



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **Service of Worship** **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** **October 20, 2019** **9:00 a.m.**

PASTORAL STAFF

Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff  
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Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

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Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music  
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Chesna Hinkley

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Teisha Fooks, Director of Preschool Ministries  
Nursery: Beatrice Taylor, Kristen Wolanski

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Chesna Hinkley, Tommy Neilson  
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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.

**A Covenant Network Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)**  
**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:**

Roger Atkins, Liz Bacon, Laura Holmes, Kris Marvel, Dan McAllister,  
Sally McBride, Martha Spaethling, Gen Wallace-Roe, Sandy White, Debbie Wise

**8:45 – 12:15 p.m.**      **Nursery Care in Preschool Suite D**

**9:00 – 9:55 a.m.**      **Worship**

Children are always welcome in worship. If they prefer, they can follow teachers to classes after the TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN. Please use the identification wristband or stickers in your pew.

- ❖ Ages 2 – 4: **Godly Care**, in *Preschool Suite C*, uses the *Deep Blue* curriculum.
- ❖ K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: **Godly Play**, in the *Ruth Christie Room*, is a place of worship where children learn Bible stories using Montessori-style methods. *Pick up in Preschool Suite*.
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade: **Sing-to-Praise Choir**, in the *Youth Music Room*, uses the *Growing in Grace* curriculum to learn about the Bible, hymns, and music theory. Sing-to-Praise occasionally leads in worship.

**10:10 a.m.**      **Education for All Ages**

- Ages 2 – 4: **Childcare** in *Preschool Suite C*.
- K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: **Joyful Noise Choir**, in the *Youth Music Room*, uses the *Growing in Grace* curriculum to learn about the Bible, hymns, and music theory. Joyful Noise occasionally leads in worship.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade: **Creation Station**, in *Classroom 4*, responds artistically to the sermon text.
- 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade: **Agora**, in *Classroom 7*, meets the first Sunday of every month to discuss a topic related to our walk of faith. We will meet **November 3** for What Is the Deal with the Trinity? Today we discuss the **June 2020 trip to Guatemala**. If you are interested, come find out more. Bring your parents!
- **Educational Offerings for Adults** – see page 6

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

**12:00 p.m.**      **Fellowship Time**      Meeting Room

### **Later Today**

**11:15 a.m.**      Flying Solo Brunch      Catherine Rooney's

**5:00 p.m.**      180° Dinner and Fellowship      Off Site Location

**6:00 p.m.**      Clean But Not Straight – NA      Club Room

**8:00 p.m.**      AA      Club Room

**The mission of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians** is to strengthen the church of Jesus Christ, with the help of God's grace by working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.



**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 Catherine Myers Moore, mother, and Rachel Davis Myers, grandmother “Nanny”, who were long term members of Westminster, by Cassandra Lloyd Piovoso.

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:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Linda Depfer, Oliver Fooks, Penny McFarland
- ❖ **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 Helen Christie at home and James Williams at Ingleside.
- ❖ **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](mailto: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](mailto:cathylang@wpc.org).

**This week we pray for** those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

## WORSHIP NOTES

**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. 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](http://www.wpc.org) and click the “Donate Now” button or scan the QR code on your smart phone.



## 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](http://www.wpc.org)) or contact the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson at [sniesenthompson@wpc.org](mailto: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!**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Eternal God, I give thanks for this day of worship and pray that I may use today to remember that you are God and I am not. I pause from my daily routine to reflect on how I am spending my time. Am I carving out time for prayer that I may follow your ways? Am I sharing my resources with those in need? Strengthen my will, my mind and my heart so that I may order my life according to your will. Amen.*

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

Prelude in G major

Felix Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world of partial truths, we need a time of truth-telling.

**In a world of many gods, we need to encounter the one true God.**

In a world that makes many demands on our time,

**we need to be confronted by the ultimate claim on our lives.**

\*HYMN No. 25

“O Lord, Our God, How Excellent”

WINCHESTER OLD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we have heard your call to discipleship,**

**but too often have listened to other voices.**

**We have felt the pull of your Spirit,**

**but have turned to other pursuits.**

**We have seen our own lack of meaning,**

**yet have searched in places that are empty.**

**Forgive us for ignoring your call,**

**and give us the determination to follow your way.**

**In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Presentation of Bibles

Chesna Hinkley

*Children through Grade 6 may leave for Godly Care, Godly Play,  
and Sing-to-Praise Choir, or they may remain in worship.*

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

ANTHEM

“When the Stars Are Gone”

Henry Mollicone

The stars shine over the mountains,  
The stars shine over the sea,  
The stars look up to the mighty God,  
The stars look down on me;  
The stars shall last for a million years,  
A million years and a day,  
But God and I will live and love  
When the stars have passed away.

- Words attributed to Robert Louis Stevenson

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hosea 1:1-9

SERMON

“Following Other Gods”

Greg Jones

\*HYMN No. 818

“By Gracious Powers”

INTERCESSOR

*Vs. 1: Choir*

*Vs. 2-4: All*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Jesus Christ, as He is attested for us in Holy Scripture,  
is the one Word of God which we have to hear  
and which we have to trust and obey in life and death.  
We reject the false doctrine,  
as though the Church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation,  
apart from and besides this one Word of God,  
still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God’s revelation.**

*The Theological Declaration of Barmen, (Germany, 1934)*

OFFERING

*“No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.” (Luke 16:13)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“O Be Joyful in the Lord”

Gilbert Martin

Jubilate Deo; O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord is God; It is He that hath made us and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; Be thankful to Him and speak good of His name. For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father; glory be to the Son; Glory be to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Postludio festivo

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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.*



## ***Today's Educational Offerings for Adults***

### ***Peace and Justice: Inequality in Delaware***

Classroom 6

Presenter: Jack Guerin, Unitarian Universalist, Delaware Advocacy Network

We often speak of inequality in theoretical terms and do not see the real-life consequences. According to an October 2018 Census Bureau report, the life expectancy for children born in Centerville exceeds those born in Wilmington near East 12th Street by 18 years. These Census Tracts are less than six miles apart. Explore with us the issues in Delaware that impede equality of opportunity, keeping us from achieving “liberty and justice for all.”

### ***Retirement & Beyond: Preparing Emotionally and Psychologically for Retirement***

Classroom 5

Presenter: Dr. Joshua Thomas

Retirement is something that many dream about during their years of employment. It's fun to think of what it will be like and how you will spend your time. It's important to also think about the emotional and psychological aspects of retirement. This major life change is something that requires some proactive measures. Ideally people attending this session should be not yet retired and within 2 to 10 years of retirement. Participants will get a worksheet to help with planning and will begin exploring important issues and options in preparation for retirement. Please note: This session will not focus on the financial aspects of retirement.

### ***What's Not in the Bible?***

Classroom 3

Facilitator: Bob Cox

Did you know that there were more than four books written about Jesus after his death? Join Bob Cox to explore these other books and learn from other accounts about Jesus' life.

**Prophetic Spirituality  
2019 Fall Sermon Series**

Do the Scriptures reveal wisdom for not merely *surviving* life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, but for sculpting a better world? It is essential for people of faith to spend time alone with God in prayer, to reflect on Scripture, and to attempt to discern the whispers of God deep in our soul. However, our interior life is immature if it does not propel us to work for the common good. We can resist the moral deterioration of today and throw ourselves into nudging the world toward God’s vision by committing ourselves to following the path of Jesus and the prophets.

As followers of Jesus, we focus the bulk of our attention on his teachings and ministry. However, we stunt our faith if we have scant knowledge of the prophets who came before him, because Jesus stands on the shoulders of the Jewish prophets.

This fall, Dr. Jones is preaching a sermon series entitled “Prophetic Spirituality.” To say that our faith is prophetic is to say that we are actively engaged in resisting evil, righting wrongs, and spreading love. To say that our faith is spiritual is to say that it is grounded in worship, prayer, and reflecting on God’s message. Prophetic Spirituality intertwines interior work with outward action so that we can go deeper with God and live the life God calls us to live.

September 8	Introduction to Series	“Prophetic Spirituality”
September 15	Moses	“Let My People Go”
September 22	Amos	“Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters”
October 13	Jeremiah	“This is the Temple of the Lord – If You Walk Justly with One Another”
October 20	Hosea	“Following Other Gods”
November 10	Isaiah	
November 17	Micah	
December 1	Jonah	

# Westminster Church Annual Bazaar

**Friday, November 8, 2019**

**9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Collectibles, White Elephants, Children’s Department, Books, Baked and Gourmet Specialties, Gift Boutique, Handcrafts, Holiday Shop

**Hot Dog Stand  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Traditional Spaghetti Dinner  
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Our annual bazaar is a colossal one-day-only extravaganza of bargains! Thank you to EVERYONE for donating treasures, time, and energy. Donation drop-off of new or gently used items in good condition begins Sunday, November 3. No donations will be received after Wednesday, November 6. Total proceeds support WPC local and global mission outreach efforts.

# GOD'S VISION STARTS WITH YOU



How blessed we are by this community of faith that is Westminster! Our love of God and one another inspires us to give generously to our church's life-changing ministries and programs. This year, we are sharing special videos to explore how God's vision inspires our members to pledge. Check out this week's video on [www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org), and stay tuned for more videos to come. Please give prayerful consideration to your response to God's love and know that your gifts are used wisely in ways that demonstrate God's vision for our church and for our world. Please send in your pledge card or pledge online today at [www.wpc.org/pledge](http://www.wpc.org/pledge). Thank you for your support. Stewardship 2020: God's vision starts with you!

## FALL FESTIVAL

**Sunday, October 27**  
**11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Community Hall**  
**Following one Worship**  
**Service at 10:00 a.m.**

We will have hot dogs, apple cider, games, prizes, face painting and plenty of TREATS! All ages and costumes are WELCOME. Hope to see you there! Hosted by the Westminster Deacons. Questions? Please contact Jenn Blackford at (717) 515-6685 or Teisha Fooks at (302)883-7167.