



Service of Worship
5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 9, 2020
9:00 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.

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

8:30 – 11:15 a.m. The Holy Toast Café, in Community Hall, offers free coffee, tea, and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar per item.

Deacon Team of the Month

Roger Atkins, Amy Bickhart, Barry Cobb, Nicole Fox, Sally McBride, Blair McConnel, Debbie McCullough, Mary Lou McDowell, Josh Thomas, Jennifer Trickey, Sandy White, Pam White

8:45 – 12:15 p.m. Nursery Care in Preschool Suite D

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. Worship

Children are always welcome in worship. If they prefer, they can follow teachers to classes after the TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN. Please use the identification wristband or stickers in your pew.

- ❖ Ages 2 – 4: **Godly Care**, in *Preschool Suite C*, uses the *Deep Blue* curriculum.
- ❖ K – 2nd grade: **Godly Play**, in the *Ruth Christie Room*, is a place of worship where children learn Bible stories using Montessori-style methods. *Pick up in Preschool Suite*.
- ❖ 3rd – 6th grade: **Sing-to-Praise Choir**, in the *Youth Music Room*, uses the *Growing in Grace* curriculum to learn about the Bible, hymns, and music theory. Sing-to-Praise occasionally leads in worship.

10:10 a.m. Education for All Ages

- ❖ Ages 2 – 4: **Childcare** in *Preschool Suite C*.
- ❖ K – 2nd grade: **Joyful Noise Choir**, in the *Youth Music Room*, uses the *Growing in Grace* curriculum to learn about the Bible, hymns, and music theory. Joyful Noise occasionally leads in worship.
- ❖ 3rd – 6th grade: **Creation Station**, in *Classroom 4*.
- ❖ 7th – 12th grade: **Agora**, in *Classroom 7* - Today we discuss Jesus. **Agora** normally meets the first Sunday of every month to discuss a topic related to our walk of faith.
- ❖ **Educational Offerings for Adults** see page 6

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

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time Meeting Room

Later Today

5:00 p.m. 180° Dinner and Fellowship Classroom 6/Community Hall

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

8:00 p.m. AA Club Room

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 today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Les Whitney, whose memorial service was held yesterday.

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 dates are February 16 and March 15.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently hospitalized Leigh Cook, T.J. King

- ❖ 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 Ellen Clarke, Laura Stevens and Barbara and George Scanlan 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.

Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria often seem far away, and we may neglect to realize that Americans, as well as Afghans, Iraqis, Syrians 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 those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

Our guest organist is Jane Van Valkenburg, CCM, a retired church musician who has served churches in Michigan, Virginia, Ohio and Texas. A longtime member of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, Jane holds the association's Certified Church Musician designation and currently serves as Secretary of the Executive Board.

Easy-to-use assisted listening devices are available for you in the back of the sanctuary and the side entrance off the main hallway.

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

“My work is loving the world, which is mostly standing still and learning to be astonished.”
~ Mary Oliver

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

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on “Kremser”

Murray C. Bradshaw

CALL TO WORSHIP

You are the salt of the earth!

We are called to preserve what is right and beautiful.

Infiltrate places that are bland and lifeless.

We will share God’s love and do it with zest!

*HYMN No. 612

“We Praise You, O God”

KREMSER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lover of Justice, Giver of Mercy –

**You call us to care for the poor
and to satisfy the needs of those who suffer.**

**Some of your commandments are easy to follow;
others require so much of us!**

**How can we break the chains of injustice,
and untie the cords of oppression?**

The brokenness of our world is overwhelming.

Forgive us when we use our sense of helplessness as an excuse.

Remind us that you are at work in and through us to bring about your reign.

**Free us from fear and stir our hearts toward a greater generosity,
that we might be the salt of the earth you have called us to be. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*Children through Grade 6 may leave for Godly Care, Godly Play, and Sing-to-Praise Choir,
or they may remain in worship.*

ANTHEM

All My Trials

Spiritual, arr. Norman Luboff

If religion was a thing that money could buy, The rich would live and the poor would die.
Too late my brothers, Too late, but never mind, All my trials, Lord, soon be over.
Now hush little baby, don't you cry, you know that man is born to die.

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

SERMON

Greg Jones

*HYMN No. 733

“We All Are One in Mission”

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Nicolai, arr. Bach

O morning star how fair and bright, Thou beamest forth in truth and light!
O sovereign meek and lowly.
Thou root of Jesse, David's Son, My Lord and master, Thou hast won my
heart to serve Thee solely!
Thou art holy, fair and glorious, all victorious, Rich in blessing,
Rule and might o'er all possessing.

COMMISSIONING, ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

TRUSTEE COMMISSIONING

Tom Preston, President of Trustees

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, the members of Westminster, receive Mark Gerstenschlager and Sue Linderman as trustees, and do you promise to support the trustees in their work for our congregation?

We do.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

PRESENTATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Jan Patrick, Clerk of Session

ELDERS

DEACONS

Carla Krupanski
David Máthé

David Michener
Chip Pfleegor

Russ Butler
Diane Chandler
Eadie Churchill
Lili Gerstenschlager
Cathy Globber

Lily Holmes
Paul Kelly
Arun Loptes
Robin Rosser
Sandra Wermus

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept these men and women as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

ORDINATION PRAYER

*All ordained elders and ministers of the Word and Sacrament
are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.*

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

*HYMN No. 69

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

HERE I AM

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

André Campra

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, Tammy Daley, following the service. She is happy to share
information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*



Today’s Educational Offerings for Adults

The Koran

Classroom 3

Presenters: Bob Cox and Kara Francis

Join Bob Cox and Kara Francis in an exploration of the literary, theological, and historical influences behind the Qur’an. We’ll use video lectures, presentations, and classroom discussions to facilitate an open and honest exploration of what is, and is not, in this text over 1.3 billion people consider sacred. It will surprise you.

Discussion: Pivotal Events in Wilmington’s Racial History

Classroom 6

Facilitated by Sue Linderman

Following last Sunday’s program featuring former Wilmington Mayor James Baker, civil rights leader Bebe Coker and education advocate Helen Foss, we will reflect on the information they provided, share our own experiences and expand our knowledge of Wilmington’s history as together we seek paths to peace and justice in our community. Please come even if you were unable to attend the February 2nd event!

Westminster Women's Luncheon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 • 12–2 PM • \$15

(inclement weather date: February 23)

This luncheon, facilitated by Janet Steinwedel, is a time to gather and explore ideas on how we can strengthen relationships and support each other on our spiritual journeys. **ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!** Lunch includes spinach and meat lasagnas, salad, bread and dessert. Please register with Chesna Hinkley, Director of Christian Education, at chesnahinkley@wpc.org. Include your name, email address, phone number, check payment (\$15.00 per person), and any food allergies. Write checks out to *Westminster Presbyterian Church* with "Women's Luncheon" on the memo line and include with your registration. There are also registration forms on the literature table in the main hallway.



The deadline to register for the luncheon is Thursday, February 13.

Questions? Contact Judy Stoddard at JLStod@aol.com or (302) 397-8867.

All women are welcome!

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 coffee or tea in Community Hall after the service.

Ask someone to show you the way!

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Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff
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Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

MUSIC STAFF

Sharon Babcock, Interim Director of Music
Jane Van Valkenburg: Guest Organist
Alexis Droke: Director of Music for Children and Youth
Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Olivia Forney, Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chesna Hinkley

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Chesna Hinkley
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SESSION

Karen Beer, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Bob Cox, Rich Diver, Michael Enderle,
Jessica Fischer, Peter Gildner, Carol Hogue, Carla Krupanski, Faith Kuehn, David Máthé,
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