



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship **2nd Sunday after Epiphany** **January 19, 2020** **9:00 a.m.**

PASTORAL STAFF

Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff
Sudie Niesen Thompson, Associate Pastor
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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES STAFF

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

YOUTH LEADERS

Chesna Hinkley, Tommy Neilson
Josh Cox, 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

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

Jeff Argus, Sally McBride, Mary Lou McDowell,
Sandie Reinicker, Lisa Stoddard, Jennifer Trickey, Debbie Wise

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** – meets the first Sunday of every month will discuss “Jesus” on February 2.

❖ **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

11:15 a.m.	Flying Solo Brunch	Catherine Rooney’s
5:00 p.m.	180 Dinner and Fellowship	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 James (Jim) Hodges, from his family.

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 2, 9, and 16.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ 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 Jeanne Butz at Foulk Manor North Assisted Living.
- ❖ 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 these soldiers from the U.S. who died recently:
Private 1st Class Miguel Villalon, age 21, from Joliet, Illinois
Staff Sergeant Ian McLaughlin, age 29, from Newport News, Virginia
- ❖ 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 may be found 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.

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.



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!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Holy God, You are mystery greater than our minds can comprehend.
And yet, you have come to us in Jesus and he invites us to stay with him,
to follow where he leads so that we may find you whom our hearts seek.*

From a prayer by Christine Jerrett

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

“Air”, from Water Music Suite

G.F. Händel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

We welcome the Anointed One, who makes us whole.

Look! God’s Chosen One, who calls us each by name.

We greet the Messiah, who summons us to follow.

Come and see — the Lord is here.

Our hearts are made glad by God’s grace! Praise the Lord!

*HYMN No. 299

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

HANOVER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Baptizing God,
by water and the Spirit,
you anoint disciples and witnesses,
prophets and teachers,
to make your reign known throughout the earth.**

**But we deny your claim on our lives,
and pretend we have no part
in proclaiming the good news.
You call us to testify to your grace.
We fall silent.
You call us to declare your truth.
We shrink from speaking out.
You call us to point others to Christ.
We fade into the crowd and hope others will take the lead.**

**Forgive us, Lord.
Send your Spirit upon us,
and re-claim us for your work
so that our words and deeds might glorify you. Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

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

ANTHEM

Of the Father's Love Begotten

arr. Paul Christiansen

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,

Oh that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the savior of our race.
And the babe, the world's redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,

Let the heights of heaven adore him, Angel hosts, his praises sing.
Powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:29-42

New Testament, page 80
Roger Atkins, Lay Reader

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN NO. 691

"Lord, When I Came into This Life"

LAND OF REST

OFFERING

*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering,
and come into his courts. ~ Psalm 96:8*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Bow Down Thine Ear

Michael Cox

Bow down Thine ear O Lord and hear me,
For I am poor, For I am needy.
Be merciful unto me, O Lord, For I cry unto Thee daily.
Rejoice the soul of Thy servant, Lord
Unto Thee do I lift up my soul. For Thou are great,
Thou art God alone. Bow down Thine ear and hear my prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (page 35 in our *Glory to God* hymnal, using "debts" and "debtors")

*HYMN NO. 610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

A Thousand Tongues

Emma Lou Diemer

GOING FORTH

*If you are visiting with us and wish to learn more about our church family, we invite you
to meet today's ambassadors, Ellie and Don Furry, following the service. They are happy to share
information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*



Today's Educational Offerings for Adults

Climate Risk

Classroom 6

Presenter: Clem Dinsmore

We daily learn of many mundane or potentially catastrophic risks. We live in an unstable world in which we attempt to establish order. What are your thoughts in distinguishing among different sources of risk? What attitudes and beliefs inform your thinking? Clem Dinsmore facilitates a discussion on climate risk, and he has 20 years experience as a financial advisor focused on the environmental, social and corporate governance behaviors of companies, and five years as an environmental advocate and graduate school instructor.

Challenging Passages on Women in the Bible

Classroom 5

Presenter: Chesna Hinkley

It's just a fact: the Bible tells women to submit, be silent, and stay at home...at least in English! The story is quite a bit more complicated in Greek. Chesna brings work from her master's thesis and her experience writing, speaking, and consulting for an international women's ordination advocacy NGO. Come walk through the most troubling passages with close exegesis, historical criticism, and theological reflection. Today Chesna discusses Paul's letters.

Let's Talk About It - A Periodic Series

Ruth Christie Room

Facilitated by Sue Linderman

We need opportunities to experience the challenges and benefits that come from bringing racial issues into the light of day. All are welcome to join us in these dialogues as we continue the journey of exploring our national history and our beliefs about race, with openness to differing opinions and respect for one another. Today we discuss the issues embodied in "Just Mercy," the book and now the film about Delaware native Bryan Stevenson's life-saving search for justice. Come join us even if you haven't yet read the book or seen the movie!

Upcoming: Wilmington Racial History

Presented by the Westminster Peace and Justice Work Group

February 2 – Community Hall – Prominent members of our community discuss issues related to the history of race and racism in Wilmington.

February 9 – Classroom 6 – Review of panel discussion.

February 16 – Classroom 6 – The history of the interstate system and its relation to race.

February 23 – Classroom 5 – Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and trauma-informed care.

HELPING HANDS GLOVE COLLECTION – YEAR 5!

Today



Our Helping Hands glove/mitten collection is today between services in Community Hall. These gloves and mittens will be distributed to those in need through Friendship House's Empowerment Centers.

NEW BIBLE STUDY

Led by Chesna Hinkley, Director of Christian Education

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. OR Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.
Westminster Church Library



Eat and exegete! A new Bible study starts this week! This is a drop-in, low-commitment way to read, discuss, and learn from the Bible together. We will read out loud and see where the conversation goes — from start to finish! Join us when you can. Bring a bag dinner or lunch, if you like.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

9:00 a.m. – One Worship Service in the Sanctuary

10:10 a.m. – Annual Meeting in Community Hall

The annual congregational meeting of Westminster Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, January 26 at 10:10 a.m. for the purpose of conducting the following business:

1. To receive the report of the Church Officer Nominating Committee and to elect elders, deacons, and trustees;
2. To elect congregational at-large members to the Church Officer Nominating Committee;
3. To receive the financial report of 2019;
4. To receive the budget report for 2020;
5. To consider changes to the calls of the pastors; and
6. To consider any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

By order of Session: Gregory Knox Jones, Moderator, and Jan Patrick, Clerk of Session

Chili Luncheon follows the Annual Meeting!

Please join us for our annual Chili Luncheon hosted by the deacons directly following the Annual Meeting. The deacons will provide a variety of delicious homemade chili, salads, cornbread, and cookies.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Sunday, February 2, 2020



The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national event that collects money for local hunger-fighting organizations. Westminster's 180 youth group has participated since 1998. On Super Bowl Sunday (February 2), 180 youth will collect money after both services. Hanover Food Closet and St. Stephen's Food Pantry will receive 100% of proceeds directly. Please help us #TackleHunger!