Dr. Alexander will share stories about his inner journey then and now, essential lessons he has learned, and how science is finally expanding its boundaries to acknowledge the fundamental importance of consciousness in all that is, leading to a synthesis of science and spirituality. Ms. Newell will describe tools developed by Sacred Acoustics that each of us can use to explore our own connection to inner knowing and the deeper realities of our existence. There will be time to process, ask questions and discuss how to integrate the insights from meditation into everyday living.

A book signing follows both sessions.



**For more information and to register, visit: [www.cil-de.org](http://www.cil-de.org)**