



Service of Worship
16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 24, 2017
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

8:30 a.m. – 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, Kris Marvel, Sally McBride, Mary Lou McDowell, Ann Shaddock, Lois Underhill, Lowell Underhill

8:45 – 11:15 a.m. Nursery for babies and toddlers

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

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

- ❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 – 4 begin in worship with their families. Following the Time with Our Children, they walk with a parent to the **Preschool Suite** where they are greeted by the morning coordinator and escorted into **Classroom A**. The children experience simple worship rituals and learn key stories in the Bible. They respond through crafts, songs and prayers.
- ❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade begin worship with their families. Following the Time with Our Children, they 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 begin worship with their families. Following the Time with Our Children, they walk with their teachers to the Youth Music Room. Children will only be released to a parent or an adult pre-approved by the parent.

10:10 a.m.

Education for All Ages

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| ➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers | Preschool Suite |
| ➤ Joyful Noise Choir Program for K – 2 | Youth Music Room |
| ➤ Godly Play 2 | Classroom 4 |
| ➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8 | Classroom 8 |
| ➤ Senior High Schoolers for Grades 9-12 | Classroom 7 |
| ➤ Sunday Seminar | See page 6 |

11:15 a.m.

Living Mosaics worship in Rodney Chapel. Children are always welcome.

12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Time

Meeting Room

Later Today

5:00 p.m.

180° Dinner and Fellowship

Classroom 6, Community Hall

6:00 p.m.

Clean But Not Straight – NA

Club Room

8:00 p.m.

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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 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Teddy Bedrossian on this 10th anniversary by Ned Bedrossian and family.

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 October 22 and 29, November 26, December 3 and 31.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Joyce Ruston, Mike Tigani, Debbie Wat
- ❖ **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 Jane Arthur Hamlin and Tom Eliason 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 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.
- Those suffering from 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 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.



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, at the end of the pew, to the person next to you.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Invocation

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Creator of the universe is a God of love.

**We will love the Lord our God with all our heart,
with all our soul and with all our might.**

Seek to be faithful in all things, great and small
and recognize God's ownership of all you possess.

We will strive to be generous with all that we have.

*HYMN No. 32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The image of God is at the core of our being,
but we often forget our true nature.

**We confess the ways we have
surrendered to shallow ways of living.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, make us mindful of our overflowing blessings
so that we may experience the joy of a grateful heart.
You have blessed us with a myriad of gifts,
but we often forget to notice.
Compared to those suffering from natural disaster and bitter fighting
our lives are so very good.
Forgive our folly and redirect us to your way,
so that we follow Jesus with thanksgiving and generosity. Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Susan Moseley

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

ANTHEM

"It Is a Good Thing to Give Thanks"

David Hurd

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord; and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High; to tell of your loving kindness early in the morning, and of your faithfulness in the night season; on the psaltery and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp. For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 10:17-25

New Testament, page 40
Jerry Spilecki, Lay Reader

SERMON

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 766

"The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"

MC KEE

OFFERING

"As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life."
(1 Timothy 6:17-19)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee"

William H. Harris

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand: and fillest all things living with plenteousness. The Lord is righteous in all his ways: and holy in all his works. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea all such as call upon him faithfully. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry and will help them. The Lord preserveth all them that love him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (page 35 in our *Glory to God* hymnal, using "debts" and "debtors")

*HYMN NO. 708

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

SCHUMANN

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

Eleanor Daley

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

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, Cathy Higgins, 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.



Sunday Seminars

The Rebirthing of God: Christianity's Struggle for New Beginnings

Today , October 1, 8, 15

Teacher: Greg Jones

Classroom 6

Along with many others concerned about the future of the church, visionary spiritual leader and scholar, John Philip Newell writes: "The walls of Western Christianity are collapsing...There are three main reactions to this collapse...Deny it, try to shore up the foundations of the old thing, or ask: What is the new thing that is trying to emerge from deep within us and from deep within the collective soul of Christianity?"

In his book, *The Rebirthing of God*, Newell imagines what the world in general, and Christianity in particular, would look like "if we let God spring forth from deep within us and allowed ourselves and the church to be reborn."

Since we are in the early stages of this rebirth, it is difficult to define what is emerging. However, Newell sees hints of what may be taking root and mentions some modern prophets who are pointing the way.

Each Sunday, Dr. Jones will summarize one of Newell's chapters and class members will react to Newell's ideas. Buying the book is an advantage but not essential.

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Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff
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Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

CHURCH EDUCATOR: Susan Moseley

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Merideth Hite Estevez, Director, Faith Formation through Music and Arts -Teaching Artist in Residence
Soloist/Section Leaders: Elizabeth Holmes, Sharon Babcock, David Sharp (guest), Travis Lucas

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Susan Moseley, Josh Cox, Merideth Hite Estevez

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Jen Barrington, Ty Burns, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Jeanne Checkel, Art Colbourn, Joe Daley,
Rich Diver, Michael Enderle, Mike Gnade, Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Kali Kniel,
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Peace Drums Steel Band – Ibillin and Haifa, Israel/Palestine
Guatemala - Rosario Diaz and the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development, CEDEPCA, Leslie Vogel, and
Sandi and Brian Thompson-Royer

CELEBRATING ROGER ATKINS!

**Reception This Morning
10:00 a.m. in Community Hall**



Join us this morning as we celebrate the retirement of Roger Atkins. Roger has worked for Westminster for more than 25 years and has done an extraordinary job of insuring that our sanctuary and other spaces are clean and properly prepared for events and meetings.

Thank you, Roger, for your long and faithful service to our church family.

PATHWAY TO PEACE: BROADENING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICAN MUSLIMS

**This Afternoon
4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Resurrection Parish**

You have heard the media's slant on American Muslims. This is your opportunity to meet local Muslims and to hear what they think. Senator Chris Coons will open the meeting and there will be a panel discussion, breakout groups, and Middle Eastern appetizers. The panel includes Shiekh Abdel Hadi, Iman of Ibrahim Mosque; Dr. Muktedar Kahn, UD Professor of Islamic Studies; Dr. Naveed Baqir, Delaware Director of Global and Muslim Affairs; and Iram Shaukat, Islamic Society of Delaware. Join us from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Resurrection Parish, 3000 Videre Drive, Wilmington.

