



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship 3rd Sunday after Epiphany January 26, 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, Organist
Alexis Droke, Director of Music for Children and Youth
Soloist/Section Leaders: Diana Milburn, 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 – 10:10 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship in Community Hall

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. Annual Meeting Community Hall

- ❖ K – 6th grade: stay for a fun extended time in the Youth Music Room!
- ❖ Little kids can come to Pre-K Suite C for a movie.

11:30 a.m. Chili Lunch Community Hall

Trustees Meeting Classroom 5

Later Today

5:00 p.m.	180 Fellowship	Main Event – Newark
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 February 2 and 16; March 1, 8, and 15.

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 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.

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

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Psalm 15: ¹ *O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?*
² *Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;*
³ *who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends,*
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors; ⁴ *in whose eyes the wicked are despised,*
but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
⁵ *who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.*
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

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

Aria on “W ZLOBIE LEZY”

Kristina Vasiliauskaitė

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift your hearts, lift your eyes and lift your voices!

The living, moving Spirit of God has called us together.

We are called together to hear the wisdom of God and to celebrate the love of God.

We will heed God’s Spirit and faithfully follow Christ.

*HYMN NO. 410

“God is Calling through the Whisper”

W ŽLOBIE LEŽY

OPENING PRAYER

**Everlasting God, by your Spirit you raised Christ from the dead
and, by your Spirit, you raise us to new life.
We give thanks that you are our Source and Sustainer,
and you show us the path to holy adventures and a meaningful life.
Continually renew us in faith, hope and love
so that we may proclaim with joyous words and integrity of life
the good news of your love and your hope for the world,
through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

ANTHEM

“A Servant Heart”

Elizabeth Gage

Sing-to-Praise and Joyful Noise Choirs

Help me live the way that You want me to live;
With a servant heart, as You, O Lord, would live.
Guide my hands, guide my feet, to the needs that I can meet.
Help me live today, O Lord, as You want me to live.

Help me live the way that You want me to live;
With a servant heart, as You, O Lord, would live.
Open my eyes, tune my ears to the needs I see and hear.
Help me live today, O Lord, as You want me to live.

Help me live the way that You want me to live;
With a servant heart, as You, O Lord, would live,
So that others may see, Lord, Your servant heart in me.
Help me live today, O Lord, as You want me to live.

With a servant heart, as You want me to live.

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

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4:18-22

New Testament, page 3
Bill Moore, Lay Reader

SERMON

Greg Jones

*HYMN No. 721

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

OFFERING

“How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?” (1 John 3:17)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Robert A. Hobby

What does the Lord require of you?
Bind up the broken-hearted, offering God’s peace.
Strengthen the weak, offering God’s hope.
Seek and find the face of Christ in each of God’s children.
Nurture the young and tend the old, offering God’s love.
Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, offering God’s compassion.
Share the good news in the Name of Christ.
With God there is welcome for all.
What does the Lord require of you?
To do justice and love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

The shawls to be blessed were knitted by members of Close Knit: Liz Bacon, Charlotte Bispham, Barbara Fedeler, Mary Field, Ellie Furry, Sue Linderman, Pam Mann, Carol Shelley, Debbie Wat and Sue Weissinger. Close Knit is open to all. Join them on the first and third Mondays at 10:30 a.m. in the Ruth Christie Room. Beginners are welcome.

These prayer shawls were created to bring warmth to someone who feels a chill.

They were made to bring comfort to someone who feels alone.

They were designed to bring peace to someone who is struggling.

They were made to bring joy to someone who is sad.

May those who receive a shawl feel bolstered by God’s love, encouraged by our concern, and supported by the prayers of our church.

May those who wrap themselves in a shawl feel the loving embrace of God’s Spirit.

PRAYER

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

BENEDICTION

CHORALE POSTLUDE

Benediction

Don Michael Dicie

Deep peace: of the running wave to you, of the flowing air to you,
of the quiet earth to you, of the shining stars to you.
of the gentle night to you.
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you. Deep peace of God,
the ruler of the world, to you. Alleluia, Amen.

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



Tonight: 180 Youth at Main Event!
Main Event, Christiana Mall Extension, DE | 5:00 PM
\$16 for all-you-can-play everything
Bring extra cash if you want bowling shoes or food.

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 Annual Meeting and chili luncheon after the service.

Ask someone to show you the way!



TODAY

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 today 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.

WILMINGTON RACIAL HISTORY

Sundays, February 2, 9, 16, and 23 | 10:10 a.m.



Panel Discussion: “Pivotal Events in Wilmington’s Racial History”

February 2 (Community Hall) – Former Wilmington Mayor James Baker, civil rights leader Bebe Coker and education advocate Helen Foss will share their experiences and perspectives on key events that have impacted Wilmington and helped shape race relations in our communities into the 21st century. Following this panel discussion, we will hold a class on Sunday, February 9, at 10:10 a.m. in Classroom 6, where we will have the opportunity to reflect on the information they provide, share our own experiences and expand our knowledge of Wilmington’s history as together we seek paths to peace and justice in our community.

Presented by the Westminster Peace and Justice Work Group:

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.

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!

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.