



Service of Worship
12th Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2019
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

Teisha Fooks, Nicole Fox, Kris Marvel, Dan McAllister, Emily Pfaff, Pam White

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.

❖ **Summer Sunday School** - Following Time with Our Children, children age 2 through 2nd grade may leave for Sunday School in the Preschool Suite.

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

Also Today

11:15 a.m. Flying Solo Brunch Catherine Rooney's

6:00 p.m. Clean But Not Straight – NA Club Room

8:00 p.m. AA Club Room

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 iced tea in Rodney Chapel after the service.

Ask someone to show you the way!

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

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. The next available dates are October 20 and December 1.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Mary Laskaris and Tom Preston
- ❖ **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.

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 families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
 - Master Sergeant Jose Gonzalez, age 35, from La Puente, California
 - Master Sergeant Luis DeLeon-Figueroa, age 31, from Chicopee, Massachusetts
- 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. 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

*God of all blessings and source of all life, we thank you for setting us in communities:
for families who nurture our becoming, for friends who love us by choice,
for companions at work who share our burdens and daily tasks,
for strangers who welcome us into their midst,
for people from other lands who call us to grow in understanding,
for children who lighten our moments with delight.
For these, and all blessings, we give you thanks, loving God, through Jesus Christ we pray. 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

Praeludium in E minor

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us love one another,
for love is of God.
All who love are born of God and know God.
All who do not love, do not know God, for God is love. 1 John 4:7-8

*HYMN No. 667

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

LAUDES DOMINI

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,
we confess that we worship many things other than you.
Our devotion is given to our work and our play.
We spend much of our time pursuing idols,
only to find them unsatisfying.
We have many masters and we trade them back and forth,
hoping that, eventually, one will supply us with what we truly need.
Help us to recognize our foolishness, O God.
Curb our boundless appetites and change our hearts
so that we will follow the path that leads to a life that is truly rich.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ruth 1:1-19a

Old Testament, page 223

SERMON

“A Love Story”

Greg Jones

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

“His Eye Is On the Sparrow”/“The Love of God”
Roger W. Atkins, soloist

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

We come to the table as children of God.
We share a common faith and a common desire.
We come to be transformed into new people
who experience the deep joy of devoted love.

*HYMN No. 693

“Though I May Speak”

GIFT OF LOVE

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*This is not just a Presbyterian table;
the Lord’s Supper is open to all who trust in Christ.
When you approach communion servers, 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.
For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.
If you are unable to come to a station, please tell an usher so that you may be served.
Those sitting in the balcony will be served in their pews.*

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Loving God, we are grateful for this sacrament
that harkens back to your final meal with your disciples
and glances forward to the future banquet in your heavenly kingdom.
We give thanks for your boundless love for us
and pray that we may be loyal in sharing your love with others.
Help us to embrace your wisdom and follow your ways each day of our lives.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN No. 719

“Come, Labor On”

ORA LABORA

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

André Campra

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

Please join us after the service for Summer Tea in Rodney Chapel.

Upcoming Sunday Worship Schedule

September 8

One service at 10:00 a.m. in the
Sanctuary

*followed by the 13th Street
Food Truck Festival*

Beginning September 15

Service in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m.

Living Mosaics service in
Rodney Chapel at 11:15 a.m.

Holy Toast Café reopens!

**For a full schedule of all events and programs for children, youth, and adults on Sunday mornings
and throughout the week, please check our up-to-date calendar at: calendar.wpc.org**

Food. Family. Fun.
(For a good cause!)

13th Street

FOOD TRUCK *festival*

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019
11 AM – 2 PM
13th Street between
N. Clayton & N. Rodney Streets

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Would you like to enjoy a variety of tasty food truck fare and make a difference in our community? The festival is open to all, and there is no cost for admission. A portion of the proceeds of the food you purchase benefits Friendship House (www.friendshiphousede.org), a local non-profit serving individuals and families who are, or are at risk of becoming, homeless.

PLEASE NOTE: To accommodate this event, **there will be no parking on 13th Street between N. Clayton and N. Rodney from 8 AM – 4 PM.** 13th Street will also be closed to traffic for the duration of the festival. Our parking lot and satellite lots will be available for our church members and visitors as usual.

This is a rain or shine event hosted by Westminster Presbyterian Church. We hope you can join us!

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
Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock, 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
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper, Molly McPheeters, Tommy Neilson

SUPPORT STAFF

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SESSION

Karen Beer, Ty Burns, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Karen Dietz,
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

BOARD OF DEACONS

Jeff Argus, Roger Atkins, Liz Bacon, Amy Bickhart, Jennifer Blackford, Kyle Carrick, Ron Carrick,
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