



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **Service of Worship** **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** **September 2, 2018** **10:00 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  
Merideth Hite Estevez, Director of Faith Formation through Music  
and Arts, Teaching Artist in Residence

YOUTH LEADERS

Merideth Hite Estevez  
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper, Molly McPheeters,  
Tommy Neilson

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.

## This Morning at Westminster

### Deacon Team of the Month

Amy Bickhart, Nicole Fox, Louis Horton, Kris Marvel, Dan McAllister, Mary Lou McDowell, Josh Thomas

**9:45 - 11:15 a.m.**      **Nursery Care**

**10:00 a.m.**              **Worship**

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

❖ **Summer Sunday School** - Following Time with Our Children, children age 2 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may leave for Sunday School in Preschool Suite C.

**11:00 a.m.**              **Summer Tea** in Rodney Chapel.

### Later Today

11:15 a.m.              Flying Solo Brunch                      Off Site Location

1:00 p.m.                Homebound Communion                Members' Homes

6:00 p.m.                Clean But Not Straight – NA              Club Room

8:00 p.m.                AA    Club Room

## Upcoming Sunday Worship Schedule

### September 9

One service at **10:00 a.m.** in the Sanctuary

*followed by the 13th Street Food Truck Festival*

### Beginning September 16

Service in the Sanctuary at **9:00 a.m.**  
Living Mosaics service in Rodney Chapel  
at **11:15 a.m.**

*Holy Toast Café reopens!*

**For a full schedule of all events and programs for children, youth, and adults on Sunday mornings and throughout the week, please check our up-to-date calendar at: [calendar.wpc.org](http://calendar.wpc.org)**



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

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 available dates. The next available dates are September 16, 30; October 21, 28; November 25; December 30.

## 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 Bob Kline at Cokesbury.
- ❖ **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](mailto: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](mailto:cathylang@wpc.org).

**This week we pray for** those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

## WORSHIP NOTES

**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 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](http://www.wpc.org) and click the "Donate Now" button or scan the QR code on your smart phone



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Worker God –  
whose hands built the earth,  
molded our bodies,  
and sowed stars across the sky –  
we gather with thanksgiving for your love and grace.*

*Meet us here.*

*Strengthen our hearts and our hands to work with you  
in the building of a world filled with justice and peace. Amen.*

From a prayer from the United Church of Christ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in A minor  
I. Prelude

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are gathered –  
**disciples old and young,  
the newly baptized and lifelong servants.**

We are gathered –  
**around the table, font, and pulpit,  
where we are formed and transformed.**

We are gathered –  
**many hearts joined in worship,  
many voices lifted in praise.**

\*HYMN No. 463

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Past, Present, and Future –  
In every age your Spirit enlivens the church,  
urging disciples toward new expressions of faith  
and inviting us to follow with open hearts and hands.**

**When we ignore your Spirit’s stirrings,  
forgive us.  
When we lack the courage and imagination to heed your call,  
renew us.**

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

**Give us strength to discard whatever does not serve your purpose,  
and open us to new ways of being.  
Give us grace to relinquish tired habits,  
and free us to new ways of serving.  
Transform us by your living word,  
and make us bold to step into the future  
you have set before us. Amen.**

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

Merideth Hite Estevez

*Children age 2 through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade may leave for Summer Sunday School in the Preschool Suite,  
or they may remain in worship.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

New Testament, page 36  
Dave Mathé, Lay Reader

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

OFFERING

*"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above."* – James 1:17

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Prelude and Fugue in A minor  
II. Fugue

Bach

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

HYMN NO. 525

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Eternal God...

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*The Lord's Supper is open to all who trust in Christ.  
When you approach a communion station, please take a piece of bread,  
the symbol of Christ's love for you, and dip it in the cup, representing the new life in Christ.  
For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.  
If you are unable to come to a station, please tell an usher so that you may be served.  
Those sitting in the balcony will be served in their pews.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Moderato assai in F major  
("Melody in F")

Anton Rubinstein

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**God of Grace –**

**We give thanks that you have gathered us at your table  
and nourished us with the bread of heaven.**

**May the feast we have shared strengthen us for service,  
and sustain us as we strive to follow Christ.**

**Send us now,**

**filled with hope but hungry for a world that resembles your Kingdom. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 536

"Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen"

*SURGE ECCLESIA*

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Toccata Brevis

Daniel Gawthrop

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, Jenn Blackford, 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.*

***Please join us after the service for Summer Tea in Rodney Chapel.***

***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. Please join us in singing!
- A 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 Sanctuary 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](http://www.wpc.org)) or contact the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson at [sniesenthompson@wpc.org](mailto:sniesenthompson@wpc.org) or (302) 654-5214 ext. 103.

**Please join us for iced tea in Rodney Chapel after worship.**

**Ask someone to show you the way!**

# THE FIGHT FOR TRANS EQUALITY: SARAH MCBRIDE SPEAKS IN OUR AREA

Sunday, September 16, 2018  
10:10 – 11:00 a.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
[www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org)

Monday, September 17, 2018  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

First Unitarian Church of Wilmington  
as part of Peace Week Delaware  
[www.firstuuwilm.org](http://www.firstuuwilm.org)



“My name is Sarah McBride and I am a proud transgender American,” said the first openly transgender woman to address a national political convention. McBride’s new book, *Tomorrow Will Be Different*, tells of growing up questioning her gender identity and coming out as trans during her senior year in college. As a political activist, McBride is largely credited with the passage of Delaware legislation banning discrimination on the basis of gender identity in employment, housing, insurance, and public accommodations. She currently serves as national press secretary of the Human Rights Campaign, where she continues to advocate for LGBTQ rights.

## IT'S TIME FOR A NEW PICTORIAL MEMBER DIRECTORY!

**Schedule Your Appointment Now**  
**Photography Sessions Start in September**  
(Tuesdays – Saturdays)



Our new pictorial directory of Westminster members will not be complete without you! For participating, you will receive a complimentary portrait and a complimentary directory with the opportunity to purchase additional portraits without any obligation. To schedule your portrait appointment online (best method), visit [www.Church-Directories.com](http://www.Church-Directories.com) (don't forget the dash in the web address!) and select Westminster Presbyterian Church. If you are unable to sign up online, you may sign up in person today or September 9. Photography sessions begin September 11 in a studio on Westminster's lower level. Thank you for your participation. See you on picture day! (Photographer's tip: The background color is gray.)

For questions, contact Barbara Jobe ([bjobe@comcast.net](mailto:bjobe@comcast.net), 302-478-0054), Nicole Hughes ([nhughes@wpc.org](mailto:nhughes@wpc.org), 302-654-5214 x130), or Sudie Niesen Thompson ([sniesenthompson@wpc.org](mailto:sniesenthompson@wpc.org), 302-654-5214 x103).

**Food. Family. Fun.**  
**(For a good cause!)**

**13th Street**

# **FOOD TRUCK** *festival*

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**

**11 AM – 2 PM**

**13th Street between  
N. Clayton and N. Rodney Streets**

Would you like to enjoy a variety of tasty food truck fare and make a difference in our community? The festival is open to all, and there is no cost for admission. A portion of the proceeds of the food you purchase benefits Friendship House ([www.friendship-house.org](http://www.friendship-house.org)), a local non-profit serving individuals and families who are, or are at risk of becoming, homeless.

*PLEASE NOTE: To accommodate this event, there will be no parking on 13th Street between N. Clayton and N. Rodney from 8 AM – 4 PM. 13th Street will also be closed to traffic for the duration of the festival. Our parking lot and Sunday overflow parking areas will be available for our church members and visitors as usual.*

*This is a rain or shine event hosted by Westminster Presbyterian Church. We hope you can join us!*