



**Service of Worship  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
June 2, 2019  
8:15 a.m. and 10:00 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

### Deacon Team of the Month

Roger Atkins, Jenn Blackford, Kyle Carrick, Ron Carrick, Marsha Mah, Bob Moore,  
Martha Spaethling, Josh Thomas

**8:15 a.m.**                    **Worship** with communion in Rodney Chapel

**9:45 - 11:15 a.m.**        **Nursery** for babies and toddlers

**10:00 – 10:55 a.m.**      **Worship** with communion in the Sanctuary

Children are always welcome in worship. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith. Following TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN, children age 2 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may leave for **Summer Sunday School** in the Preschool Suite.

**11:00 a.m.**                    **Summer Tea** in Rodney Chapel and the Meeting Room

### Later Today

11:15 a.m.	Flying Solo Brunch	Catherine Rooney's
1:00 p.m.	Homebound Communion	Members' homes
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.

## *New to Westminster?*

### **Welcome! We are so glad you are here.**

Here is some information you might find helpful:

- In the Sanctuary, 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 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 by the Chapel door or at the back of the Sanctuary 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 Summer Tea in Rodney Chapel after the 10 a.m. service.  
Ask someone to show you the way!**

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Rev. Chad Miller and his brother, Chris, from Elaine Lunardi and the Wemhoff 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](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com) for available dates. The next available dates are June 30; and July 21 and 28.

## 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 Ann Jacobs, Elinor Ranck, and Dr. Les Whitney at Maris Grove.
- ❖ **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

**Easy-to-use assisted listening devices** may be found in the back of the sanctuary and the side entrance off the main hallway.

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

**Worship Resources** – You can obtain large print hymnals and hearing devices from any usher. 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.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME (10:00)

Sue Spilecki

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Meet us here today, Mysterious God, and teach us to be one:  
one in love for each other;  
one in understanding with all who find in Jesus the way to you;  
one in peace with all who find other paths to your truth.  
We ask all this in the name of Jesus, who fervently prayed,  
“May they all be one.”*

Adapted from a prayer written by the Rev. Susan A. Blain

## 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 (10:00)

Meditation, from Symphony no. 1

Charles-Marie Widor

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ has given us a glimpse of God’s glory,  
and invited us to share in the unity of all that is holy,

**so that we may be one.**

Christ has made known the Alpha and the Omega,  
and revealed the love that awakened the cosmos,

**so that God’s love may be in us.**

Claimed at one font, fed at one table,  
we – though many – are one in Christ.

**As one body, we gather to worship the Living Lord.**

Inspired by John 17:20-26

\*HYMN NO. 263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

CORONATION

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus, You pray that your followers may be one,  
just as you are one with the Creator and the Spirit.**

**But we become bound, even imprisoned,  
by our distrust and suspicions of those  
who seem different from us in some way.**

**When our fears bind us,  
we forget our calling to be witnesses in the world,  
testifying to the love of God made manifest in you.**

**Forgive us, Lord, and liberate us to live and love  
as people who are one in Christ.**

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

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN (10:00)

*Children age 2 through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade may leave for Summer Sunday School in the Preschool Suite,  
or they may remain in worship.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 16:20-34

New Testament, page 119  
Dave Mathé, Lay Reader (8:15)  
Chip Pfleegor, Lay Reader (10:00)

CHORAL RESPONSE (10:00)

“Freedom Is Coming”

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (10:00)

“E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come”

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him Who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed his blood  
That we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and  
is to come; Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, For Christ  
is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more; they need no light  
nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

\*HYMN NO. 510 (10:00)

“We Gather Here in Jesus' Name”

*COME, SHARE THE LORD*

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

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

*When you approach a communion station, 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.*

*If you are unable to come to a station, please tell an usher so that you may be served.*

*Those sitting in the balcony at 10:00 a.m. will be served in their pews.*

*For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (10:00)

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

- I. Chorale setting by Johann Crüger
- II. Organ setting by Johannes Brahms

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Gracious God,  
how can we thank you for such a gift?  
For you have met us, fed us,  
drawn us to you,  
and bound us to one another.  
Now send us out to share your love  
and proclaim our hope  
until Christ comes again. Amen.**

\*HYMN No. 321

“The Church’s One Foundation”

AURELIA

- Vs. 1 & 2: All*
- Vs. 3: Women*
- Vs. 4: Men*
- Vs. 5: All*

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE (10:00)

Scherzo

Healey Willan

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 (8:15) or Bill Nace (10:00), following the service. They are happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*

The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a Confession and Assurance written by the Rev. Dr. Cari Jackson. The Prayer Following Communion is reprinted by permission from the *Book of Common Worship*, © 2018 Westminster John Knox Press.

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**June 2 – August 25**

- 8:15 a.m.      Worship service with communion in Rodney Chapel
- 10:00 a.m.      Worship service in the sanctuary  
*Join us for Summer Tea hosted by our Deacons following the 10:00 a.m. service.*

TO EXPLORE OUR FULL CALENDAR,  
VISIT [CALENDAR.WPC.ORG](http://CALENDAR.WPC.ORG)

# THURSDAY EVENING ADULT EDUCATION: GNOSTIC GOSPELS

**Thursday, June 6**  
**7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in Rodney Chapel**



*The Gnostic Gospels and the Gospel of Thomas*  
with Alan Fox, University of Delaware Professor Philosophy and Religion

The "Gnostic" Gospels are a collection of non-canonical texts, which – like the canonical Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John – are narratives testifying to the Messiah-ship of Jesus. We will consider the reasoning behind the early Church's decision to include the familiar four and exclude the rest. We will contextualize the texts by establishing the history and significance of Gnosticism as it existed before and after the rise of Christianity. Free admission; good will offering applied towards speaker honorarium. For more information and to register, visit [www.cil-de.org](http://www.cil-de.org).

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

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Rich Diver, Michael Enderle, Peter Gildner, Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Kelly McCulloch,  
Mark Mosher, Jan Patrick, Todd Piercy, Margo Reign, Roger Reinicker, Carrie Saathoff, Kent Smith,  
Janet Steinwedel, Barb Stratton, Mary Vane, Susan Williamson, Helen Zumsteg

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