



Service of Worship
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 20, 2019
9:00 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
Sandie Reinicker, Interim Director of Children's Music
Allison Martin, Assistant Director of Children's Music
Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock,
Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

YOUTH LEADERS

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

DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Colleen Falasco

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Paul Crothamel

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 Classroom 6, offers free coffee, tea, and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar per item.

Deacon Team of the Month

Jeff Argus, Nicole Fox, Laura Holmes, Cathy Lang, Sally McBride, Jennifer Trickey, Debbie Wise

8:45 – 12:15 p.m. Nursery Care

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. Worship

Children are always welcome in worship. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith. Children are escorted to classes after TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN during worship.

- ❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 through 4 in Preschool Suite C.
- ❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade in the Ruth Christie Room.
- ❖ **Sing-to-Praise Choir Program** – Children in grades 3 through 6 in the Youth Music Room.

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 guardian or an adult pre-approved by the guardian. Thank you for your help.

10:10 a.m.	Education for All Ages	
	➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers	Preschool Suite C
	➤ Joyful Noise Choir Program for K – 2	Youth Music Room
	➤ Creation Station for Grades 3 – 8	Art Room 4
	➤ High School/Confirmation Class Grades 9 – 12	Classroom 7
	➤ DE Supreme Court: Race and Justice	See page 7
11:15 a.m.	Living Mosaics Worship	Rodney Chapel

Later Today

11:15 a.m.	Flying Solo Brunch	Off Site Location
1:00 p.m.	180° 9-Square-A-Thon	Community Hall
2:00 p.m.	Ed Hagopian Memorial Service	Sanctuary
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 are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Emily and Hanson Hodge, and Dick and Bob Geuder, by Sara Geuder.

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 January 27, February 10 and 17, March 3, 10 and 17.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Kathleen Winter
- ❖ **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 Jay Ritter and Mary Longenecker at Country House.
- ❖ **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.

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.

Worship Resources – You can obtain large print hymnals and listening devices from any usher. Worship bags for children ages 3 through 6 include a children's bulletin designed for them. Children's bulletins for ages 7 through 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



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 Classroom 6 after the service.

Ask someone to show you the way!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*God of Steadfast Love –
at the wedding in Cana
your Son turned water into wine,
bringing delight to all who were there.
Transform our hearts by your Spirit,
that we may use our varied gifts
to show forth the light of your love. Amen.*

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers, adapted

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the friendship folder, located at the end of the pew, to the person next to you.

*PASSING THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Eclogue

A. Walter Kramer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Now there are different kinds of gifts,
but the same Spirit.
And there are different ways to serve,
but the same Lord.
And there are different ways the Spirit works,
but it is the same God working in all.
Come, let us offer our gifts in Christ's service.
Let us worship God!

Adapted from 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

*HYMN NO. 327

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.
We rejoice in the gifts you have given us.
Yet, we confess, we do not always use them to glorify you.

For using the gifts of your Spirit for selfish gain,
instead of using them for the common good.
Forgive us, O God.

For thinking too little of ourselves,
not trusting that you have granted us gifts and empowered us to serve.
Forgive us, O God.

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

For believing some gifts to be superior to others,
rather than celebrating the various ways they complement each other
and build up the whole community.

Forgive us, O God.

Spirit of the Living God,
melt us, mold us,
fill us again with the Holy Spirit
and use us for your work
so that our lives may glorify you.

CHORAL RESPONSE

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

*Children through Grade 6 may leave for Godly Care, Godly Play 1, and Sing-to-Praise Choir,
or they may remain in worship.*

ANTHEM

“Locus Iste”

Ernest von Dohnányi

Locus iste a Deo factus est,
inaestimabile sacramentum,
irreprehensibilis est
Deus, cui astat Angelorum chorus,
exaudi preces servorum tuorum. Alleluia!
Adorabo ad templum sanctum tuum:
et confitebor nomini tuo. Alleluia!

*This place was made by God;
a priceless holy place,
it is without fault.
Lord, who stands before the chorus of angels,
hear the prayers of thy servants. Alleluia!
I will worship towards thy holy temple,
and I will give glory to thy name. Alleluia!*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 2:1-11

New Testament, page 80
Blair McConnel, Lay Reader

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN NO. 308

“O God in Whom All Life Begins”

NOEL

OFFERING

*Now as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in
your love for us – we want you to excel also in this grace of giving. (2 Corinthians 8:7)*

OFFERTORY

“Hear Ye, Israel” (from *Elijah*)
Hye Eun Choi, soprano

Felix Mendelssohn

Hear ye, Israel: hear what the Lord speaketh: “Oh, had’st thou heeded my commandments!”
Who hath believed our report? To who is the arm of the Lord revealed? Thus saith the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him oppressed by tyrants: “I am He that
comforteth; Be not afraid, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee! Say, who art thou, that thou
art afraid of a man that shall die; and forgettest the Lord thy Maker, who hath stretched forth
the heavens, and laid the earth’s foundations.”

COMMISSIONING THE GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP TEAM

Westminster members Meg Burich, Chris Hickey, Cathy Higgins and Carrie Saathoff are traveling to Guatemala January 22-30 with a group from New Castle Presbytery.

QUESTIONS FOR THE GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP TEAM

In accepting God's call to serve as partners in mission to Guatemala, do you promise to share God's love with those you meet?

Will you open your heart so that you may be enriched by what the people of Guatemala will share with you?

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Do you, the members of our church family, promise to support the members of the Guatemala Partnership Team in prayer during their travels?

We do.

PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING

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. 733

"We All Are One in Mission"

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Hochzeitsmarsch in C major

Mendelssohn

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, at the back of the center aisle following the service. She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.

The office will be closed for the Martin Luther King holiday tomorrow, January 21.



Sunday Seminar

THE DELAWARE SUPREME COURT: RACE AND JUSTICE

Community Hall

Presenters: Chief Justice Strine and Justice Seitz

Chief Justice Leo E. Strine, Jr. and Justice Collins J. Seitz, Jr. will speak about race and justice in the Delaware courts. In recent years, the Delaware Supreme Court has launched multiple projects to examine the problems of race and poverty in achieving civil and criminal justice and to identify potential reforms. Chief Justice Strine has said that these current efforts recognize that, although our Judiciary and State have had high moments in addressing racial discrimination, such as the iconic 1952 ruling of Justice Seitz's father, then Vice Chancellor Collins J. Seitz, in *Belton v. Gebhart* (ordering black students to be admitted to white schools), our state, including its Judiciary, has yet to truly remedy our lengthy history of racial inequality.



NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

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 27, 2019, 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 2018;
4. To receive the budget report for 2019;
5. To consider changes to the calls of the pastors; and
6. To consider any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

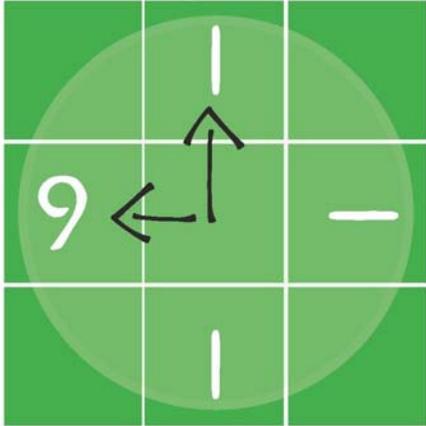
By order of Session: Gregory Knox Jones, Moderator and Jeanne Checkel, Clerk of Session

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.

Come Out and Play! 9-Square-A-Thon

9-SQUARE



A-THON

TODAY!
1:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Community Hall

Our 180° youth will be playing 9-Square to raise money for the Chad Miller Youth Mission Fund, and everyone is welcome! Want to play? For a minimum donation of \$5.00, you can join the fun anytime from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Can't play but want to support the cause? Go to www.wpc.org, click the "Donate Now" button, and select the Chad Miller Youth Mission Fund. Or, drop your donation in the offering plate on Sunday. Write Chad Miller Mission Fund in the memo line! Thank you for your support!

The Chad Miller Youth Mission Fund was created in memory of The Rev. Chad Miller after his tragic death in 2009. Chad served as our Associate Pastor for Mission and Youth. During that time, he became an integral part of our church and community. He believed in the transforming power of mission work for teenagers and their families who share in the experience with them.

Sharing Our Blessings with Syrian Refugees

THIS MORNING and January 22 – 24 (9 AM – 4 PM) in Classroom 5

Search your closets and drawers for extra sweaters, shirts, pants and shoes! Please bring them to Classroom 5 this week, Tuesday through Thursday (January 22-24) between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Westminster, along with Narenj Tree Foundation, is collecting gently used shoes/boots, men's and children's clothing, new personal care items and school supplies for Syrian refugees. Narenj Tree sends humanitarian relief to refugees in Idlib Province, Syria. Know you are helping keep those who have fled in fear and live with an uncertain future.

For more details, see the flyer on the information table, the January/February *Chimes*, or contact Mary Vane (302-654-2508, vanemk1@yahoo.com) or Camilla Jones (302-421-9249, camillajones22@gmail.com).

