



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **Service of Worship Second Sunday of Christmas January 5, 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: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock,  
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, Chris Hickey, 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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*.
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade: **Creation Station**, in *Classroom 4*.
- ❖ 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade: **Agora** – does not meet today, but students are invited to attend Chesna’s adult class in Classroom 5 or Cybersecurity in Classroom 6.

❖ **Educational Offerings for Adults** see page 7

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

**12:00 p.m.** Fellowship Time Meeting Room

### **Later Today**

<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	Flying Solo Brunch	Off Site Location
<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	Homebound Communion	Members’ Homes
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	180 Dinner and Fellowship	Community Hall
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	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

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 January 5, 12, 19; February 2, 9, 16 and 23.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Bill Francis, Kathleen Lowthert, Janice Nolen, Frank Waldburger
- ❖ **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 Tom Ford and Ruth Joslin at home, and Grace and Jack Barrington.
- ❖ **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

**Our guest organist** is Jane Van Valkenburg, 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 their 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](http://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](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 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

*Loving God, like the magi, I seek your star that pierces the darkness and signals the dawning of justice and peace. May Christ illumine my life and may I have the courage to walk in his light each day as I try new paths and embark on challenging adventures. Amen.*

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

We Three Kings

arr. Alec Wyton

CALL TO WORSHIP

A new year has dawned and it is ripe with possibilities.

**Now is the time for new beginnings,  
a time for a fresh encounter with God.**

God calls us to new commitments and new actions.

**We pray that we may be faithful to God's calling.**

\*HYMN NO. 150

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

DIX

OPENING PRAYER

**God of all who wander,  
we have made our journey through many deserts  
and give you thanks for your light that has illumined our path.  
As we begin a new year,  
we pray that we may always discern your guiding light  
so that we may trek the paths you call us to travel  
and touch the lives you want us to touch. Amen.**

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 2:1-12

New Testament, page 1  
Debbie Wise, Lay Reader

SERMON

Greg Jones

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Snow Lay on the Ground  
*Westminster Solo Quartet*

arr. Greg Gilpin

Venite, adoremus Dominum

The snow lay on the ground, the star shone bright,  
when Christ our Lord, was born on Christmas night.

Then Mary laid the babe in a manger rude;  
the lowly sheep and oxen 'round him stood.

Saint Joseph, too, was by to tend the Child;  
To guard and to protect his mother mild.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*The Lord's Supper is open to all who trust in Christ.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Embark on a life-long journey of pursuing Christ.

**We will be open to discovering his truth for our lives.**

Receive what is more precious than gold!

**We will receive the Body of Christ.**

Cherish what is more fragrant than frankincense or myrrh!

**We will cherish the Cup of Salvation.**

HYMN No. 393

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

*ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN*

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Eternal God...

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*This is not just a Presbyterian table;  
the Lord's Supper is open to all who trust in Christ.*

*When you approach communion servers, please take a piece of bread,  
the symbol of Christ's love for you, and dip it in the cup, representing the new life in Christ.  
For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.  
If you are unable to come to a station, please tell an usher so that you may be served.*

*Those sitting in the balcony will be served in their pews.*





## ***Today's Educational Offerings for Adults***

### ***Cybersecurity***

Today and January 12  
Classroom 6  
Presenter: Jacob Blacksten

In an ever growing digital world, where everything is interconnected, it's becoming easier for cyber criminals to get your personal information. This presentation will go over the threats in Cybersecurity and give you the tools to make yourself more secure online. Jacob earned a BS in Finance and Management Information Systems from UD. He worked as a Digital Forensic Investigator in the Manhattan, NYC office of Stroz Friedberg an AON Company, a global risk management firm specializing in cybersecurity, investigation, eDiscovery, intellectual property and due diligence. Jacob is skilled in a range of software and hardware platforms and the measures by which to secure them. Jake works at the Delaware Small Business Development Center, helping Delaware Small Businesses to protect themselves from cybercrimes.

### ***Challenging Passages on Women in the Bible***

Today, January 12 and 19  
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.

# **NEW BIBLE STUDY**

## **STARTING JANUARY 8**

**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. Genesis 1 kicks off on January 8 and 9. Bring a bag dinner or lunch, if you like.

# HELPING HANDS GLOVE COLLECTION – YEAR 5!

Sundays, January 12 and 19



Our Helping Hands glove/mitten collection will take place on Sundays, January 12 and 19, between services in Community Hall. As you check out some after-Christmas sales, please remember to pick up some extra pairs of gloves/mittens for men, women and children. These will be distributed to those in need through Friendship House's Empowerment Centers. These gloves/mittens need to be new, but they do not need to be expensive. Big box stores, grocery stores, Harbor Freight, drug stores and dollar stores all have inexpensive, practical gloves and mittens. Thank you!



## Dinner, David and the DSO WPC DUTCH TREAT NIGHT OUT

Westminster members and friends are invited to join us for a private, Dutch-treat dinner at Chelsea Tavern, 821 N. Market Street, Wilmington, at 5:00 PM and a 7:30 PM Delaware Symphony Orchestra concert at The Grand on **Friday, January 17**. The orchestra will be playing Borodin's *Prince Igor Overture*, Elgar's *Cello Concerto* with Camille Thomas, and Rachmaninoff's *Symphony No. 1*. Music Director David Amado and Ms. Thomas will give a pre-concert talk at 6:30. Tickets are \$49 and checks made out to the "DSO" can be given to Charlie Babcock or Bob Stoddard or mailed to Bob at 20 Centerville Terrace, Wilmington, DE 19808 by Wednesday, January 15. Limited dinner seating will be reserved on a first come/first served basis. Please join us for great food, music **Beyond Words**, and good fun with friends!

– Charlie and Sharon Babcock

– Bob and Judy Stoddard