



Service of Worship
21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 9, 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

- 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

11:00 a.m. Flying Solo at Milburn Orchards

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

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.	Caron Treatment Parent Support Group	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 chancel flowers today are given in celebration of the marriage of Andrew McPheeters and Katherine Tabor on Friday, October 7 in Alexandria, Virginia.

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 dates available in October, November, and December.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ Those recently hospitalized: Peggy Cartmell, Julie Petrovick.
- ❖ Westminster's homebound family who can no longer attend worship with us, by sending a card, saying a prayer, or visiting. This week we ask you to remember Jean Lewis, Nonie Church, and Jim Waddell at Country House, and Dottie Gkonos at Brandall Estates.

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:
 - Patrick Enderle, son of Mike Enderle
 - 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

Beginning today, Dr. Jones will preach 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

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Ever present God, stir in my heart a holy expectancy so that I will be ready and open to hear your voice. May my spirit be open to the calling of your Spirit, that in listening for you I might hear you, that in searching for you I might meet you, that in meeting you I might follow you. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL PRELUDE

“Bow Down Thine Ear”
Westminster Choir

Anton Arensky

Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, and hear me, for I am poor and in misery. Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I do put my trust in Thee. For Thou, O Lord, art good and gracious, Of great mercy unto all that call upon Thee in truth.

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**We come eager to encounter our Creator
and to be transformed by God’s Spirit.**

Let us open our hearts to God
so that we may live abundant lives.

*HYMN NO. 1

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

NICAEA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord we have heard your call to discipleship,
but too often have listened to other lords.
We have felt the pull of your Spirit,
but have turned to other pursuits.
We have seen our own lack of meaning,
yet have looked in places that are empty.
Forgive us for failing to heed your call,
and give us the will to follow your way.
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

TELLING OF THE SCRIPTURE STORY

Exodus 3:1-10
Sue Linderman, Storyteller
Westminster By Heart

ANTHEM

“Moses, Moses, Take Off Your Shoes”
Joyful Noise & Sing-to-Praise Choirs

Emily E. S. Friedman

Moses was a shepherd, keeping the sheep, when he heard a voice that said:
“Moses, take off your shoes, for this is holy ground.”
A bush was burning, but it stayed green, and from it God’s voice said:
“Moses, take off your shoes, for this is holy ground.”
God said to Moses: “To Egypt go back and set my people free.”

*Children through Grade 2 may leave for Godly Care or Godly Play 1, or they may remain in worship.
Sing-to-Praise choir remains in worship.*

SERMON

“Summoned: Moses and the Burning Bush”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 410

“God Is Calling through the Whisper”

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OFFERING

“I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver.” Maya Angelou

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Summer Ended”
Westminster Choir

Charles Wood

Summer ended, harvest o’er,
Lord, to Thee our song we pour,
For the valley’s golden yield,
For the fruits of tree and field;
For the promise ever sure
That while heav’n and earth endure,
Seed-time, harvest, cold and heat,
Shall their yearly round complete.

For the care, which, while we slept,
Watch o’er field and furrow kept,
Watch o’er all the buried grain,
Soon to burst to life again;
When all earthly gifts must fail,
And our years have told their tale.
When in death our flesh is sown,
Watch, Lord Jesus, o’er Thine own.

When the unknown hour is come
And the last great harvest home,
And the reaping angels bring
Tares and wheat before the King;
When the tribes of earth shall weep,
And the goats shall leave the sheep,
Jesus, May we gather’d be
In the heav’nly barn to Thee.

Then the angel cry shall sound,
“Praise the Lamb; the lost are found;”
And the answ’ring song shall be,
“Allelujah, praise to Thee,”
Praise to Thee! The toil is o’er;
Blight and curse shall be no more:
Lo! The mighty work is done!
Glory to the Three in One.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*HYMN NO. 405

“Praise God for This Holy Ground”
Vs. 1 and 2: Choir; Vs. 3: Men; Vs. 4: Women; Vs. 5: All
All Join on Refrain

HEYMONYSTRAAT

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Sortie

Théodore Dubois

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



Adult Education Classes This Morning

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.

Three Contemporary Christian Theologians

October 9, 16 and 23

Classroom 6, Teacher: Greg Jones

October 9: Richard Rohr is a Franciscan priest recognized as an ecumenical teacher who focuses on the connection between contemplation and action.

October 16: John Shelby Spong is a retired bishop of the Episcopal Church who calls for a fundamental rethinking of Christian belief. If the Christian Church fails to make major changes, Spong believes Christianity will cease to exist.

October 23: 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.

Silence: God's First Language

Classroom 5

Presenter: Sister Barbara Jean Brown

Join Sister B.J. in exploring the many ways we hear and speak to God and the many languages of spirituality. As individual and diverse as we are, there are some markers or *languages* of spiritual personality that fit us better or more comfortably than others. Being introverted or extroverted, image oriented or preferring a *blank canvas* for prayer, resonating with monastic practice or preferring social action, all contribute to our particular spiritual personality and our own unique relationship with God. Come to better understand your spiritual language or to "try on" another, less familiar one.

You're Invited!

Sundays, October 16 and 30

By now you should have received your invitation to our home gatherings scheduled on Sundays, October 16 and October 30. These are great 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. Your invitation offers you a choice of time and location, so just choose one that works for you and contact your hosts to let them know you'll be there. We look forward to seeing you and promise you'll have a wonderful time!



Rights of Children under Occupation

Monday, October 17, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Rodney Chapel

Interested in the human rights crisis facing Palestinian children? If so, come to this presentation and discussion with presenters Beth Miller and Jennifer Bing – two dedicated child rights advocates with vast experience and knowledge of human rights abuses perpetrated upon Palestinian children. Delaware Churches for Middle East Peace, DeNATO, and Pacem in Terris are co-sponsors. See the latest issue of the *Chimes* for more information and backgrounds of our speakers.



Why Wait? Help Syrian Refugees Now!

Sunday, October 23 through Saturday morning, October 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 living in a Syria camp NOW by donating new and gently used adult clothes, coats, shoes, boots, hats and gloves. WPC is partnering with Pacem in Terris, Palestine Children's Relief Fund, and other community and religious organizations to collect and send desperately needed winter supplies to a Syrian refugee camp on the Turkish border. Donations may be dropped off at WPC Sunday morning, October 23, or between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. October 24 – October 28. Questions? Contact Mary Vane (302-545-7672 or vanemk1@yahoo.com).



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

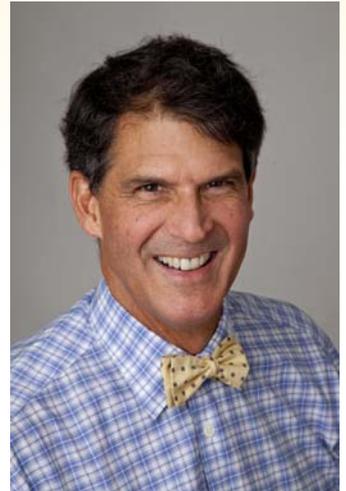
Cost: \$50 (\$45 for CIL members)

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