



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

**Service of Worship**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 9, 2018**  
**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**

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

**9:00 – 10:00 a.m.**      **Orientation for Confirmation Class** in Rodney Chapel

**9:00 – 10:00 a.m.**      **Music Class and Choir Introduction** in the Youth Music Room

**9:30 – 11:15 a.m.**      **Coffee and Tea** in Classroom 6

**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.

❖ **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 – 2:00 p.m.**      **13<sup>th</sup> Street Food Truck Festival**

### Later Today

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

8:00 p.m.                  AA    Club Room

## **NEW WORSHIP TIMES STARTING NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

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

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

Holy Toast Café reopens!



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](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:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Mary Young
- ❖ **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 Margie Lounsbury at Cokesbury, Doris and Jerry Larson at Shipley Manor, and Les Whitney 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](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

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*May my mind come alive today  
to the invisible geography  
that invites me to new frontiers,  
to break the dead shell of yesterdays,  
to risk being disturbed and changed.*

John O'Donohue

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

Concerto del Sigr. Torelli

Johann Gottfried Walther

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in this sacred space to worship God  
**whose standards are right,  
whose commandments are clear,  
and whose judgments are true.**

We come to have our hearts stirred and our eyes opened wide.  
**May the words of our mouths  
and the whispering of our hearts  
be in harmony with God's will.**

\*HYMN NO. 550

"Give Praise to the Lord"

*LAUDATE DOMINUM*

OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God,  
you created all people in your image.  
We thank you for the astonishing variety  
of races and cultures in this world.  
Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship,  
and show us your presence in those who differ most from us,  
until our knowledge of your love is made perfect  
in our love for all your children;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Book of Common Worship (PCUSA)*

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

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

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

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,  
 My God and King!  
 The heavens are not too high,  
 His praise may thither fly;  
 The earth is not too low,  
 His praises there may grow,  
 The Church with psalms must shout,  
 No door can keep them out;  
 But above all, the heart  
 Must bear the longest part.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 7:24-37

New Testament, page 37  
 Jen Barrington, Lay Reader

## SERMON

“Changing Course”

Greg Jones

## \*HYMN NO. 754

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

BARONITA

## OFFERING

*“Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”*  
 (Acts 20:35)

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“He Hath Done All Things Well”

Jan Bender

He hath done all things well; He maketh both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak. Amen.

## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (HYMN NO. 607)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Christ, all people here below;  
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
 Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER (page 35 in our *Glory to God* hymnal, using “debts” and “debtors”)

## \*HYMN NO. 318

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

ST. PETER

## BENEDICTION

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

Final, from Symphony no. 2

Charles-Marie Widor

## GOING FORTH

*If you are visiting with us today, we extend a particular greeting to you and hope you will join us for the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Food Truck Festival! If you wish to learn more about our church family, please visit the Westminster Information Table at the 13<sup>th</sup> Street entrance outside Community Hall. One of our members will be happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*

# 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. 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).

## 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.
- 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 the Food Truck Festival on 13<sup>th</sup> Street after worship.**

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

13th Street

**FOOD TRUCK**  
*festival*

**TODAY!**  
**11 AM - 2 PM**  
13th Street between  
N. Clayton and 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.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.

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

**PASTORAL STAFF**

Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff  
Sudie Niesen Thompson, Associate Pastor  
Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

**DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES:** Teisha Fooks

**MUSIC STAFF**

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music  
Merideth Hite Estevez, Director of Faith Formation through Music and Arts, Teaching Artist in Residence  
Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock, Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

**YOUTH LEADERS**

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

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**SESSION**

Jen Barrington, Karen Beer, Ty Burns, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Jeanne Checkel, Joe Daley, Karen Dietz, Rich Diver, Michael Enderle, Peter Gildner, Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Kelly McCulloch, Mark Mosher, Margo Reign, Carrie Saathoff, Kent Smith, Janet Steinwedel, Barb Stratton, Mary Vane, Susan Williamson, Helen Zumsteg

**BOARD OF DEACONS**

Jeff Argus, Roger Atkins, Liz Bacon, Don Beddie, Amy Bickhart, Kyle Carrick, Beatty Chadwick, Diane Chandler, Barry Cobb, Nancy Diver, Teisha Fooks, Nicole Fox, Laura Holmes, Louis Horton, Hillary King, Cathy Lang, Kris Marvel, Luke Mathé, Dan McAllister, Sally McBride, Debbie McCullough, Blair McConnel, Mary Lou McDowell, Carol Neff, Ann Shaddock, Lisa Stoddard, Josh Thomas, Sharlym Torres, Jennifer Trickey, Hugh Underhill, Lois Underhill, Lowell Underhill, Jennie Wagner, Gen Wallace-Roe, Sue Weissinger, Pam White, Sandy White, Debbie Wise

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