



**Services of Worship  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
September 4, 2016  
8.15 a.m. and 10:00 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**

### **Deacon Team of the Month**

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

8:15 a.m.	Worship with communion	Rodney Chapel
9:45 a.m. – 11:15a.m.	Nursery	
10:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary
	Summer Sunday School	Preschool Suite
11:00 a.m.	Summer Tea	Rodney Chapel/Meeting Room
11:15 a.m.	Flying Solo Brunch – Catherine Rooney’s	1616 Delaware Avenue

## **Later Today**

1:00 p.m.	Homebound Communion	Member’s Homes
6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room

**You may make a contribution** to Westminster Presbyterian Church by visiting our website [ww.wpc.org](http://ww.wpc.org) and click the “Donate Now” button or scan the QR code on your smart phone.



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 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](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com) for dates available in October, November, and December.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Fran Crothamel, Richard Hatfield, Judy Hoopes, Kaitlin Nichols.
- ❖ **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 Nonie Church, Jean Lewis, and Evelyn Measley, at Country House Healthcare, and Ed Hagopian, 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 Rev. Susannah Tulloch, of New Castle Presbytery
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
  - Gunner's Mate Connor McQuagge, age 19, of Utah
- 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

*O God, full of compassion, I commit myself to you, in whom I am, and live, and know. Be the goal of my pilgrimage, and my rest by the way. Let my soul take refuge from the turmoil of the world beneath the shadow of your wings. Let my heart, this sea of restless waves, find peace in you. Amen.*

ORGAN PRELUDE (10:00 A.M.)

Praeambulum in A minor

Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

A new day has dawned; a day ripe with possibilities.

**Now is the time for new beginnings,  
a time to encounter God anew.**

God calls us to new commitments and new actions.

**We pray that we may be faithful to God's calling.**

\*HYMN No. 12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mighty Creator, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways.**

**We hear of your promise amid our own sense of self-doubt.**

**Hope is proclaimed, yet we seek guarantees.**

**Christ calls us to obedience, but we set conditions.**

**When called on to follow, we ask to what end.**

**We applaud commitment, but we treasure our comfort.**

**Forgive our reluctance to walk in newness of life.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 14:25-34

New Testament, page 67  
Dick Armen, Lay Reader (8:15 a.m.)

SERMON

“Priorities”

Greg Jones

OFFERING

*“With a freewill-offering I will sacrifice to you;  
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.” (Psalm 54:6)*

ORGAN OFFERTORY (10:00 A.M.)

Scherzo in D major

Samuel Rousseau

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Jesus says we are to love God with all of our heart, soul and mind.

**This is the first and greatest commandment.**

Jesus also said to love our neighbors as ourselves.

**All of God’s law is derived from these two commandments.**

HYMN NO. 494 (10:00 A.M.)

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

QUEBEC

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)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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

*When you approach a communion server, 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 at 10:00 a.m. 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 (10:00 A.M.)    Canta Calmata

W. R. Voris

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

\*HYMN No. 719

“Come, Labor On”

ORA LABORA

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE (10:00 A.M.)

Paeon

Oliphant Chuckerbutty

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 (8:15) or Cathy Higgins (10:00), following the service.  
They are happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*

*Please join us in Rodney Chapel for iced tea and coffee after the 10:00 a.m. service.*

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES**

### **Starting Next Week (September 11)**

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

11:15 a.m. *Living Mosaics* Worship in Rodney Chapel

Holy Toast Café reopens!

**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

**YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM**

Susan Moseley, Merideth Hite Estevez, Mike Gnade, Josh Cox

**SUPPORT STAFF**

Susan Alexander, Reception Area Supervisor  
Paul Crothamel, Director of Facilities and Security  
Colleen Falasco, Operations Assistant  
Nicole Hughes, Director of Communication and Database Management  
Jerry Hunter, Financial Assistant  
Suzie Hurlock, Administrative Assistant  
Sextons: Roger W. Atkins, Terrence Clarke, Will Davis, Robert King, Joan Truitt

**SESSION**

Jen Barrington, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Jeanne Checkel, Art Colbourn, Joe Daley, Rich Diver, Mike Enderle, Mary Field, Mike Gnade, Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Dick Jolly, Kali Kniel-Tolbert, Jon McPheeters, Mark Mosher, Roland Pamm, Roger Reinicker, Craig Stabler, Barbara Stratton, Mary Vane, Susan Williamson, Helen Zumsteg

**BOARD OF DEACONS**

Liz Bacon, Don Beddie, Beatty Chadwick, Diane Chandler, Barry Cobb, Tammy Daley, Nancy Diver, Teisha Fooks, Nicole Fox, Sue Frost, Laura Holmes, Hillary King, Cathy Lang, Kris Marvel, Mary Lou McDowell, Susan McPheeters, Lola Miller, Bob Moore, Carol Neff, Keith Pierce, Cassandra Piovoso, Kris Ruebling-Jass, Ann Shadduck, Jerry Spilecki, Lisa Stoddard, Judy Stoffer, Josh Thomas, Sharlym Torres, Jennifer Trickey, Jennie Wagner, Gen Wallace-Roe, Sue Weissinger, Pam White, Sandra White

**TRUSTEES**

Charlie Babcock, Gary Bryde, Jim Carter, Denison Hatch, Bobbe Hoy, Fred Iobst, Charles McDowell, John McFarland, Bill Nace, Mary Lu Pamm, Kris Qualls, Chris Singewald

**PARTNERS IN WORLDWIDE MINISTRY**

Guatemala – Leslie Vogel (CEDEPCA), Sandi and Brian Thompson-Royer, Rosario Diaz  
Kenya – JOHABETO Ruth and Martin Shikuku, Kitale, Kenya  
Congo – PCUSA Mission Co-workers Bob and Kristi Rice, John and Gwenda Fletcher, Jeff and Kristi Boyd  
Ruth Brown, Cecilé de Sweemer, MD, Pastor Jean-Marc Katujudi Nkuna  
and Members of the Kamulumba-Ditalala Parish  
Iran, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon – Mission Co-workers the Reverends Elmarie and Scott Parker  
Peace Drums Steel Band – Ibillin and Haifa

## COMING TO WESTMINSTER

The New Stated Clerk of the General Assembly  
of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

### The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson

On Sunday, September 11, Westminster will welcome the new Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson. Dr. Nelson will preach at both the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services, and speak during the 10:TEN education hour in Community Hall.

The Stated Clerk is the chief ecclesiastical officer of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), furthering the ministry of Jesus Christ in the world through vision, interpretation, and inspiration.

***Plan to hear this passionate and inspiring preacher on September 11.***



## Children and Youth Programs Begin

**Sunday, September 11**

### **Grades K – 2 and Grades 3 – 5**

**10:10 a.m. in Grace Hall**

Parents and children can meet Merideth Hite Estevez, our new Director of Music for Children and Youth, and learn about the Sunday morning choir programs she will offer for kindergarten through 2nd grade, and 3rd through 5th grades.



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### **Grades 6 – 12**

**5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Community Hall**

Parents and youth, 6th through 12th grades, are invited to attend this orientation for the 180° Youth Ministry to learn about the upcoming youth retreat and the mission trip to Guatemala in 2017. You'll also meet Merideth Estevez and hear about her vision for youth music.

