



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship 18th Sunday after Pentecost October 13, 2019 9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL STAFF

Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff
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Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
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DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chesna Hinkley

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES STAFF

Teisha Fooks, Director of Preschool Ministries
Nursery: Beatrice Taylor, Kristen Wolanski

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Chesna Hinkley, Tommy Neilson
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper, Molly McPheeters

DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

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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:

Roger Atkins, Liz Bacon, Laura Holmes, Kris Marvel, Dan McAllister,
Sally McBride, Martha Spaethling, Gen Wallace-Roe, Sandy White, 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 – 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*, responds artistically to the sermon text.
- 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 **November 3** for What Is the Deal with the Trinity? There's an extra meeting this month on **October 20** to discuss the June 2020 trip to Guatemala. If you are interested, come find out more. Bring your parents!
- **Educational Offerings for Adults** – see page 6

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

Later Today

4:00 p.m.	Family Promise Ministry	Lower Level
5:00 p.m.	180° Dinner and Fellowship	Rodney Chapel/Meeting Room
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 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jay Spilecki, born October 15, 1978, by the Spilecki family. The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Kathryn “Kitsey” Kiley by her 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 for available dates.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** James Cartmell and Linda Depfer.
- ❖ **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 Gerry Greth at Amity Place, and Tom Ford and Ruth Joslin at home.
- ❖ **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.



Every year our third graders have a special Sunday to receive a Bible from the church. This will take place during the Time with Our Children on October 20. If you can't be there that day but would still like to receive your Bible, please email Chesna Hinkley (chesnahinkley@wpc.org).

ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Wise and eternal God, speak to me in this morning's worship, that I may be grounded in your truth. Where I am lacking understanding, clarify your ways. Where I am deficient in devotion, inspire my commitment. Where I am short on courage, strengthen my resolve. I pray that I may become a faithful follower of Christ. 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

Trio Sonata no. 4 in E minor
I. Adagio-Vivace

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in this sacred space to worship God
**whose standards are right,
whose commandments are clear,
and whose judgments are true.**

We come to have our hearts stirred and our eyes opened wide.
**May our words, thoughts, and actions
be in harmony with God's will.**

*HYMN No. 12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not acknowledged you as the source of our lives.
We have fed our bodies a rich diet that fails to satisfy
because we have neglected to feed our souls.
Accumulating wealth and power has assumed greater importance
than extending compassion and serving others.
We have allowed religious words to substitute
for living encounters with the persons you have called us to love.
Forgive us and grant us the chance to begin again.
Keep us from repeating the errors of the past
or from new mistakes that could mislead or harm. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

ANTHEM

“Behold Now, Praise the Lord”

Everett Titcomb

Behold now, praise the Lord; all ye servants of the Lord. Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of our God. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord.

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

Jeremiah 7:1-11

Old Testament page 666
Jan Patrick, Lay Reader

SERMON

“This is the Temple of the Lord – If You Act Justly with One Another”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 345

“In an Age of Twisted Values”
Vs 1: Choir
Vs. 2-4: All

CHURCH UNITED

OFFERING

“Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want.”
(Proverbs 11:24)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Prayer from Psalm 139

John Weaver

How precious are your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I should try to count them they are more in number than the sands: when I awake, I am still with you. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts, see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN No. 607)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*HYMN No. 767

“Together We Serve”

SAN ANSELMO

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Toccata

Alphonse Maily

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



Today's Educational Offerings for Adults

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.

Downsizing and Selling Your Home

Classroom 5

Facilitator: Gen Wallace-Roe

Getting ready to move or move your parents? Gen Wallace-Roe helps you make the process go more smoothly, covering topics like the benefits of preparing a home inventory, methods for sorting one's household (by room and by category), resources for selling, donating and dispersing household contents and guidelines for engaging family members while keeping the peace.

The Timeless Issue of Economic Injustice: From the Bible to The Grapes of Wrath to Today

Classroom 6

Presenter: Dave McBride

This class will provide written materials concerning the extent, causes and effects of economic inequality and a showing of scenes from the movie *The Grapes of Wrath* starring Henry Fonda and based on the novel by John Steinbeck. This film contains much religious symbolism, including Jesus Christ confronting economic injustice, during the Great Depression.

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!

**Prophetic Spirituality
2019 Fall Sermon Series**

Do the Scriptures reveal wisdom for not merely *surviving* life in the 21st century, but for sculpting a better world? It is essential for people of faith to spend time alone with God in prayer, to reflect on Scripture, and to attempt to discern the whispers of God deep in our soul. However, our interior life is immature if it does not propel us to work for the common good. We can resist the moral deterioration of today and throw ourselves into nudging the world toward God’s vision by committing ourselves to following the path of Jesus and the prophets.

As followers of Jesus, we focus the bulk of our attention on his teachings and ministry. However, we stunt our faith if we have scant knowledge of the prophets who came before him, because Jesus stands on the shoulders of the Jewish prophets.

This fall, Dr. Jones is preaching a sermon series entitled “Prophetic Spirituality.” To say that our faith is prophetic is to say that we are actively engaged in resisting evil, righting wrongs, and spreading love. To say that our faith is spiritual is to say that it is grounded in worship, prayer, and reflecting on God’s message. Prophetic Spirituality intertwines interior work with outward action so that we can go deeper with God and live the life God calls us to live.

September 8	Introduction to Series	“Prophetic Spirituality”
September 15	Moses	“Let My People Go”
September 22	Amos	“Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters”
October 13	Jeremiah	“This is the Temple of the Lord – If You Walk Justly with One Another”
October 27	Hosea	
November 10	Isaiah	
November 17	Micah	
December 1	Jonah	



**FALL
FESTIVAL**

**Sunday, October 27
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
On our front lawn
Following one Worship
Service at 10:00 a.m.**

We will have hot dogs, apple cider, games, prizes, face painting and plenty of TREATS! All ages and costumes are WELCOME. Hope to see you there! Hosted by the Westminster Deacons. Questions? Please contact Jenn Blackford at (302) 547-5631 or Teisha Fooks at (302)883-7167.

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!

WESTMINSTER HOSTS YWCA DELAWARE EVENING DISCUSSION GROUP

**Wednesdays,
Through November 20
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Ruth Christie Room**

Westminster is hosting a YWCA Delaware-sponsored discussion of the book *White Fragility: Why it's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo. For more information and to sign up, visit: <https://www.ywcade.org/what-we-do/rsj/>

