



**Service of Worship**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 25, 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

8:45 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**

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| ➤ 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            |
| ➤ Confirmation Orientation for Children & Parents | Grace Hall             |
| ➤ Adult Education Classes                         | See page 7             |

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

### Later Today

2:00 p.m.	Henry White Memorial Service	Sanctuary
3:00 p.m.	Henry White Memorial Tea	Rodney Chapel
5:00 p.m.	180° Youth Dinner and Fellowship	Community Hall/Cl. 6
6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
7:00 p.m.	Caron Treatment Parent Support Group	Daughtry House Conf. 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 loving memory of Teddy Bedrossian 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](mailto: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, Judy Hoopes, Marty Knepper.
- ❖ **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 Vern Albright at Shipley Manor and Leucia Venable at home.

**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](mailto: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:
  - Lieutenant Colonel Flando Jackson, age 45, of Lansing, Michigan
- 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

*We all drink from one water, we all breathe from one air, we rise from one ocean, and we live under one sky. Remember we are one. The newborn baby cries the same, the laughter of children is universal, everyone's blood is red, and our hearts beat the same song. Remember we are one. We are all brothers and sisters, only one family, only one earth, together we live and together we die. Remember we are one. Peace be on you, brothers and sisters, peace be on you.*

Anwar Fazal, Recipient, Right Livelihood Award, Malaysia

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Symphony no. 1  
IV. Allegro vivace

Louis Vierne

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**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. 299

"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

HANOVER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, make us mindful of our overflowing blessings  
that we may experience the joy of a grateful heart.  
You have blessed us with abundant gifts,  
but we often forget to notice.  
We yearn to live abundant lives filled with gratitude,  
but we are so consumed by what we lack  
that we overlook what we have already received.  
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

\*RESPONSE (Hymn No. 581)

**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, amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Susan Moseley

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

ANTHEM

from *The Creation*

F. J. Haydn

Achieved is the glorious work; The Lord beholds it, and is pleas’d. In lofty strains  
let us rejoice; Our song let be the praise of God.

*Westminster Choir*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 16:19-31

New Testament, page 69  
Nancy Barlow, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Conversion”

Greg Jones

\*HYMN NO. 762

“When the Poor Ones”

*EL CAMINO*

*Verse 1: All*

*Verse 2: Women*

*Verse 3: Men*

*Verse 4: All*

OFFERING

*“Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in your love for us – we want you to excel also in this grace of giving.” (2 Corinthians 8:7)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Ain’-a That Good News!”

Spiritual, arr. William L. Dawson

## BEGINNING THE CONFIRMATION JOURNEY

PRESENTATION OF 2016-2017 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Susan Moseley and Greg Jones

QUESTIONS OF CONFIRMANDS:

Will you commit to this journey of faith with body, mind, and spirit and to each other as companions on the journey?

Confirmands: *I will*

Will you be open to the movement of God's Spirit as you engage the sacred stories of Scripture and wrestle with the meaning of faith for your life?

Confirmands: *I will*

QUESTION OF CONGREGATION:

Will you who witness these vows, support and pray for these new confirmands as they enter this process of spiritual exploration?

Congregation: *We will*

May God's Spirit continue to guide and strengthen all of us, giving energy, insight, and inspiration.

All: *Amen*

CHARGE TO 2016-2017 CLASS

PRAYER

Holy God, giver of life and love, bless each of these young people as they begin the confirmation journey.

**Grant us the wisdom and the willpower to grow individually and together in faith, hope and love as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 708

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

SCHUMANN

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine!

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, following the service. She 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. Today, Dick May will lead us in a look at some of the major cultural movements. Reading chapters 3, 8, and 9 is good background.

### ***POLO: Parents of Little Ones***

Classroom 5

Facilitator: Yvonne Nass

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

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

We will learn the stages of self-esteem development and how we can encourage our child towards feeling "Lovable and Capable."

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

We will cover how to listen and invite cooperation.

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

### ***History of the Bible***

Today – 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.

# Music at Westminster



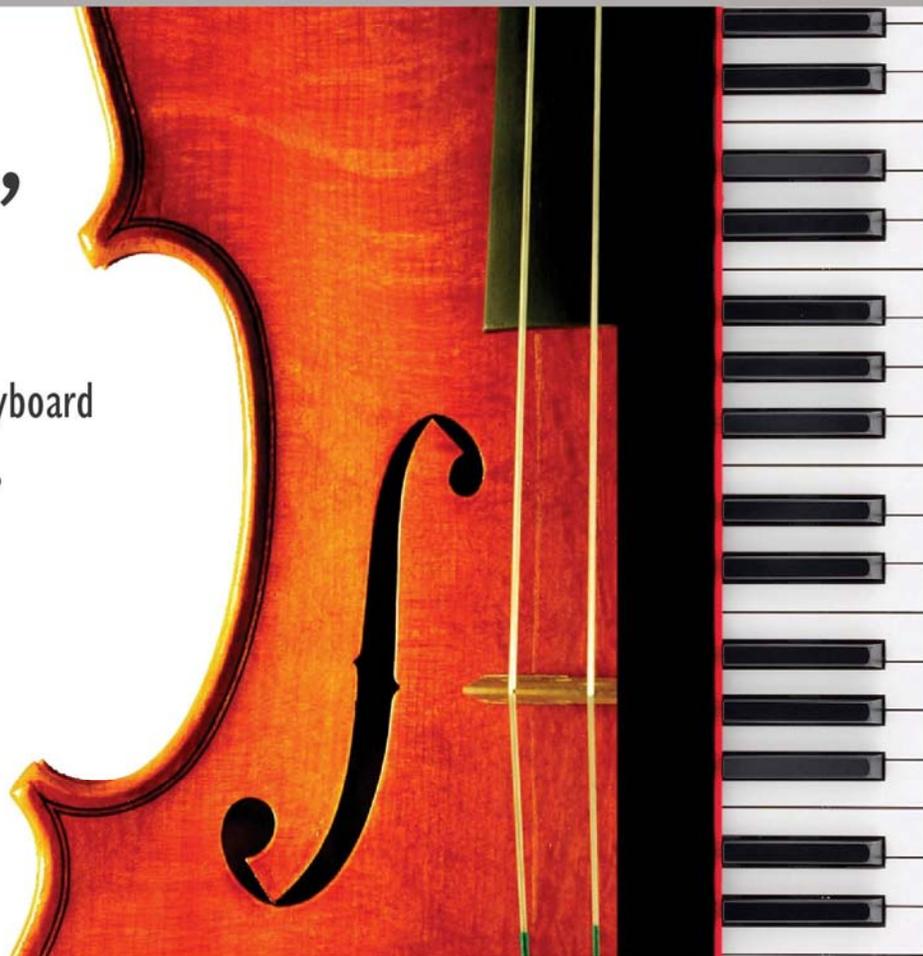
Presents

## “Fleck&Strings”

A concert of music for strings and keyboard  
by Mozart, Haydn, Dvorak, Schumann,  
and Percy Grainger

**Sunday, October 2**

**4:00 p.m.**

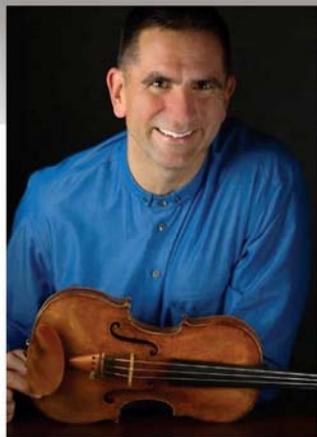


Luigi Mazzocchi, violin

Timothy Schwarz, violin & viola

Lawrence Stomberg, cello

Paul Fleckenstein, organ & piano



*Free admission; offering received*

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