



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship **13th Sunday after Pentecost** **September 3, 2017** **10:00 a.m.**

PASTORAL STAFF:

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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

Teisha Fooks, Kris Marvel, Sally McBride, Mary Lou McDowell, Ann Shaddock, Lois Underhill, Lowell Underhill

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

10:00 – 10:55 a.m. **Worship** in the Sanctuary

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 2nd grade may leave for Sunday School in the Preschool Suite.

11:00 a.m. **Summer Tea** in the Meeting Room

11:15 a.m. **Flying Solo brunch** at Iron Hill Brewery on the Riverfront

Later Today

11:30 - 1:30 p.m. Homebound Communion Members' Homes

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 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Arthur C. Butters by his wife, Anna.

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 September 17.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Jean May
- ❖ **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 Dottie Gkonos at Brandall Estates and Frieda Tice in Stroudsburg, PA.
- ❖ **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.
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Civilian Daniel Hoadley, age 54, from Colorado Springs, Colorado
- 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

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*God said, "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord."
Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest."
We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors.
Holy God, meet us here.*

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

Prelude and Fugue in D minor

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who hunger for good news.
We gather to feast on God's sustaining Word.
Come, all who thirst for a better world.
May the Spirit fill us until love overflows.
Come, all who seek strength for life's journey.
Christ welcomes us to the Table of Grace.

*HYMN NO. 308

"O God in Whom All Life Begins"

NOEL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"
We call you the Son of the Living God.
But, we confess, we do not trust you to be at work in our world here and now.
Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"
You are the Messiah – the One sent to deliver us from death to life.
But, we confess, we doubt your power to transform our lives.
Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"
We profess you are the Christ, the Lord of our lives.
But, we confess, our attention often wanders, and our loyalty is tested.
Church, who do you say Jesus is?
**Spirit of God – May the words we speak flow truly from our hearts. Help us not only to
confess Christ, but to follow Christ's way of justice and peace.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Supper is open to all who trust in Christ.

*When you approach communion servers, 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.*

If you are unable to come forward, please tell an usher so that you may be served.

Those sitting in the balcony will be served in their pews.

For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION Adagio, from Symphony no. 3 Louis Vierne

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 309 "Come, Great God of All the Ages" ABBOT'S LEIGH

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE Toccata Pontificale Gordon Young

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, Marlys Kerr, 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 in Rodney Chapel for iced tea following the service.

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

September 10

10:00 a.m. (one-service Sunday)
Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 a.m.
Celebration of Dr. Jones' ministry
13th Street Food Truck Festival

Starting September 17

9:00 a.m. – Worship service in the sanctuary

11:15 a.m. – *Living Mosaics* worship service
in Rodney Chapel

Holy Toast Café reopens!

MISSION DINNER DOUBLE FEATURE: “Partnerships in Guatemala” and “How the War in Syria Impacts Our PC(USA) Partners”

**Thursday, September 14
6:00 p.m. in Community Hall**



Emerson Morales is the Program Coordinator for the “Intercultural Encounters” program of CEDEPCA, one of our partnering organizations in Guatemala. Through this program, Emerson designs and facilitates experiences of encounter, reflection, dialogue, and mutual service between people of the United States and Canada with Central American communities in search of a more just, tolerant and equitable world.

The Rev. Elmarie Parker serves as a Presbyterian Church (USA) Associate for Ecumenical Partnerships in the role of Regional Liaison to Church Partners in Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon. She will discuss current conditions in the region where she and her husband work and live, and how these conditions (including ISIS) are impacting PC(USA) Partners and their continuing work of worship and ministry. Though there is much over which to be deeply concerned, there are also stories of hope to be heard and shared from this region of conflict and chaos.



Bring your questions, enthusiasm and appetite for this catered dinner! Come hear first-hand from these mission leaders the concerns, needs, hopes and joys of the people in these two challenged areas of the world.

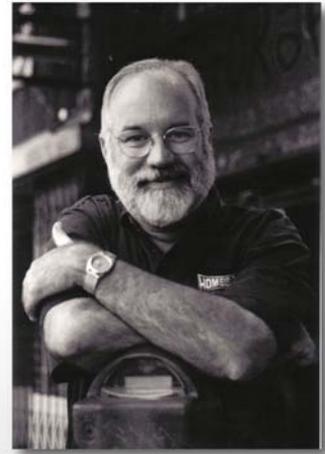
***RSVP by September 10 to Cathy Higgins
(cathy-higgins@comcast.net or 302-635-7006).***

TAKING ON VIOLENCE IN WILMINGTON SPECIAL EVENT WITH FATHER GREGORY BOYLE

**Saturday, September 9
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Opening remarks from Mayor Mike Purzycki and Wilmington City Council Hanifa Shabazz will be followed by an inspiring keynote presentation by Father Boyle, author, award-winning humanitarian, and founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, California. The vendor expo will include local organizations sharing their proven methods for positive change in Wilmington. Learn how you can help make a difference. Admission is free, but space is limited. Light refreshments will be available.



Please register online: <http://taking-on-wilmington-violence.eventbrite.com/>

Or call (302) 654-5214, ext. 100

Sponsored by Westminster Presbyterian Church and the City of Wilmington

You Won't Want to Miss Sunday, September 10!



Celebrating Greg Jones' 40th Year of Ordination and Service in Parish Ministry

On September 10, a one-service Sunday (10:00 a.m.), we will celebrate Greg Jones' 40th year of ordination. Dr. Jones was ordained in 1977 and has spent the last 40 years leading congregations. We at Westminster have been blessed to have his spiritual guidance since 2004, and we hold continued excitement about the years to come under his wise counsel and vision for Westminster's future. Please join us for this special service and a celebration reception in Community Hall following worship.

**Also on
September 10:**

13th Street Food Truck Festival

11 AM – 2 PM (Rain or Shine!)

13th Street between Clayton & Rodney Streets

Enjoy a variety of food truck fare and make a difference in our community! This festival is open to the public, and there is no cost for admission. A portion of the proceeds benefits Friendship House (www.friendship-house.org), a local non-profit that serves individuals and families who are, or are at risk of becoming, homeless.

