

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Service of Worship
October 28, 2018
10:00 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: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock, Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

This Morning at Westminster

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Coffee and Tea in Classroom 6

Deacon Team of the Month

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

9:45 – 11:15 p.m. Nursery Care

10:00 – 10:55 a.m. Worship

Today especially, we encourage our children to stay in worship. For our younger ones, we also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith. Children are escorted to class after the PASSING OF THE PEACE during worship.

❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 through 4 in Preschool Suite C.

All children who leave the sanctuary 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.

11:00 a.m. Fall Festival – Fun for all ages! Community Hall/CL 6

Later Today

This afternoon Stewardship Home Gatherings Members' Homes

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

8:00 p.m. AA Club Room

No 180° Youth Tonight



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.

LATER THIS WEEK – Racism in America: Exploring Our History

Saturday, November 3 at 9:00 am in Classroom 5

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.

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 November 25; December 16 and 30.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Richard Hatfield, Emmett Jacobs, Kathleen Lowthert, Lola Miller 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 Cornelia Cates and Cappy Hanke at Stonegates.
- ❖ **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 the Fall Festival in Community Hall after the service.
Ask someone to show you the way!**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” ~ Matthew 18:3

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. by Jordan Grigg

Kristian Tolbert and Lily Holmes, violins

Maria Rusu, viola

Baden and Evelyn Saathoff and Drew Holmes, cellos

Aidan McCulloch, bells

CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to God!

Let all the earth sing the glory of his name.

Because of your great power

your enemies will cringe before you.

Jesus said: “Let the little children come to me and do not stop them,

for it is to these that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs.”

Let us worship God.

*HYMN NO. 409

“God Is Here”

ABBOT’S LEIGH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, forgive us for disobeying your Word.

We have disrespected your creation and each other — and we are deeply sorry.

Help us to follow you through Christ Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

The Good News is: we are all given God’s grace as a gift, and are redeemed through Jesus. Hear this:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*PASSING THE PEACE

Children birth through age 4 may leave for the Nursery or Godly Care, or they may remain in worship.

ANTHEM

“Open Our Eyes”

Will C. Macfarlane

Westminster Choir

Open our eyes, O loving and compassionate Jesus, that we may behold Thee, walking beside us in our sorrow. Thou hast made death glorious and triumphant; for through its portals we enter into the presence of the Living God. Open our eyes, O loving and compassionate Jesus, that we may see to follow Thee, Jesus our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

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

TIME WITH OUR ADULTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN NO. 452

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”
First time: Children’s Choirs
Second time: All

TELLING OF THE SCRIPTURE STORY

John 9
Shelley Gnade and Mary-beth Howard, Storytellers

INVITATION TO WONDER

HYMN NO. 490

“Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”

BEACH SPRING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Amazing Grace”
Joyful Noise and Sing-to-Praise Choirs

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound!
That saved a kid like me.
I once was lost by now am found
Was blind but now I see, alleluia!

There was a man ‘twas blind from birth
he couldn’t see anything
But Jesus healed his eyes and heart
The Pharisees were blind to God’s amazing grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy...
Hear our prayer.

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

*HYMN NO. 649

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

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, Bill Nace, at the back of the center aisle following the service.
He is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*

The liturgy and artwork used in today’s service were created by the children and youth of Westminster.
The bulletin cover was designed by Lily Holmes.

REMINDER: Fall back! Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday, November 4, at 2:00 a.m.
Don’t forget to turn your clocks BACK one hour before you go to bed this Saturday.

I Wonder...



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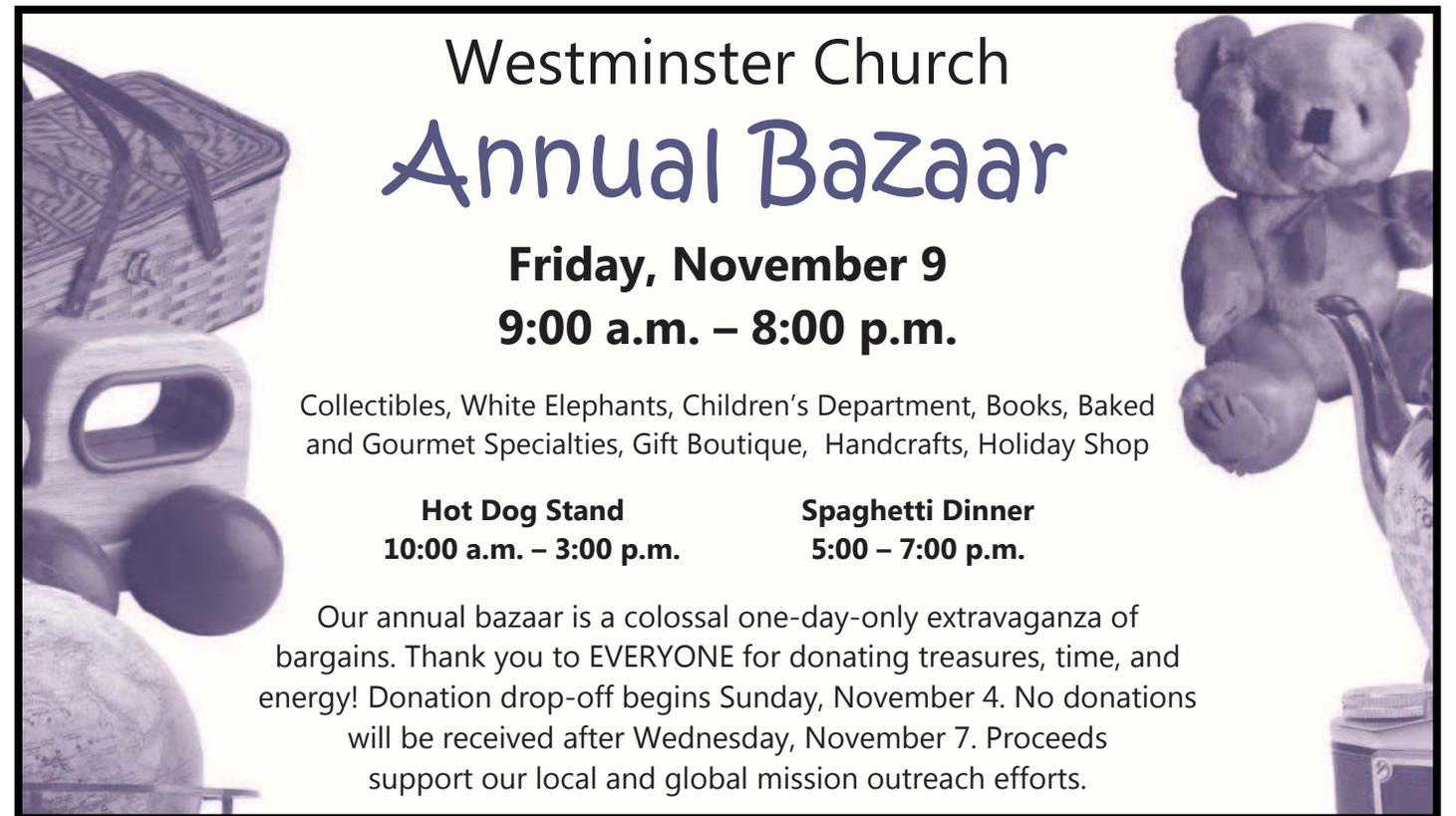




FALL FESTIVAL

TODAY!
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Community Hall
Following Worship

We 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.



Westminster Church Annual Bazaar

Friday, November 9
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. Proceeds support our local and global mission outreach efforts.