



Service of Worship
17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 11, 2016
9:00 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

Diane Chandler, Kris Marvel, Mary Lou McDowell, Susan McPheeters, Jennie Wagner, Gen Wallace-Roe

8:45 a.m. – 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**.
- ❖ **Godly Play 2** – Children in grades 3 through 5 gather in the **main hallway** and walk with their teachers to the Meeting Room. The stories in Godly Play 2 are longer and the work/response time offers added variety for the interests and abilities of older children. You may pick up your children in the **Preschool Suite Classroom C**.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE 9:00 PROGRAM FOR GRADES 3–5 WILL CHANGE NEXT SUNDAY. CHECK HERE IN NEXT WEEK’S BULLETIN FOR NEW DESCRIPTION AND INSTUCTIONS.

10:10 a.m.	Education for All Ages	
	➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers	Preschool Suite
	➤ Children K-5 meet Merideth Hite Estevez	Youth Music Room
	➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 9	Classroom 8
	➤ The Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson	See back page

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
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Later Today

2:00 p.m.	POLO – Parents of Little Ones Gathering	See page 6
5:00 p.m.	180° Launch for Youth and Parents	Community Hall
6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club 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 sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of William and Madison Wolanski by Susan Alexander.

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:** Tom Eliason, Judy Hoopes, Howard Horne.
- ❖ **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 Betty Drennen and Cappy Hanke, both of 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:
 - 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
 - The Rev. Susannah Tulloch, of New Castle Presbytery
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
 - Petty Officer 2nd Class Andrew Clement, age 38, of Topsfield, Massachusetts
- Those who have returned from service, possibly suffering from wounds or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

All children who leave the sanctuary after Children's Time must have a completed yellow security label on their back. If you do not find a security label in the pew pocket, you may obtain one in the Preschool Suite. This policy is for your child's protection. Thank you for your help.

Worship Resources – You may 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MUSIC OF THE TOWER BELLS

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Eternal God, I give thanks for this day of worship and pray that I may use today to remember that you are God and I am not. I pause from my daily routine to reflect on how I am spending my time. Am I carving out time for prayer that I may follow your ways? Am I sharing my resources with those in need? Am I sharing Christ's love with others? Strengthen my will, my mind and my heart so that I may order my life according to your will. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

Fanfare

George Gansz

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come together to thank the Creator of life.

We come to praise God's name 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.

*HYMN No. 550

"Give Praise to the Lord"

LAUDATE DOMINUM

OPENING PRAYER

**Ever-present God, stir in our hearts a holy expectancy
so that we will be ready and open to hear your voice.**

**May our spirit be open to the call of your Spirit,
that in listening for you we might hear you,
that in searching for you we might meet you,
that in meeting you we might follow you. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Children through Grade 5 may leave for Godly Care, Godly Play 1, and Godly Play 2, or they may remain in worship.

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

*The congregation is asked to please refrain from taking photographs
or video recording during the worship service.*

PRESENTATION OF THE PARENTS AND CHILD

Elder: Jeanne Checkel

OPENING WORDS

People brought little children to see and hear Jesus.

The disciples tried to turn them away, but Jesus said:

“Let the little children come to me and do not stop them;

For it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”

And Jesus took the children in his arms, laid his hands on them and blessed them.

PROMISES OF COMMITMENT

Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? **We do.**

Relying on God’s grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and to teach that faith to your daughter? **We do.**

CONGREGATION

Will we, the people of the church, nurture and support Madison and her parents, and will we encourage her to become a faithful Christian? **We will.**

CHILDREN

Do you promise to help Madison be a part of our church family by being a friend to her?

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOLLOWING BAPTISM

ANTHEM

Magnificat in C
Westminster Choir

Charles V. Stanford

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour: For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: And holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, And hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath fill'd the hungry with good things: And the rich he hath sent empty away. He rememb'ring his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Nehemiah 1:1-11
Matthew 28:16-20

Old Testament, page 397
New Testament page 29

SERMON

“Revisiting the Wall”

The Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson

*HYMN NO. 746

“Send Me, Jesus”
*Choir sings in original Zulu;
Congregation joins for verses 1-3*

THUMA MINA

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Nunc Dimittis in C

Stanford

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father...

*HYMN NO. 320

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

WAREHAM

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Fugue in G major (“Jig”)

J. S. Bach

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

**Parents of Little Ones (POLO)
Kick-Off Gathering
Today at 2:00 p.m.**

Join us from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. at the home of Rick Suarez and Josh Thomas (26 Dogwood Hill Lane, Chadds Ford, PA 19317). There will be fun and fellowship for parents and children.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Susan Moseley, Merideth Hite Estevez, Mike Gnade, Josh Cox

SUPPORT STAFF

Susan Alexander, Reception Area Supervisor
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Colleen Falasco, Operations Assistant
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Jerry Hunter, Financial Assistant
Suzie Hurlock, Administrative Assistant
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SESSION

Jen Barrington, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Jeanne Checkel, Art Colbourn, Joe Daley, Rich Diver, Mike Enderle, Mary Field, Mike Gnade, Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Dick Jolly, Kali Kniel-Tolbert, Jon McPheeters, Mark Mosher, Roland Pamm, Roger Reinicker, Craig Stabler, Barbara Stratton, Mary Vane, Susan Williamson, Helen Zumsteg

BOARD OF DEACONS

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PARTNERS IN WORLDWIDE MINISTRY

Guatemala – Leslie Vogel (CEDEPCA), Sandi and Brian Thompson-Royer, Rosario Diaz
Kenya – JOHABETO Ruth and Martin Shikuku, Kitale, Kenya
Congo – PCUSA Mission Co-workers Bob and Kristi Rice, John and Gwenda Fletcher, Jeff and Kristi Boyd
Ruth Brown, Cecilé de Sweemer, MD, Pastor Jean-Marc Katujudi Nkuna
and Members of the Kamulumba-Ditalala Parish
Iran, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon – Mission Co-workers the Reverends Elmarie and Scott Parker
Peace Drums Steel Band – Ibillin and Haifa

We Welcome
The New Stated Clerk of the General Assembly
of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson

Dr. Nelson will preach at both the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services, and speak during the 10:TEN education hour in Community Hall.

The Stated Clerk is the chief ecclesiastical officer of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), furthering the ministry of Jesus Christ in the world through vision, interpretation, and inspiration.



Children and Youth Programs Begin Today

Grades K – 2 and Grades 3 – 5
10:10 a.m. in the Youth Music Room

Parents and children can meet Merideth Hite Estevez, our new Director of Music for Children and Youth, and learn about the Sunday morning choir programs she will offer for kindergarten through 2nd grade, and 3rd through 5th grades.



Grades 6 – 12
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Community Hall

Parents and youth, 6th through 12th grades, are invited to attend this orientation for the 180° Youth Ministry to learn about the upcoming youth retreat and the mission trip to Guatemala in 2017. You'll also meet Merideth Estevez and hear about her vision for youth music.

