



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship **13th Sunday after Pentecost** **September 8, 2019** **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
Alexis Droke, Director of Music for Children and Youth
Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock,
Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chesna Hinkley

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES STAFF

Teisha Fooks, Director of Preschool Ministries
Nursery: Beatrice Taylor, Kristen Wolanski

YOUTH LEADERS

Chesna Hinkley, Tommy Neilson
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper, Molly McPheeters

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.

A Covenant Network Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
An Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

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This Morning at Westminster

Deacon Team of the Month

Teisha Fooks, Nicole Fox, Kris Marvel, Dan McAllister, Emily Pfaff, Pam White

9:45 - 11:15 a.m. **Nursery** for babies and toddlers

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.

❖ **Sunday School** - Following Time with Our Children, children age 2 through 2nd grade may leave for Sunday School in the Preschool Suite.

11:00 – 2:00 p.m. **13th Street Food Truck Festival**

Also Today

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

8:00 p.m. AA Club Room

OUR SUNDAY SCHEDULE STARTING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

10:10 a.m. Education for all ages
Holy Toast Café reopens!

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

The mission of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians is to strengthen the church of Jesus Christ, with the help of God's grace by working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.



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 December 1.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Tom Preston
- ❖ **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 Kay Johnson at Millcroft, and Paul Thompson, Donna and Tom Shaw at Maris Grove.
- ❖ **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.

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:

- The family of the soldier from the U.S. who has died recently:
Sergeant 1st Class Dustin Ard, age 31, from Hyde Park, Utah
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

Easy-to-use assisted listening devices may be found in the back of the sanctuary and the side entrance off the main hallway.

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. 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

TOWER CHIME

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Great and good God,
give me a pure heart that I may see you,
a humble heart that I may hear you,
a compassionate heart that I may serve you,
a faithful heart that I may worship you,
here in this sanctuary and in the world. 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

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Grayston Ives

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. 1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

NICAEA

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, we live in turbulent times when our future is shrouded in dense fog.

Fill our hearts with wisdom so that we may live each day with courage.

Creator God, you breathe life into the universe and create all people in your image.

Fill our hearts with love so that we may respect each person as a brother or sister.

Mighty God, you envision a world where we all live together in peace.

Fill our hearts with a resolve to seek mercy and justice for all. Amen.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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

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

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love Thee;
And, that love may never cease,
I will move Thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing Thee,
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me,
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise Thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
To enrol Thee;
E'en eternity's too short
To extol Thee.

(Text by George Herbert)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:16-21

New Testament, page 53
Barbara Fedeler, Lay Reader

SERMON

"Prophetic Spirituality"

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 769

"For Everyone Born"

Vs. 1 & 2: Choir

Vs. 3-5: All

Refrains sung by all

OFFERING

*"Bring your tithes and your donations, your votive gifts, your freewill-offerings...
because the LORD your God has blessed you." (Deuteronomy 12:6-7)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Summer Ended"

Charles Wood

Summer ended, harvest o'er,
Lord, to Thee our song we pour,
For the valley's golden yield,
For the fruits of tree and field;
For the promise ever sure
That while heav'n and earth endure,
Seed-time, harvest, cold and heat,
Shall their yearly round complete.

For the care, which, while we slept,
Watch o'er field and furrow kept,
Watch o'er all the buried grain,
Soon to burst to life again;
When all earthly gifts must fail,
And our years have told their tale.
When in death our flesh is sown,
Watch, Lord Jesus, o'er Thine own.

When the unknown hour is come
And the last great harvest home,
And the reaping angels bring
Tares and wheat before the King;
When the tribes of earth shall weep,
And the goats shall leave the sheep,
Jesus, May we gather'd be
In the heav'nly barn to Thee.

Then the angel cry shall sound,
"Praise the Lamb; the lost are found;"
And the ans'ring song shall be,
"Allelujah, praise to Thee,"
Praise to Thee! The toil is o'er;
Blight and curse shall be no more:
Lo! The mighty work is done!
Glory to the Three in One.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen**

*HYMN No. 766

“The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound”

MC KEE

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Jacques Nicolas Lemmens

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, 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 the Food Truck Festival.

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, or at the ends of the pew. Please join us in singing!
- A red 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 church 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) or contact the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson at sniesenthompson@wpc.org or (302) 654-5214 ext. 103.



**Please join us for the Food Truck Festival on 13th Street after the service.
Ask someone to show you the way!**



DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER | SEPTEMBER 28-29

CHRISTIAN WIMAN

Author ▪ Poet ▪ Teacher

Saturday, September 28

Open Talk: 4:00 – 5:30 PM

Registration required at www.cil-de.org

Sunday, September 29

Sermon during 9 AM service (Sanctuary)

Talk at 10:10 AM (Community Hall)

MORE GUEST SPEAKERS IN SEPTEMBER



ADAMS CASSINGA
*CEO and Founder of
ConservCongo*

SEPTEMBER 15 ▪ 10:10 AM
Poaching and Illegal
Wildlife
Trafficking in Congo



DR. CHRYSANTHI LEON
*Associate Professor of
Sociology and Criminal
Justice at UD*

SEPTEMBER 22 ▪ 10:10 AM
Women and Prison

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

13th Street

FOOD TRUCK
festival

TODAY

11 AM – 2 PM

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

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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.friendshiphousede.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 satellite lots 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!