



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship **14th Sunday after Pentecost** **September 15, 2019** **9:00 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
Alexis Droke, Director of Music for Children and Youth
Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock,
Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chesna Hinkley

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES STAFF

Teisha Fooks, Director of Preschool Ministries
Nursery: Beatrice Taylor, Kristen Wolanski

YOUTH LEADERS

Chesna Hinkley, Tommy Neilson
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper, Molly McPheeters

DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Colleen Falasco

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND SECURITY

Paul Crothamel

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.

A Covenant Network Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
An Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

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This Morning at Westminster

8:30 – 11:15 a.m. The Holy Toast Café, in Community Hall, offers free coffee, tea, and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar per item.

Deacon Team of the Month

Teisha Fooks, Nicole Fox, Kris Marvel, Dan McAllister, Emily Pfaff, Pam White

8:45 – 12:15 p.m. **Nursery Care in Preschool Suite D**

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. **Worship**

Children are always welcome in worship. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith. Children are escorted to classes after TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN during worship.

- ❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 through 5 in Preschool Suite C.
- ❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade in the Ruth Christie Room. Children are picked up in Preschool Suite A after the worship service.
- ❖ **Sing-to-Praise Choir Program** – Children in grades 3 through 6 in the Youth Music Room.

10:10 a.m.

Education for All Ages

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| ➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers | Preschool Suite C |
| ➤ Joyful Noise Choir Program Grades K – 2 | Youth Music Room |
| ➤ Creation Station for Grades 3 – 8 | Classroom 4 |
| ➤ Senior High grades 9 – 12 | Classroom 7 |
| ➤ Sunday Seminar: Illegal Trafficking in Congo | Classroom 6 |

11:15 a.m.

Living Mosaics Worship

Rodney Chapel

12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Time after Living Mosaics

Meeting Room

Later Today

11:15 a.m.	Flying Solo Brunch	Catherine Rooney's
5:00 p.m.	180° Dinner and Fellowship	Church Lawn
6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room

The mission of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians is to strengthen the church of Jesus Christ, with the help of God's grace by working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.



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 are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Jean and Dick May's 57th wedding anniversary.

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 date is December 1.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **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 Doris and Jerry Larson at Shipley Manor, Margaret and Jim Hodges at The Summit, and Leucia Venable at Lodge Lane.
- ❖ **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:

- The family of this soldier from the U.S. who died recently:
Sergeant 1st Class Elis Ortiz, age 34, from Morovis, Puerto Rico
- 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.

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. Children will only be released to a parent or an adult pre-approved by the parent. Thank you for your help.

Worship Resources – You can obtain large print hymnals. 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.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Gracious God, give me the wisdom to discern your guidance and the will to follow you. Grant me a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you by the way I treat others; and a life to live in harmony with the way of Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Pastorale

Max Reger

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as a family of faith to listen for the voice of God.
We come eager for an encounter with God.
Let us open our hearts, minds, and souls
so that we may be transformed by God's Spirit.

*HYMN NO. 33

"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"

LLANFAIR

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.**

ANTHEM

Jubilate Deo

Charles Stanford

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His Name. For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth from generation to generation.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*Children through Grade 6 may leave for Godly Care, Godly Play 1, and Sing-to-Praise Choir,
or they may remain in worship.*

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 3:1-14, 5:1-9

Old Testament, page 46
Molly McPheeters, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Let My People Go”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 410

“God Is Calling through the Whisper”

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OFFERING

*“Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said,
“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“God Be Merciful unto Us and Bless Us”

Philip Stopford

God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and show us the light of his countenance; that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad; for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase; and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing; and all the ends of the world shall fear him. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen**

*HYMN NO. 52

“When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land”

GO DOWN MOSES

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur in D major

Alexandre Guilmant

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, Robin Rosser, at the back of the center aisle following the service. She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.

180° Youth Ministry Kick-Off for Grades 6 – 12
TODAY
5:00 p.m. on the church lawn
We'll have walking tacos, games, and lots of information!

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 coffee and tea in Community Hall after the service.
Ask someone to show you the way!



Sunday Seminar

Poaching and Illegal Wildlife Trafficking in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Today at 10:10

Classroom 6

Presenter: Adams Cassinga, CEO and Founder of ConservCongo

The 2017 Nelson Mandela Washington Fellow alumnus, honorary park ranger/wildlife crime investigator Adams Cassinga discusses the relevance of the world's attention to wildlife conservation and anti-poaching in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He will discuss actions that ordinary citizens of the world can take to ensure that future generations benefit from the wealth of Congolese fauna and flora. He will use concrete examples of the work he is doing with his organization "ConservCongo".

Prophetic Spirituality 2019 Fall Sermon Series

Do the Scriptures reveal wisdom for not merely *surviving* life in the 21st century, but for sculpting a better world? It is essential for people of faith to spend time alone with God in prayer, to reflect on Scripture, and to attempt to discern the whispers of God deep in our soul. However, our interior life is immature if it does not propel us to work for the common good. We can resist the moral deterioration of today and throw ourselves into nudging the world toward God's vision by committing ourselves to following the path of Jesus and the prophets.

As followers of Jesus, we focus the bulk of our attention on his teachings and ministry. However, we stunt our faith if we have scant knowledge of the prophets who came before him, because Jesus stands on the shoulders of the Jewish prophets.

This fall, Dr. Jones is preaching a sermon series entitled "Prophetic Spirituality." To say that our faith is prophetic is to say that we are actively engaged in resisting evil, righting wrongs, and spreading love. To say that our faith is spiritual is to say that it is grounded in worship, prayer, and reflecting on God's message. Prophetic Spirituality intertwines interior work with outward action so that we can go deeper with God and live the life God calls us to live.

September 8	Introduction to Series	"Prophetic Spirituality"
September 15	Moses	"Let My People Go"
September 22	Amos	
October 13	Jeremiah	
October 27	Hosea	
November 10	Isaiah	
November 17	Micah	
December 1	Jonah	



DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER | SEPTEMBER 28-29

CHRISTIAN WIMAN

Author ▪ Poet ▪ Teacher

Saturday, September 28

Open Talk: 4:00 – 5:30 PM

Registration required at www.cil-de.org

Sunday, September 29

Sermon during 9 AM service (Sanctuary)

Talk at 10:10 AM (Community Hall)

MORE GUEST SPEAKERS IN SEPTEMBER



ADAMS CASSINGA

*CEO and Founder of
ConservCongo*

TODAY (9/15) ▪ 10:10 AM

*Poaching & Illegal Wildlife
Trafficking in Congo*



DR. CHRYSANTHI LEON

*Associate Professor of
Sociology and Criminal
Justice at UD*

SEPTEMBER 22 ▪ 10:10 AM

Women and Prison