



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



Service of Worship
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 21, 2018
9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL STAFF:

Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff
Sudie Niesen Thompson, Associate Pastor
Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Merideth Hite Estevez, Director of Faith Formation through
Music and Arts, Teaching Artist in Residence
Allison Martin, Assistant Director of Children's Music
Soloist/Section Leaders: Ryan Colbert (guest), Sharon Babcock,
Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

YOUTH LEADERS

Merideth Hite Estevez
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper,
Molly McPheeters, Tommy Neilson

DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Colleen Falasco

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND SECURITY

Paul Crothamel

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

Dan McAllister, Kyle Carrick, Lois and Lowell Underhill, Jennie Wagner, Gen Wallace-Roe, Sandy White

8:45– 12:15 p.m. **Nursery Care**

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. **Worship**

Children are always welcome in worship. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith. Children are escorted to classes after TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN during worship.

- ❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 through 4 in Preschool Suite C.
- ❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade in the Ruth Christie Room.
- ❖ **Sing-to-Praise Choir Program** – Children in grades 3 through 6 in the Youth Music Room.

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

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

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| ➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers | Preschool Suite C |
| ➤ Joyful Noise Choir Program for K – 5 | Youth Music Room |
| ➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8 | Art Room |
| ➤ High School/Confirmation Class Grades 9 – 12 | Classroom 7 |
| ➤ Sunday Seminars | See page 7 |

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

12:00 p.m. **Fellowship Time after Living Mosaics** Meeting Room

Later Today

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

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 28; November 25; December 16 and 30.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Emmett Jacobs, Elizabeth Uhlinger and Leucia Venable.
- ❖ **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 Kay Johnson at Millcroft and Ed Hagopian at home.
- ❖ **Recent deaths:** Fred Carspecken and Jane Arthur Hamlin.
- ❖ **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 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 and listening devices from any usher. Worship bags for children ages 3 through 6 include a children's bulletin designed for them. Children's bulletins for ages 7 through 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



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!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Gracious God, without you I would be adrift in a cynical and despairing world. Without you, I would be mired in a shallow existence, with no hope on the horizon. I am grateful that you show me the way and teach me the truth so that I may live a rich life of love and joy and hope. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*PASSING THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Madrigal

Louis Vierne

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as a family of faith to listen for the voice of God.

We come eager for an encounter with God.

Let us open our hearts, minds, and souls

so that we may be transformed by God's Spirit.

*HYMN NO. 1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

NICAEA

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of creation,

we give thanks for this October day with all its color and crispness,

and for the countless gifts you have showered upon us.

At this very moment, we stop to focus on how grateful we are

for your power that sustains the earth and brings new life,

for your strength that gives us courage when life is threatening,

for the wisdom you shine upon our path,

for the guidance you weave into our minds and souls,

for your love that brings us joy and binds us together,

and for your peace that washes away our fear and infuses us with hope.

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"

Alan Ridout

Let us with a gladsome mind,

Praise the Lord for he is kind:

For his mercies shall endure,

Ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us blaze his name abroad,

For of gods he is the God.

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

He with all commanding might,
Filled the new-made world with light.

He the golden tressed sun
Caused all day his course to run.

The horned moon to shine by night,
Mid her spangled sisters bright.

All things living he doth feed,
His full hand supplies their need.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Merideth Hite Estevez

“A Gift to You”

Tiolino

Joyful Noise and Sing-to-Praise Choirs

*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

Mark 10:35-45

New Testament, page 40
John Gavenonis, Lay Reader

SERMON

Greg Jones

Testimony of Tom Hogue

HYMN NO. 712

“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”
Verse 1

FOREST GREEN

Testimony of Josh Cox

HYMN NO. 712

“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”
Verse 2

Testimony of Mary Lu Pamm

HYMN NO. 712

“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”
Verse 3

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth”
from *Elijah*
Jason Berger, tenor

Felix Mendelssohn

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Father’s realm. Joy on their head shall be for everlasting, and all sorrow and mourning shall flee away forever.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“Cause Us, O Lord”

Ron Nelson

Cause us, O Lord our God, to lie down each night in peace, and to awaken to renewed life and strength. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Lord, help us to order our lives by thy council, lead us in the paths of righteousness. Lord, be Thou a shield about us, protect us, save our world from sorrow, from hate, and from war. Curb thou within us the will to do evil. Shelter us beneath the shadow of Thy wings.

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, Jenn Blackford, 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.



**FALL
FESTIVAL**

**Sunday, October 28
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 Amy Bickhart at (302)-547-5631.



Sunday Seminars

The Challenge of Paul

Today and November 4 through December 16

Classroom 3

Facilitator: Bob Cox

The Challenge of Paul is an educational video series of lectures featuring historical Jesus scholar, John Dominic Crossan, who guides participants through the three-dimensional world of the Apostle Paul's time and place. Crossan pushes past generations of doctrine and dogma to reveal the real-life character of Paul who shaped a generation of courageous Christ-followers to challenge boldly the greed and violence of the Roman Empire, the overlord of the first century Mediterranean world.

The Gospel of Mark

Today and November 4

Classroom 6

Presenter: Greg Jones

How much do you know about the life and teachings of Jesus? When were the gospels written? Did the authors of the gospels work independently of one another or did subsequent writers have access to the first gospel? What is the spiritual wisdom of Jesus and how does it relate to our lives in 21st century North America? For answers to these questions and more, join us for this study of the first half of Mark's Gospel. Previous knowledge of the gospels is not a prerequisite!

Race In America: Legacy and Future

Today and November 4 and 11

Classroom 5

Facilitators: Sue Linderman and Dave McBride

Race—the Power of an Illusion

This session is based upon a PBS series of the same name and *Fatal Invention: How Science, Politics and Big Business Re-create Race in the Twenty-First Century* by Dorothy Roberts (the George A. Weiss University Professor of Law and Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania). Is our concept of race based upon biology and genetics or is it a social construct created for economic and political reasons? *This series will use portions of a motion picture in each class, with a subsequent full showing and discussion of each film on a week night following the Sunday morning 10:TEN session.*

LATER THIS WEEK – Racism in America: Exploring Our History

Tuesday, October 23rd at 6:30-8:30 pm in Classroom 5

(Also offered on Saturday, November 3 at 9:00 am)

Presenter: Sue Linderman

We know that racism in America traces its roots back to slavery, but how did we get from there to here? Join us as we explore the path of American history that shapes our society and our perspectives today. This program is an updated consolidation of the two-part 10:TEN presentation by Sue Linderman on January 14 and 21, 2018. This is an eye-opening exploration of history we were never taught that sheds new light on issues of race in our country.

PILGRIMAGE TO PEACE

Thursday, October 25, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in Community Hall

A Jewish Israeli, a Palestinian Christian and an American
Christian faith leader discuss prospects for peace.

Sponsored by Delaware Churches for Middle East Peace and Westminster Presbyterian Church.



Westminster Church Annual Bazaar

Friday, November 9, 2018

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.

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 begins Sunday, November 4. No donations
will be received after Wednesday, November 7. Total proceeds
support WPC local and global mission outreach efforts.