



Service of Worship
21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2015
9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL STAFF:

Gregory Jones, Head of Staff
Randall Clayton, Interim Associate Pastor
Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant
Tom Stout, Parish Associate

CHURCH EDUCATOR:

Susan Moseley

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR:

Debbie Brown

MUSIC STAFF:

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Mary Beth Davis, Director of Music for Children,
Youth and Handbells
Section Leaders/Soloists: Diana Milburn, Sharon Babcock,
Hunter Torgler, Jerry Polman

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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of yesterday's wedding of Kendal Colvard and Alex Hecker by Linda and Skip Watson.

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. Dates available are November 15 and December 27.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Robert Churchill, Audrey Hatfield, and Dorothy Heldt.
- ❖ **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 Hal Schonhans at Crosslands and Bob Frelick 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.

This week we pray for

- Those known to the WPC Community presently serving in various locations:
Brian Gorman
- 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

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 the church, 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.

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.

You may 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

“It is sad to see that, in our highly competitive and greedy world, we have lost touch with the joy of giving. We often live as if our happiness depended on having. But I don’t know anyone who is really happy because of what he or she has. Pure joy, happiness and inner peace come from the giving of ourselves to others. A happy life is a life for others.” Henri J. M. Nouwen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Allegro moderato

Hermann Schroeder

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come together to thank the Creator of life.

We come to praise God’s name and to seek God’s ways.

We come seeking truth, meaning and hope.

We come eager to become a community that is filled with God’s wisdom and love.

*HYMN No. 1

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

NICAEA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news.

**We have been preoccupied with selfish pleasures
and have overlooked the joy you offer us.**

**We have been so concerned with making a living
that we miss the life you offer us.**

Forgive us, gracious God.

**Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gifts;
open our lips and our hands to share them with all humanity.**

In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

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

“Lay up your treasures in heaven, O people, lay up your treasures in glory where nothing in this world can take them away.” O listen, people, hear the Master say, “Your treasures in this world will fade away, but the things of the Lord will last forevermore!”

Well, the Lord looked out and saw the people there,
tied up in worry and burdened with care.
He said, “Seek first the kingdom and you will see
the things that will last for eternity!”
Some people trust in their silver and gold,
they put their faith in the wealth they hold.
But fortunes will fade and kingdoms fall,
so put your trust in the Lord of all!

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Randy Clayton

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 2:4-9

New Testament, page 206
Dave Mathé, Lay Reader

SERMON

“What Does Westminster Mean to You?”

Greg Jones

TESTIMONY OF JEN BARRINGTON

HYMN NO. 712

“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”
Verse 1

FOREST GREEN

TESTIMONY OF DON FURRY

HYMN NO. 712

Verse 2

TESTIMONY OF TERESA WEMHOFF

HYMN NO. 712

Verse 3

OFFERING

“The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“In the Year That King Uzziah Died”

David McK. Williams

In the year that king Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; With twain he covered his face, with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphim, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar; And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin is purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

- Isaiah 6:1-8

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*HYMN NO. 708

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

SCHUMANN

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Poco vivace

Hermann Schroeder

GOING FORTH

Please join us in Community Hall immediately following worship to thank the Reverend Dr. Randy Clayton for his ministry at Westminster the past two years.

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

Clothing Bank of Delaware, Friendship House, Inc.

Grace Hall

Presenter – Kathy Graham

Westminster member, Kathy Graham, is the Director of the Clothing Bank of Delaware, Friendship House, Inc. Kathy will be in Grace Hall between services to explain more about the Clothing Bank and answer any of your questions.

Surviving the Challenge of the School Year

Classroom 5

Presenter – Yvonne Nass

Come explore together with other parents how to survive the conflicting schedules and demands of all family members. Share your concerns and find out how to manage time for homework, extracurricular activities, responsibilities, technology and family fun. Ms. Nass is a certified Parent Educator and Consultant with over 35 years of professional experience. She is well-known and well-loved at Westminster Church, and we are delighted to welcome her back for a new generation of young parents.

Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity, a Series by Adam Hamilton

Classroom 3

Facilitator - Sue Linderman

Topic – To Be a Blessing

Are you spending your money the way you truly want to, or does it seem to be spending itself? Is your attic or basement (or both!) overflowing with 'stuff' - things you seldom use or perhaps don't even know you have? Is your calendar crammed with events and activities, leaving you little time to just be? If any of these describe aspects of your life, here is an invitation to be part of a small group discovering the keys to experiencing contentment, overcoming fear and finding joy through simplicity and generosity.

Bible Study on the Book of Amos

Classroom 6

Presenter – Greg Jones

Some believe that the biblical prophets predicted the future. It is more accurate to say that the prophets read the signs of their times in light of God's standards and warned the people of dire consequences if they continued to flaunt God's desire of justice for all. Typically, the prophets were social critics who expressed God's outrage that the ruling classes were oppressing the poor and the weak. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. seared the message of Amos into the minds of countless Americans in his Civil Rights speeches when he called for justice to "roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

Join this four-week Bible study to learn the full message that Amos delivered to the Northern Kingdom of Israel while the nation was enjoying a period of prosperity and how it speaks to people living in affluent societies today.

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE A GREAT TIME!

Today, October 18

Our home gatherings on Sunday, October 4, were enthusiastically received by all who attended. We hope you will attend one TODAY! It's a wonderful opportunity to catch up with long-time friends and to meet new people. It's not too late; just be sure to let the host know you're coming.



Here are the times and hosts for the gatherings today:

1:00 PM	Melissa & Craig Stabler	stabler.me@gmail.com
2:00 PM	Patti & Bob Ridout	610-444-1562 or pgridout@gmail.com
3:00 PM	Jane & Fred Iobst	fiobst@ycst.com or 302-658-2678
4:00 PM	Alex & Ed Morton	amorton1000@yahoo.com
7:00 PM	Sue & Bob Linderman	302-239-7650 or srlinder@dca.net

Select a time and location, then contact your host to let them know you'll attend.

Feel free to bring a friend with you!



Please join us!

Sunday, October 25
11:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Fun for all ages, food, games, face painting, and treats!
Family-friendly costumes are welcome. Hope to see you there!