



**Service of Worship
Reformation Sunday
October 30, 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.

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An Earth Care Congregation of the PC (USA)

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 Program** – Children in grades 3 through 6. Parents, please escort your child to the Youth Music Room for sign-in, just prior to the start of worship, and pick up your child from the Youth Music Room immediately following worship. 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 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.

12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Time after Living Mosaics

Meeting Room

Later Today

This afternoon

5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

Stewardship Home Gatherings

180° Youth Dinner and Fellowship

Clean But Not Straight – NA

Parent Support Group for Families with Addiction

AA

Members’ homes

Community Hall/Cl. 6

Club Room

Daughtry House Conf. Room

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 today are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents Jessie and Cerd Marsh from Rick and Nancy Marsh, Barbara and Jerry Fedeler and their families.

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, Julie Petrovick.
- ❖ 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 Cornelia Cates, Francis Kirkpatrick, and Gordon Lewis at Stonegates.

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

For the mystery of your presence in and beyond all that can be seen thanks be to you, O God. Guide me further this day into the inner universe of my soul ever opening inwards light upon light new depth after new depth. Guide me through strange and fearful spaces towards the place of your eternal dwelling and assure me again that in drawing closer to you I draw closer to the heart of every living being; that in drawing closer to you I approach the heart of life. Amen.

J. Philip Newell, *Celtic Benediction*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Ein' feste Burg
(Tune: Hymn #275)

arr. David Cherwien

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is the stronghold of our lives;
of whom shall we be afraid?
Let us trust in the One who strengthens us in times of trial;
and is the foundation of life and hope.

*HYMN NO. 5

“God the Sculptor of the Mountains”

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

PRAYER

**God of grace,
you have shown us what is right and just and loving,
and have called us to work for the common good.
When we face daunting powers and principalities that foster enslavement,
perpetuate oppression, and promote injustice
arouse within us the courage to resist and overcome powers of darkness
and the burning desire to shine your light throughout our world.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

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

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

ANTHEM "Erschallet, ihr Lieder"
(from Cantata no. 172) J. S. Bach
Westminster Choir and Soloists

Erschallet, ihr Lieder, erklinget, ihr Saiten! *Ring out, you songs, resound, you strings!*
O seligste Zeiten! *O blessed times!*
Gott will sich die Seelen zu Tempeln bereiten. *God will prepare our souls to be his temples.*

TELLING OF THE SCRIPTURE STORY Exodus 5
Jill Getty, Storyteller
Westminster By Heart

SERMON "Taking action: Confronting Pharaoh and Suffering the Backlash" Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 52 "When Israel Was in Egypt's Land" *GO DOWN MOSES*

OFFERING
*"Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts."
(Psalm 96:8)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "All Things Bright and Beautiful" John Rutter
(Text: Hymn #20)

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn No. 607)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

These prayer shawls were created to bring warmth to someone who feels a chill.

They were made to bring comfort to someone who feels alone.

They were designed to bring peace to someone who is struggling.

They were made to bring joy to someone who is sad.

May those who receive a shawl feel bolstered by God's love, encouraged by our concern,
and supported by the prayers of our church.

May those who wrap themselves in a shawl feel the loving embrace of God's Spirit.

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

*HYMN NO. 275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *EIN' FESTE BURG*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trio in E-flat

Julius Reubke

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, following the service.
He is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*

All Saints' Sunday

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Deadline: Monday, October 31

On Sunday, November 6, we will observe All Saints' Sunday. Those who have died since All Saints' Sunday last year will be named in the prayers during communion. If you wish to have the name of a loved one who was not a member of Westminster included, please contact Suzie Hurlock (302-654-5214 ext. 127 or suzie@wpc.org) by Monday, October 31.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 6

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 6, at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, November 5.





Adult Education Classes This Morning

Home Energy Audits

Community Hall

Presenter: Lisa Locke

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!

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.



WESTMINSTER CHURCH

Bazaar 2016

Friday, November 11
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Collectibles, White Elephants, Children's Department, Books,
Gift Boutique, Handcrafts, Gourmet Specialties, Holiday Shop

Spaghetti Dinner
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Hot Dog Stand
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Our annual bazaar once again features hundreds of items for shoppers who come from many places to experience this colossal one-day-only extravaganza of bargains. Many items no longer being used by our donors will find new purpose for unbelievably low prices.

Thank you to EVERYONE for donating treasures, time, and energy! All donations must be delivered to the blue Community Hall doors beginning Sunday, November 6. No donations will be received after Wednesday, November 9.

Total proceeds support WPC local and global mission outreach efforts.