



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



Service of Worship
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
October 23, 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 (grades 3 – 6) is singing in worship this morning, which means they will stay in worship. Sing-to-Praise choir rehearsal will be at 10:10, together with Joyful Noise Choir.

10:10 a.m.

Education for All Ages

- Sunday School for Preschoolers Preschool Suite
- Joyful Noise and Sing-to-Praise Choir Programs for K – 6 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 7

11:15 a.m.

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

Fall Festival

Community Hall

Later Today

5:00 p.m.

180° Youth Dinner and Fellowship

Community Hall/Cl. 6

6:00 p.m.

Clean But Not Straight – NA

Club Room

7:00 p.m.

Parent Support Group for Families with Addiction

Daughtry House Conf. 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 chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents from Art and Barbara Gorman.

The flowers in the Narthex are from yesterday's Memorial Service for Jim Waddell.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Peggy Cartmell, Fred Iobst, Kathryn Nichols, Sue Spilecki.
- ❖ **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 Betty Murchison and Les Whitney at Maris Grove and Vera Walker 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, 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

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Loving God, by whose great generosity I have been granted the gift of life, breathe on the spark of your presence within me, that I may burn with a flame that banishes fear, and lights up the world around me. In the name of Jesus, the light and life of the world. Amen. – John Polhill

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

Pavane
Merideth Hite Estevez, oboe

Charles-Marie Widor

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come eager to hear the good news,
to hear of faith, hope, and love ringing out from God's kingdom.
We come to be washed in God's grace,
and filled with love that passes all understanding.
We come to give thanks to the Living Lord.
Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 643

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy -
all that we do, and all that we are
should be a joyful response to your grace.
Yet, we do not live out of constant gratitude.
We harbor resentment for what we lack.
We blame you; we blame others.
We doubt your compassion, even your power.
We find it hard to give of ourselves
in generous expressions of gratitude and praise.
Forgive us, we pray.
Heal and restore us
so that we may return to you with a right spirit.
Help us to live the holy and joyful lives
you call us to live.
We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE (HYMN NO. 447):

1st time: Choir

2nd time: All

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

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

ANTHEM

“In the Shadow of Your Wings”

John Leavitt

Westminster Choir

Gracious God be merciful, O my God be merciful. My soul is crying out to you. My only refuge Lord is you, God most high. In the shadow of your wings, 'neath the shadow of your wings. My soul finds rest from my deep distress. My heart hides there till this darkness passes by. I cry to God on high whose purpose is fulfilled for me. He reaches down to save and reproaches him who threatens me. Gracious God, be merciful, O my God, be merciful. My soul finds love and truth in you. No other place of safety Lord but you. In the shadow of your wings I hide, O my God most high.

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

New Testament, page 153

SERMON

“Love Gives”

Sudie Niesen Thompson

TESTIMONY OF RICH DIVER

REFRAIN (Hymn No. 205)

**Live in charity and steadfast love.
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.**

TESTIMONY OF PATTI RIDOUT

REFRAIN (Hymn No. 205)

**Live in charity and steadfast love.
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.**

TESTIMONY OF RICK SUAREZ

REFRAIN (Hymn No. 205)

**Live in charity and steadfast love.
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.**

OFFERING

“Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in your love for us – we want you to excel also in this grace of giving.” (2 Corinthians 8:7)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”

Nicholas White

(Text: Hymn #697)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*HYMN NO. 716

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

BEACH SPRING

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur

Théodore Salomé

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, Suzie Hurlock, following the service. She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.

Join Us on Sunday, October 30!

Our last set of home gatherings will take place on **Sunday, October 30!** These are wonderful 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. As a special treat, our new video features Paul Fleckenstein and the Westminster Choir! Review your invitation, select a time and location, then contact your host to let them know you'll attend. If you've misplaced your invitation, see the current issue of *The Chimes* (p. 5) or call the church office. You'll be so glad you did!



Why Wait? Help Syrian Refugees Now!

October 23 – 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 NOW by donating new and gently used adult clothes, coats, shoes, boots, hats and gloves. WPC is partnering with St. Josephs, Pacem in Terris, Silverside Church and others to send desperately needed winter supplies to a Syrian refugee camp on the Turkish border. Boxed donations may be dropped off in Classroom 5 (near Community Hall) on:

- This morning, October 23 (Community Hall hallway)
- Monday, October 24 – Friday, October 28, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 29, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Contact Mary Vane (302-654-2508 or vanemk1@yahoo.com) with any questions.





Adult Education Classes This Morning

Three Contemporary Christian Theologians

Classroom 6, Teacher: Greg Jones

Today: 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.

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.

Oils of the Bible: Ancient and Modern Use

Classroom 5, Presenter: Judy Stoddard

An essential oil is the life force and essence of a plant which carries nutrients throughout the plant and protects it from infection and diseases. Essential oils used for rituals, anointing, healing, perfumes, and culinary dishes date back more than 4000 years. The class presentation will include the uses of essential oils in ancient cultures including scriptural references in both Old and New Testaments as well as modern day uses of oils with scientific validation of their healing properties. Judy is a Registered Nurse and Certified Healing Touch Practitioner who uses ancient healing oils in her practice.

Coming Up Next Week: Home Energy Audits

Sunday, October 30, 10:10 a.m. in Community Hall

Learn how to save energy and money, and lower your carbon footprint! Lisa Locke, Executive Director of Delaware Interfaith Power and Light will tell us about Delaware's Home Performance with ENERGY STAR (HPwES) program. Program participants can get a home energy audit for just \$100. They will receive recommendations for energy savings and up to \$160 worth of energy savings products such as light bulbs, shower heads and pipe insulation. Lisa will also share tips, tools, and financial resources for lowering energy bills, increasing resale value, and Caring for Creation. Come and hear!

FALL FESTIVAL

Today

11:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Please come and join in the fun at our annual Fall Festival today, 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

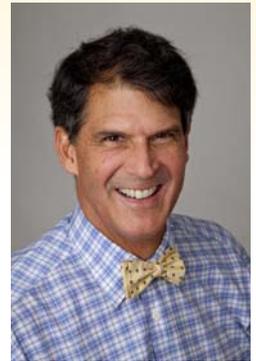
Cost: \$50 (\$45 for CIL members)

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