



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship **22nd Sunday after Pentecost** **November 10, 2019** **9:00 a.m.**

PASTORAL STAFF

Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff
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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

Amy Bickhart, Kyle Carrick, Ron Carrick, Beatty Chadwick, Barry Cobb, Tara Lee, Sally McBride, Martha Spaethling, Gen Wallace Roe

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*, is learning about the prophet Samuel today.
- 7th – 12th grade: **Agora**, in *Classroom 7*, meets the first Sunday of every month to discuss a topic related to our walk of faith. We will meet **December 1** for “Fully God, Fully Human”.

➤ **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

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 Matthew Hammond Mah (November 10, 1980 – May 8, 2016), the son of Marsha and Dennie Mah. “We are all made of stardust.” The vase of flowers in the Narthex is from the Scanlan family in honor of their mother, Barbara B. Scanlan, on her 90th birthday.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Jeff Argus, Helen Kelley.
- ❖ **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 Ellen Clarke, Laura Stevens, and Barbara and George Scanlan at Cokesbury.
- ❖ **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 this soldier from the U.S. who died recently:
Sergeant Nathaneil Irish, age 23, from Billings, Montana
- 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.

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

*May my mind come alive today
To the invisible geography
That invites me to new frontiers,
To break the dead shell of yesterdays,
To risk being disturbed and changed.*

John O'Donohue

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

Suite Gothique
I. Introduction-Choral
II. Menuet gothique

Léon Boëllmann

CALL TO WORSHIP

Faith is fragile in a world plagued by suffering and evil.
Hope is cautious in a world crucified by injustice.
Our world is but a shadow of the greatness for which God created it.
**And yet we cling to the vision of scripture
that God intends for the world to become a realm of justice and peace.**

*HYMN NO. 804

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

MARION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we confess that we often fail to become the people you call us to be.
We live more in apathy born of cynicism than in passion born of hope.
We are motivated more by private ambition than by social justice.
We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice.
Help us to peer deep within ourselves and recover the divine image within us. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM

“I Call to You, O Lord”

Eugene Butler

I call to you, O my Lord, my God. Make haste to me. Give ear, O Lord, to my voice when I call to you. Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting of my hands as an evening sacrifice. Deliver me, O Lord, from evil ones, incline my heart from any wicked deed, For my eyes are toward you; Lord, my God, in you I seek my refuge. May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown, Our daughters like corner pillars cut for the structure of a palace. Happy the people to whom such blessings fall; Happy the people whose Lord is God!

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

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 1:1-4,10-20

Old Testament, page 590
Brud Bacon, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Injustice Corrupts Worship”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 756

“O God of Every Nation”

LLANGLOFFAN

OFFERING

*“All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing the LORD your God has given you.”
(Deuteronomy 16:17)*

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Suite Gothique
III. Prière à Notre-Dame

Boëllmann

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*HYMN NO. 741

“Guide My Feet”

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Suite Gothique
IV. Toccata

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

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!



Today's Educational Offerings for Adults

New Member Class

Today and November 24, Classroom 5

Facilitator: Greg Jones

Have you been considering membership at Westminster? Are you interested in learning more about this community of faith? Please join us for this two-session Membership Exploration Series to discuss the Presbyterian tradition, Westminster's ministry and mission, and ways to connect with our church family. There will also be an opportunity to join the Westminster congregation at the end of the second session on November 24.

Peace and Justice: Human Miracle/Human Need

Classroom 6

Presenter: Dave McBride

The reconciliation of science and spirituality is an important goal for modern theology. This class discusses the human needs that religion characteristically addresses but that are not being met in the secular world. These needs will be met, and the only question is whether they will be met in a constructive or a destructive manner. One of those needs is the experience of the transcendent, the desire to be part of something bigger than each of us individually.

What's Not in the Bible

Today and November 17, Classroom 3

Facilitator: Bob Cox

Did you know that there were more than four books written about Jesus after his death? Join Bob Cox to explore these other books and learn from other accounts about Jesus' life.

LATER THIS WEEK:

Scripture in the City: Transforming Scripture's Stories from the Past into Road Maps for Today

Wednesday, November 13, 7:00 pm in Classroom 6

Westminster's Peace & Justice Work Group is building a church partnership within Wilmington to expand our mutual horizons in dealing with issues of peace and justice in our city. Saints Andrew & Matthew Episcopal Church has had extensive experience in building cross-racial relationships. Our first discussion took place in September and included the opportunity to reconnect with former WPC staff member Retha Fisher. Join us for this next discussion featuring theological reflections around a specific Scripture story to facilitate sharing of personal experiences based upon our individual traditions and culture. This is an open forum for all interested people from both churches. Come join us as we learn together! Questions – Contact Mike Gnade (mgnade@hotmail.com or 302-562-4464).

UPCOMING: "Let's Talk About It"

November 17, in the Ruth Christie Room, facilitated by Sue Linderman

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. Harriet Tubman was a true American hero(ine) with strong ties to Delaware. Her life story has now become a feature film that is playing in local theaters. Westminster's Peace & Justice Work Group encourages everyone to see this powerful movie. On Sunday, November 17th, at 10:TEN, our discussion will focus on her life and on that period of America's turbulent history. Come join us even if you haven't yet seen the movie!

CEDEPCA: TRANSFORMING LIVES AND REALITIES IN GUATEMALA

**Sunday, November 17
10:10 AM in Classroom 6**

We are honored to welcome Judith Castañeda, executive director of the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America (CEDEPCA), to Westminster for the first time. Judith will update us on the current political and socio-economic crises that continue to unfold in Guatemala and highlight how CEDEPCA is working on the front lines to address issues of poverty, immigration, violence against women, and climate change.



Judith will be joined by two other CEDEPCA colleagues: Delia Leal, Regional Coordinator of the Women's Ministry, and Nancy Carrera, Program Coordinator of the Intercultural Encounters Program. Please join us for this informative presentation.



Please note that this presentation will be recorded and broadcast live on Westminster's Facebook page.

GOD'S VISION STARTS WITH YOU



How blessed we are by this community of faith that is Westminster! Our love of God and one another inspires us to give generously to our church's life-changing ministries and programs. This year, we are sharing special videos to explore how God's vision inspires our members to pledge. Check out this week's video on www.wpc.org, and stay tuned for more videos to come. Please give prayerful consideration to your response to God's love and know that your gifts are used wisely in ways that demonstrate God's vision for our church and for our world. Please send in your pledge card or pledge online today at www.wpc.org/pledge. Thank you for your support. Stewardship 2020: God's vision starts with you!



Paul Fleckenstein, organist,
in Concert
Sunday, November 17, 4:00 PM

Come to Westminster's sanctuary and be musically transported during this "quasi-farewell" concert (so named because Paul will still be around for another month and a half). This will be his final concert at Westminster as organ soloist prior to his retirement at the end of the year. The program will feature solo organ works by J. S. Bach, Horatio Parker, Joseph Jongen, and Edwin H. Lemare, as well as Josef Rheinberger's spectacular Organ Concerto in F-major, with 17-piece orchestra conducted by Dr. Paul Head.

Free admission (Offering received)

Reception following