



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship **23rd Sunday after Pentecost** **November 17, 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
Alexis Droke, Director of Music for Children and Youth
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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
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DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

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DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND SECURITY

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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 King David 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

11:15 a.m.	Flying Solo Brunch	Catherine Rooney’s
4:00 p.m.	Organ Concert: Paul Fleckenstein	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Concert Reception	Rodney Chapel
5:00 p.m.	180° Youth	Community Hall/CL 6
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 by the Westminster Choir in honor of Paul Fleckenstein, with gratitude for his many years of glorifying God through music.

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:** John Carson and 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 Tee Jay King, Evelyn Measley and Jay Ritter 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.

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

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.



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!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Mighty God, there are many voices that urge us to live in fear of the stranger. Such fear prompts us to stereotype people of other ethnic groups, nationalities and religions as one-dimensional figures who have nothing in common with us. Yet, Jesus showed us another way. He commanded us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Help us to see through our fears so that we may see each person as a child of God. 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

PRELUDE

“My Heart Ever Faithful”
Alexis Droke, soprano

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Become aware of God’s presence in your life and God’s desire for mercy.

We will seek to know the ways of truth and hope.

What must we do to experience a meaningful life?

**We must love God with our heart, mind and soul
and our neighbors as ourselves.**

*HYMN No. 386

“Come, Worship God”

O QUANTA QUALIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mighty God, you create in us a love for freedom and justice.
When we neglect people’s rights and restrict freedoms, we fail.
When we turn away our neighbors who are in need,
we oppose your commands to promote justice
and to love others as we love ourselves.
Forgive us for pride that will not acknowledge wrongdoing
and any attempt to justify or ignore injustice.
Forgive us for our divisions
and remind us that each person is a child of yours. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM

“O Lord God”
Women of the Choir

Percy C. Buck

O Lord God, Who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do; Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Micah 6:1-8

Old Testament, page 819
Tom Preston, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly”

Greg Jones

*HYMN No. 774

“There Is Now a New Creation”

STUTT GART

OFFERING

“Generosity is the action of an open heart and mind seeing a need and providing an answer.”

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Be Thou My Vision”
Men of the Choir
(Text: Hymn #450)

arr. Robert Hunter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*HYMN No. 340

“This Is My Song”

FINLANDIA

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

Evening Hymn

H. Balfour Gardiner

Thee, Lord, before the close of day,
Maker of all things, Thee we pray
For thy dear loving kindness’ sake
To guard and guide us in Thy way.

Banish the dreams that terrify,
And night’s fantastic company;
Keep us from Satan’s tyranny;
Defend us from unchastity.

Protect us, Father, God ador’d,
Thou too, co-equal Son and Lord,
Thou, Holy Ghost, our Advocate,
Whose reign can know nor bound nor date.

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



Today's Educational Offerings for Adults

CEDEPCA: TRANSFORMING LIVES AND REALITIES IN GUATEMALA

TODAY, 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: The Rev. 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.



Let's Talk About It

Ruth Christie Room
Facilitator: 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. Today 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!

What's Not in the Bible

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.

Managing Holiday Stress

**Tuesday, November 19
6:30 p.m. in Grace Hall**



The holiday season can be a wonderful time of the year! It can also be a very stressful time, especially for people who have experienced loss.

Dr. Josh Thomas, Executive Director of NAMI Delaware, will present on signs that someone may be experiencing stress or experiencing depression and strategies that can help us manage holiday stress and grief. All members and visitors are invited to join the Stephen Ministry Group for this important educational time.

Christmas Boxes Are Under Way!

Every year, Westminster fills more than 120 boxes at Christmas with food and gifts for families in need in our community. You can be a part of this joyful project.

- Take one or more “Wish Stars” from a Christmas tree in the Pavilion or near Rodney Chapel. **Sign the log book by the tree for each star you take!**
- Buy and wrap the gifts with the Wish Stars taped to the outside of the package. Place them in one of the festively wrapped collection bins **by Sunday, December 8.**
- Donate boxed healthy cereal and stuffing mix; and canned corn, fruit and cranberry sauce (no more green beans or sweet potatoes, please). Bring your donations to church **by Sunday, December 8** and place them in a collection bin.
- Help wrap and sort gifts in Grace Hall beginning at 10:10 on **Sunday, December 8.**
- Plan to attend the Packing Party and Potluck Dinner on **Friday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m.** All ages!

You can find more detailed information and additional ways to help in the October/November 2019 issue of *The Westminster Chimes* and the *Weekly Word* e-newsletter. There will also be an “Answer Elf” at each tree on Sunday mornings to answer questions.





Paul Fleckenstein, organist in Concert

TODAY at 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