



Service of Worship
Celebrating the Reverend Dr. Gregory Knox Jones'
40th Anniversary of Ordination and Service in Parish Ministry

September 10, 2017
10:00 a.m.

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

Teisha Fooks, Kris Marvel, Sally McBride, Mary Lou McDowell, Ann Shadduck, Lois Underhill, Lowell Underhill

9:45 - 11:15 a.m. Nursery Care

10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary

Children are always welcome in worship. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith.

❖ **Sunday School** - Following Time with Our Children, children age 2 through 2nd grade may leave for Sunday School in the Preschool Suite.

11:00 a.m. Reception for Dr. Jones in Community Hall

11:00 – 2:00 p.m. Food Truck Festival on 13th Street

Later Today

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

8:00 p.m. AA Club Room

NEW WORSHIP TIMES STARTING SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

11:15 a.m.

Living Mosaics Worship in Rodney Chapel

Holy Toast Café reopens!



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 celebration of Gregory Knox Jones' 40th Year of Ordination and Serving in Parish Ministry.

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 September 17, October 8, 22 and 29.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Welcome, Teisha Fooks, our new Director of Preschool Ministries!

Teisha Fooks is the new Director of Preschool Ministries. Teisha is an active Deacon at Westminster and has served as a Vacation Bible School teacher and, with her husband Jacob, as a Godly Play 2 storyteller. Teisha and Jacob have two sons – Wyatt and Oliver – and are active in Parents of Little Ones (POLO). Teisha brings many wonderful gifts to our preschool ministry. She is organized, creative, and dearly loves children. She also knows most of our young families and can call many of our little ones by name.

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Jean May, Frank Waldburger, Sandy White
- ❖ **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 Polly McPheeters and Jeanne Butz at Foulk Manor North.
- ❖ **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

- This week we pray for Brian Gorman, grandson of Art and Barbara Gorman, serving in the United States military.
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Staff Sergeant Emil Rivera-Lopez, age 31, from San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

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. Thank you for your help.

Worship Resources – You can obtain large print hymnals and hearing devices from any usher. Worship bags for children ages 3-6 include a children's bulletin designed for them. Children's bulletins for ages 7-12 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.



Core Teachings of the Abrahamic Faiths

“And what you hate, do not do to anyone.” Judaism

“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you.” Christianity

“None of you truly believes until he wishes for his brother what he wishes for himself.” Islam

MUSIC OF THE TOWER BELLS

Sue Spilecki

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come together to thank the Creator of life.

We come to praise God’s goodness and to seek God’s ways.

We come seeking truth, meaning and hope.

We come eager to be filled with God’s wisdom and love.

PROCESSION

Highland Cathedral
Thom Moore, bagpiper

*HYMN NO. 10

“Sing Glory to the Name of God”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, we live in turbulent times when our future is shrouded in dense fog.

Fill our hearts with wisdom so that we may live each day with courage.

Creator God, you breathe life into the universe and create all people in your image.

Fill our hearts with love so that we may respect each person as a brother or sister.

Mighty God, you envision a world where everyone lives together in peace.

Fill our hearts with a resolve to seek mercy and justice for all. Amen.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*Children age 2 through 2nd Grade may leave for Sunday School in the Preschool Suite,
or they may remain in worship.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL MEDITATION (HYMN NO.752)

“Dona nobis pacem”

Dona nobis pacem. (Latin)

Sim shalom aleinu. (Hebrew)

Rabbu habna salamann tamman. (Arabic)

WORDS OF REFLECTION

Jim Moseley

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

THE PROPHETS

Micah 6:6-8, Isaiah 2:1-4

Douglas Krantz

WORDS OF REFLECTION

Harvey Price

ANTHEM

Psalm 150
Westminster Choir

César Franck

Hallelujah! O praise ye the Lord, Praise God for His greatness. Praise ye the Lord in the firmament of His Pow'r. Praise ye Him for His mighty acts, Praise ye Him according to His wondrous works. Praise ye Him with the sound of the trumpet: Praise ye Him with the psalt'ry and harp. Praise ye Him with the timbrel. Praise ye Him with the dance, Praise Him with the organ and stringed instruments. Praise ye Him upon the loud cymbals. Praise ye Him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let ev'ry thing that hath breath praise the Lord.

THE QURAN

Al-Baqarah 2:177

Naveed Baqir

WORDS OF REFLECTION

Muqtedar Khan

*HYMN NO. 435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

IN BABILONE

WORDS OF REFLECTION

Greg Jones

OFFERING

“Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want.”
(Proverbs 11:24)

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Hymn Tunes:
Hymn to Joy, Nettleton
Harvey Price and Linda Henderson, representing Peace Drums

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN NO. 385)

OLD HUNDRETH

**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell.
Come ye before him and rejoice.**

PRAYER

*HYMN NO. 373

“O Day of Peace”

JERUSALEM

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Toccata Festiva
Based on the hymn tune, *In Babilone* (Hymn no. 435)

Richard Purvis

GOING FORTH

If you are visiting with us today, we extend a particular greeting to you and hope you will join us for the reception in Community Hall and the 13th Street Food Truck Festival! If you wish to learn more about our church family, please visit the Westminster Information Table at the 13th Street entrance outside Community Hall. One of our ambassadors will be happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.

The following distinguished guests are participating in today's service of celebration

Dr. Naveed Baqir, Delaware Director of Global and Muslim Affairs

Dr. Muqtedar Khan, Professor of Islamic Studies and Global Affairs, University of Delaware

Rabbi Douglas E. Krantz, Founding Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation B'nai Yisrael, Armonk, New York

The Reverend Jim Moseley, Executive Presbyter, New Castle Presbytery

Harvey Price, Associate Professor of Music, UD, and Executive Director, Peace Drums USA

Guest Musicians

Bagpipes: Thomas Moore - In recognition of Dr. Jones' Scottish heritage as a descendant of John Knox, the founder of the Church in Scotland.

Steel Drums: Harvey Price and Linda Henderson, Assistant Professor of Music, University of the Arts.

PASTORAL STAFF

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

CHURCH EDUCATOR: Susan Moseley

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Merideth Hite Estevez, Director, Faith Formation through Music and Arts -Teaching Artist in Residence

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Susan Moseley, Josh Cox, Merideth Hite Estevez

SUPPORT STAFF

Susan Alexander, Reception Area Supervisor
Paul Crothamel, Director of Facilities and Security
Colleen Falasco, Director of Financial Operations
Nicole Hughes, Director of Communication and Database Management
Jerry Hunter, Financial Assistant
Suzie Hurlock, Administrative Assistant
Cathy Lang, Administrative Assistant
Sextons: Roger W. Atkins, Thomas Carter, Robert King, Joan Truitt, John Young

MISSION DINNER DOUBLE FEATURE: “Partnerships in Guatemala” and “How the War in Syria Impacts Our PC(USA) Partners”

**Thursday, September 14
6:00 p.m. in Community Hall**



Emerson Morales is the Program Coordinator for the “Intercultural Encounters” program of CEDEPCA, one of our partnering organizations in Guatemala. Through this program, Emerson designs and facilitates experiences of encounter, reflection, dialogue, and mutual service between people of the United States and Canada with Central American communities in search of a more just, tolerant and equitable world.

The Rev. Elmarie Parker serves as a Presbyterian Church (USA) Associate for Ecumenical Partnerships in the role of Regional Liaison to Church Partners in Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon. She will discuss current conditions in the region where she and her husband work and live, and how these conditions (including ISIS) are impacting PC(USA) Partners and their continuing work of worship and ministry. Though there is much over which to be deeply concerned, there are also stories of hope to be heard and shared from this region of conflict and chaos.



Bring your questions, enthusiasm and appetite for this catered dinner! Come hear first-hand from these mission leaders the concerns, needs, hopes and joys of the people in these two challenged areas of the world.

**RSVP today to Carrie Saathoff
(carriesaathoff@hotmail.com or 302-230-1799).**



Celebrating Greg Jones's 40th Year of Ordination and Serving in Parish Ministry

Today we celebrate Greg Jones's 40th year of ordination. Dr. Jones was ordained in 1977 and has spent the last 40 years leading congregations. We at Westminster have been blessed to have his spiritual guidance since 2004, and we hold continued excitement about the years to come under his wise counsel and vision for Westminster's future. Please join us for a celebration reception in Community Hall following worship.

13th Street Food Truck Festival

Today! 11 AM – 2 PM (Rain or Shine!)

13th Street between Clayton & Rodney Streets

Enjoy a variety of food truck fare and make a difference in our community! This festival is open to the public, and there is no cost for admission. A portion of the proceeds benefits Friendship House (www.friendship-house.org), a local non-profit that serves individuals and families who are, or are at risk of becoming, homeless.



EXPLORE GUATEMALA WITH WPC YOUTH

Sunday, September 17
10:10 a.m. in Community Hall

Have you ever been or wanted to go to Guatemala? Please join us for a visit to the Land of Eternal Spring. Our amazing group of youth travelers are excited to share their Guatemala experiences with Westminster members and friends, and will have amazing pictures to show and fun stories to tell. They are the pioneers for a youth partnership with brothers and sisters from this beautiful land. Their lives are forever impacted and want they you to hear all about their adventures. In addition, Emerson Morales, a mission partner in Guatemala from the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America (CEDEPCA), will be in attendance.



All are welcome! RSVP at: www.tinyurl.com/WPCguate

180° Youth Ministry Kick-Off for Grades 6 – 12

Sunday, September 17
5:00 p.m. in Community Hall
We'll have pizza, games, and lots of information!