



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship Christ the King Sunday November 24, 2019 9:00 a.m.

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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. Coffee and Tea in Community Hall.

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 – 6th grade: **Joyful Noise Choir** and **Sing-to-Praise Choir**, in the *Youth Music Room*, uses the *Growing in Grace* curriculum to learn about the Bible, hymns, and music theory. Both choirs occasionally lead in worship.

10:10 a.m. **Education for All Ages**

- **Advent Workshop (all ages)** Community Hall
- **Educational Offerings for Adults** see page 7

10:50 a.m. **Session Meeting** Classroom 5

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

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

Later Today

5:00 p.m.	180 Youth - Friendsgiving	Community Hall
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:

- 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!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charma Welch and Martin Gravely by Barbara Gravely Welch and Chuck Welch.

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:** Jerry Fedeler
- ❖ **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 Eleanor Charles, Don Gerwig, Margit and Spence Stradley 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.



The office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and Friday this week, November 28 – 29.

🎵 **Save the Date: Sunday, December 15** 🎵

Christmas Caroling – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Christmas Musical Celebration – 4:00 p.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Spirit of God, resting upon us: may your power enflame us with your peace;
may your peace touch us with your grace; may your grace fill us with your hope;
may your hope lead us into your Kingdom. Amen.*

From a prayer by Thom M. Shuman

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

CHORAL PRELUDE

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”
(Text: Hymn #363)

Malcolm Archer

CALL TO WORSHIP

The image of the invisible God —
the one in whom God’s fullness was pleased to dwell:

Jesus Christ is King of kings, and Lord of lords!

The firstborn of all creation —
the one in whom all things are held together:

He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

The head of the church —
the one who reconciles all things to God:

This is Christ the King. Let us worship the Lord!

Inspired by Colossians 1:15-20

*HYMN NO. 620

“Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven”

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Sovereign —
In your kingdom, the outcast finds welcome,
the sinner finds mercy, the captive finds release.
In your kingdom, the lowly are lifted,
the hungry are filled, the lost are found.
Weekly we pray, “Thy kingdom come.”
Yet, we confess, we do too little to further your reign.
We hesitate to share our bread with the hungry
and to open our homes to the homeless;
we are slow to care for the poor
and to satisfy the needs of those who suffer.
Forgive us, we pray.
Open us to new ways of living
that embody your desire for creation
and contribute to a commonwealth marked by justice and joy. Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Joyful Noise”
“I Will Enter His Gates”

Ruth Elaine Schram
Sandy Wilkinson

Joyful Noise and Sing-to-Praise choirs

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Chesna Hinkley

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 23:33-43

New Testament, page 77
Dick Jolly, Lay Reader

SERMON

“The Crucified King”

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN NO. 274

“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

PICARDY

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“My Eternal King”
Westminster Choir

Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee;
Not because I hope for heav'n thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not
Must die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me
Upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails and spear,
And manifold disgrace;

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ,
Should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav'n,
Or of escaping hell;

Not with the hope of gaining aught,
Not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me,
O ever-loving Lord!

E'en so I love Thee, and will love,
And in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God,
And my Eternal King.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*HYMN NO. 270

“O Lord, You Are My God and King”

JERUSALEM

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Toccata in D minor

Albert Renaud

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

Advent Celebration

TODAY
10:10 – 11:00 a.m.
Community Hall

Come celebrate this season of waiting for the birth of our Lord! Stations are available for creating an advent wreath, making cards for our Christmas box recipients, decorating cookies, coloring prayer, devotional materials, and caroling. SERRV will have a gift table as well. This is an all-ages event, but please supervise little kids. A freewill basket offering supports the 2020 youth mission trip to Guatemala.



Child care for infants will be available in the Nursery.

Today's Educational Offerings for Adults

The Research of Gratitude

Classroom 6

Presenter: Dr. Carmelita Whitfield

More than just a feeling... Join us for an engaging and interactive workshop on gratitude. This research-based intervention will walk you through how and why gratitude works, the challenges gratitude can present and what daily gratitude practices look like.

New Member Class

Classroom 5

Facilitator: Sudie Niesen Thompson

Have you been considering membership at Westminster? Membership Exploration series are wonderful opportunities to learn more about Westminster Presbyterian Church, to discover ways to connect with others in the congregation, and to explore ways to serve within and beyond our community. For those who wish to join the Westminster congregation, there will also be an opportunity at the end of today's session.

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.



2019 *Christmas* POINSETTIAS



**Deadline:
Monday, December 9**

If you wish to make a contribution toward the decoration of the church for the Christmas season, you may do so in memory of, or in honor of, loved ones. Please complete the form (located on the main literature table near the reception desk), make checks payable to *Westminster Presbyterian Church*, and place in the offering plate or return to Susan Alexander at the front desk by **Monday, December 9**. For any form received after that date, the names will be listed in the December 29th bulletin.



I'M DREAMING OF A
~~WHITE~~ *calm* CHRISTMAS

Take a break from the hectic pace of the Christmas season and join us for a time of prayer and reflection, silence and song, inspired by the worship of the Taizé Community in France. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY EVENING
TAIZÉ

A SERVICE OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

December 4, 11, and 18, 2019
6:30 p.m.



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