



Service of Worship
18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 18, 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.

This Morning at Westminster

Deacon Team of the Month

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

8:00 a.m. 180° Youth Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg

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.**
- ❖ **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
- Adult Education Classes See page 6

11:15 a.m. Living Mosaics worship in Rodney Chapel. Children are always welcome in worship.

11:15 a.m. Flying Solo Brunch at Catherine Rooney’s 1616 Delaware Avenue

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time after Living Mosaics Meeting Room

Later Today

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 memory of Elizabeth and Rodney Higgins by their daughter, Cathy Higgins.

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: Jim Bercaw, Tom Eliason.
- ❖ 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 Caroline Sparks and Gordon Lewis, both 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:
 - 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 families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
 - 1st Lieutenant Anais Tobar, age 25, of Miami, Florida
- 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

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*God of wisdom and goodness, I pray that the Word you speak this day may arouse my heart and stimulate my mind to remind me to show hospitality and generosity in my interactions with others.
Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Romanza

Richard Purvis

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, God created life.

We gather to celebrate life!

In the beginning, life was given in love.

We gather to give our lives in love!

In Christ's Spirit of love, let us worship God.

*HYMN No. 15

“All Creatures of Our God and King”
Verses 1, 2, 3, and 6

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

OPENING PRAYER

**Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you.
Give us such a sense of purpose,
that no selfish passion may deter us from seeking your will
and no weakness prevent us from doing it.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Children through Grade 5 may leave for Godly Care, Godly Play 1, and Sing-to-Praise, or they may remain in worship.

ANTHEM

from *St. Cecilia Mass*
Westminster Choir
David Price, tenor

Charles Gounod

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra
gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full
of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 16:1-13

New Testament, page 68
Sue Linderman, Lay Reader

SERMON

“The Shrewd Manager”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 707

“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

HALL

OFFERING

*“All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing the LORD your God has given you.”
(Deuteronomy 16:17)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Be Thou My Vision”
Westminster Choir
Travis Lucas, baritone
(Text: Hymn #450)

arr. Alice Parker

*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**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Hymn No. 698)

**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.**

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

*HYMN NO. 700

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

I’M GONNA LIVE

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur

Georges MacMaster

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.*



Adult Education Classes This Morning

The Age of Great Dreams: A Look at the 1960s

Classroom 6

Presenters: Don Beddie, Dick May, and Tom Stout

Three classes, September 18, 25 and October 2, will look at three major movements in the decade of the 60's which still have effects in the current decade.

This morning, Don Beddie will lead a discussion that takes a look at the US world-view, and increased involvement of the United States in Vietnam, plus the anti-war movement and other groups. Reading The Age of Great Dreams, chapters 2,6,7, will be good preparation.

POLO: Parents of Little Ones

Classroom 5

Facilitator: Yvonne Nass

This three-part series for parents of small children (birth through kindergarten) will cover the following:

Sept. 18 - Understanding Your Child – We will explore how a child finds his or her place in the family.

Topics will include birth order, family values, and family environment.

Sept. 25 - Building Your Child's Self- Esteem

Oct. 2 - Building a Strong Relationship with Effective Communication Skills

Ms. Nass is a certified Parent Educator and Consultant with over 35 years of professional experience.

History of the Bible

September 18 – 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? How has the Bible influenced technological changes? 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.

Peace Week

DELAWARE

SEPTEMBER 18-25, 2016



Peace Week Delaware kicks off today at The Delaware Contemporary Museum on the Riverfront, with an art exhibit by children and youth from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. To see the schedule of more than 30 events, go to www.peaceweekdelaware.org

The purpose of Peace Week Delaware is two-fold: (1) To build our state's capacity to achieve our collective goals for peace and justice by collaborating to create Peace Week together and (2) To offer peace-loving people across Delaware the opportunity to join together to recognize the possibility of peace and energize their actions.

Delaware continues to suffer from unacceptably high levels of violence. Government agencies and non-governmental organizations have worked to address this issue without much success. The Movement for a Culture of Peace envisions a coordinated approach to building alternatives to the prevailing culture of violence based on education, economic opportunity, anti-racism, equal justice, respect for human rights, equality between women and men, respect for LGBTQ rights, democratic participation, the free flow of information, and disarmament of our neighborhoods.

Psalm 122:6-9

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

'May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.'

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, 'Peace be within you.'

For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9)

Prayer for Peace

Gracious God, the problems of our world are multi-faceted and complex, and defy easy solutions. Do not allow us to use these as excuses for failing to do our part in making the world an equitable, decent and non-violent place. You call us to be ambassadors for peace by spreading your love to a tormented world. Remind us that each of us has a part to play in our homes, our schools, our communities and around our planet. Grant us the determination to counter cruelty with compassion, to repel lies with truth and to find ways to stop the violence. You call on us to create a world very different than the one we are creating. Grant us the courage to change our ways and to follow the path that leads to life. In the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

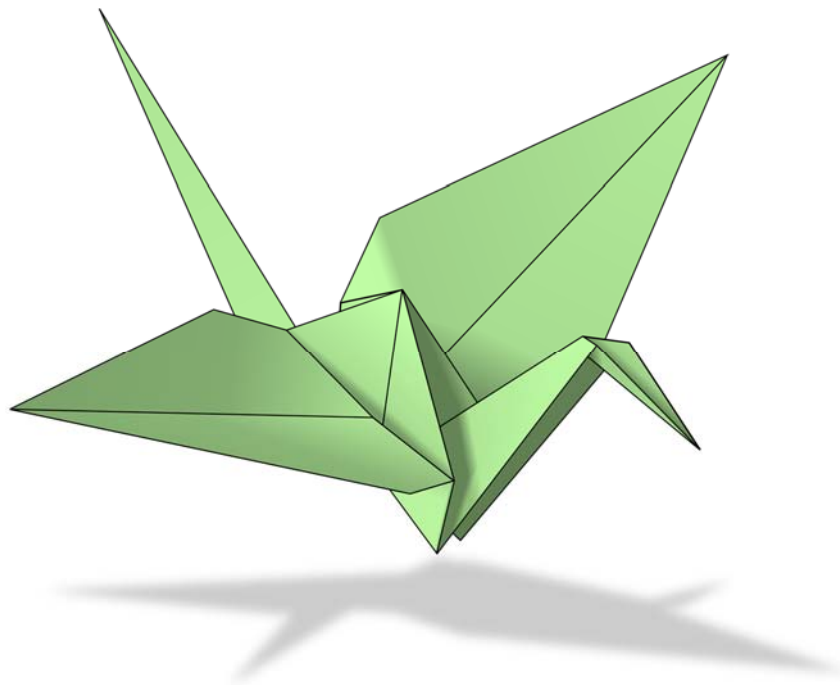
What is Your Prayer for the World?

Justice for all people.

Peace among nations.

Education for each and every child.

An end to hunger.



Whatever your prayer for the world, we hope you will share it with us!

Today and next Sunday, September 25, there is a table in Community Hall (near the Deacon card table) where you can write your prayers, concerns, or hopes for the world on a sheet of origami paper. Our *Living Mosaics* Art Team will then transform these prayers into Paper Cranes for use in the *Living Mosaics* service on World Communion Sunday. Please stop by the table and offer your prayer!