



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Service of Worship
World Communion Sunday
October 1, 2017
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.

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

Cathy Lang, Lola Miller, Carol Neff, Ann Shadduck, Jerry Spilecki, Pam White, Debbie Wise

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

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. Worship with communion 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 – 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 in 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**.
- ❖ **Sing-to-Praise Choir Program** – Children in grades 3 through 6 begin in worship with their families. Following the Time with Our Children, they walk with their teachers to the Youth Music Room. Children will only be released to a parent or an adult pre-approved by the parent.

10:10 a.m.

Education for All Ages

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| ➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers | Preschool Suite |
| ➤ Joyful Noise Choir Program for K – 2 | Youth Music Room |
| ➤ Godly Play 2 | Classroom 4 |
| ➤ Preschool Orientation | Preschool Suite B |
| ➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8 | Classroom 8 |
| ➤ Senior High Schoolers for Grades 9-12 | Classroom 7 |
| ➤ Sunday Seminars | See page 7 |

11:15 a.m.

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

11:15 a.m.

Flying Solo Brunch at Catherine Rooney’s 1616 Delaware Ave.

12:00 p.m

Fellowship Time Meeting Room

Later Today

1:00 p.m.

Homebound Communion

Members’ Homes

5:00 p.m.

180° Dinner and Fellowship

Classroom 6, Community Hall

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 are given by Art and Barbara Gorman to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents.

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 October 22 and 29, November 26, December 3 and 31.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Frederick Law
- ❖ **Westminster's homebound** who can no longer attend worship with us, by sending a card, saying a prayer, or visiting. This week we ask you to remember Jim Bercaw and Gertrude Hood at Country House.
- ❖ **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 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.
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

All children who leave the sanctuary after Children's Time 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. 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

Craig Checkel

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

CHORAL PRELUDE

“The Mind of Christ”

arr. K. Lee Scott

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day
By his love and pow’r controlling ev’rything I do or say.
May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that I may see I triumph only through his mighty pow’r.
May the peace of God the Father rule my heart in ev’rything,
That I may be calm to comfort fearful, sick and sorrowing.
May the love of Jesus fill me, as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing, this is all my victory.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to the feast!

**We come to eat the bread of heaven,
and drink from the cup of new life,
to taste and see that the Lord is good.**

God calls us to the feast!

**We gather with sisters and brothers around the world
to break bread and share one cup,
to celebrate our unity in Christ.**

God calls us to the feast!

Let us join the celebration. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 81

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

AUSTRIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

✠ A prayer used in the Irish Republic and in Northern Ireland

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace.
Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land
with your healing love.
Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance,
and to bow to one another in real forgiveness.
By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts
and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us.
Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love which casts out fear
and bind us together in that unity
which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit.**

SILENT CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Greg Jones

*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

Exodus 17:1-7

Old Testament, page 59
Dick Jolly, Lay Reader

SERMON

"Among Us"

Sudie Niesen Thompson

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Let This Mind Be In You"

Austin Lovelace

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, e'en the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

HYMN NO. 789

"Jesus, Savior, Lord, Now to You I Come"

SARANAM (India)

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

From A New Zealand Prayer Book

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*The Lord's Supper is open to **all** who trust in Christ. When you approach a communion server, please take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. If you are unable to come forward, please tell an usher so that you may be served. Those sitting in the balcony will be served in their pews. Today we join the global Christian community in celebrating World Communion Sunday. As we come to the table, we remember our sisters and brothers who are breaking bread together in churches around the world, and we celebrate our oneness in Christ. The six breads we use for communion today – challah, chapati, naan, pita, rice crackers, and tortillas – remind us of the beautiful diversity of the body of Christ.*

As you come forward to receive the bread and cup, we also invite you to take one piece of paper from the baskets at each communion station. Each piece of paper bears the name of one of our global mission partners, which Westminster supports in mission and ministry in Africa, Central America, or the Middle East. We encourage you to hold this partner in prayer in the coming days and weeks.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace”
“As the Wind Song”
“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Maori hymn (*New Zealand*)
Swee Hong Lim (*Singapore*)
(Hymn tune from *Sweden*)

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

✠ Adapted from a prayer by Geonyong Lee (*Korea*)

**We receive your blessing –
Jesus, Lord divine;
all your love confessing
in this bread and wine.
Send us out, O Christ,
strengthened and sustained –
let your will be done, O Lord, let your will be done;
let your kingdom come, O Lord, let your kingdom come.**

*HYMN NO. 538

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

HALEYLUYA! PELO TSA RONA
(*South Africa*)

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Nun freut euch, lieben Christen gmein
(Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice)

J. S. Bach

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, Marlys Kerr, at the back of the center aisle following the service. She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.

✠ From *Prayers Encircling the World: An International Anthology* (Westminster John Knox Press, 1998).

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Sunday Seminars

Parables of Jesus in Luke: A Video Series by Dr. Ken Bailey

Today, October 8, 15, 22

Facilitator: Randy Williamson

Classroom 3

This 4 week series will focus on Jesus as a theologian through the study of selected parables from the Gospel of Luke. Each section will begin with a video presentation of Dr. Bailey providing his insights into the parable using his experience of living over 40 years in the Middle East, deeply integrated in the Arabic culture of the region. We will then engage in open discussion of the parable and its theological message.

Today's topic: Introduction to Jesus as a Theologian

The Rebirthing of God: Christianity's Struggle for New Beginnings

Today, October 8, 15

Teacher: Greg Jones

Classroom 6

Along with many others concerned about the future of the church, visionary spiritual leader and scholar, John Philip Newell writes: "The walls of Western Christianity are collapsing...There are three main reactions to this collapse...Deny it, try to shore up the foundations of the old thing, or ask: What is the new thing that is trying to emerge from deep within us and from deep within the collective soul of Christianity?"

In his book, *The Rebirthing of God*, Newell imagines what the world in general, and Christianity in particular, would look like "if we let God spring forth from deep within us and allowed ourselves and the church to be reborn."

Since we are in the early stages of this rebirth, it is difficult to define what is emerging. However, Newell sees hints of what may be taking root and some modern prophets who are pointing the way.

Each Sunday, Dr. Jones will summarize one of Newell's chapters and class members will react to Newell's ideas. Buying the book is an advantage but not essential.

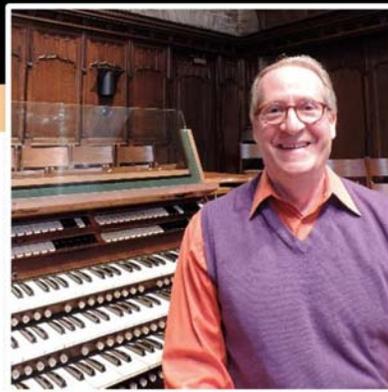


Music at Westminster

Merideth and Paul to Open 2017-2018 Concert Season



Merideth Hite Estevez
Oboe and English Horn



Paul Fleckenstein
Organ and Piano

Friday, October 20

8:00 p.m.

Join us for a truly memorable musical evening as our own resident staff musicians join forces to present the opening concert of the season at Westminster. The fare for the evening will include music of J. S. Bach, Francis Poulenc, Joseph Jongen, and lots more. *Merideth Hite Estevez* will be heard on both oboe and English horn, and *Paul Fleckenstein* will be at the organ and the piano. (No, not at the same time.) Rumor has it this program will be a winner!

FREE ADMISSION; OFFERING RECEIVED

FUTURE CONCERTS

Christmas Musical Celebration
Sunday, December 10, 4:00 p.m.

Winter Musical Gala
Friday, March 9, 8:00 p.m.

UD Chorale in Concert
Friday, April 27, 8:00 p.m.