



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship **15th Sunday after Pentecost** **September 22, 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
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, Tommy Neilson
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DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

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DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND SECURITY

Paul Crothamel

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:

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

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 leads in worship regularly.

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 leads in worship regularly.
- 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.
- Educational Offerings for Adults – see page 7

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

11:30 a.m. Deacon Meeting and Celebratory Luncheon Community Hall

Later Today

5:00 p.m. 180° Dinner and Fellowship Community Hall/Classroom 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 are given by her family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Peggy Cartmell, whose memorial service was held yesterday. The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God in celebration of the wedding of Kendra Krentz and Dylan Gallagher.

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:** William Francis and Mary Longenecker
- ❖ **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 Betty Drennen, Tom Eliason, and Nancy and Howard Horne at Stonegates.
- ❖ **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 the soldier from the U.S. who died recently:
Sergeant 1st Class Jeremy Griffin, age 40, from Greenbrier, Tennessee
- 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

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Living Christ, your earthly ministry was full of struggle, as well as joy; yet you were faithful in following God's will. Breathe your Spirit into our lives, that we may never fall back from the way of justice or the effort of loving. Grant that we may find true joy and peace as we accept the cost of faithful discipleship. Amen.

Ruth C. Duck, *Bread for the Journey: Resources for Worship*

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

Allegretto, from Oboe Sonata
Merideth Hite Estevez, oboe

Camille Saint-Saëns

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather for worship aware that we hunger for many things.
We hunger for meaning, we hunger for wisdom, and we hunger for hope.
Christ is the true bread of life.
He is the one who can satisfy our deepest yearnings.

*HYMN No. 35

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Creator of heaven and earth,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul and mind
because we have been distracted by false idols.
We confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves
because we are preoccupied with our own needs.
Create in us grateful hearts for the blessings of our lives
so that we may love you with our whole being
and experience the reward of bringing joy to the lives of others.
In the name of the compassionate Christ, we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM

“Cantate Domino”

Hans Leo Hassler

Cantate Domino canticum novum,
cantate Domino omnis terra.
Cantate Domino,
et benedicite nomini ejus.
Annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus.
Annuntiate inter gentes gloriam ejus,
in omnibus populis mirabilia ejus.

*Sing to the Lord a new song,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Sing to the Lord,
and bless His name.
Announce His salvation from day to day.
Announce His glory among the nations,
His wonders among the people.*

Passages in bold print are said (or sung) 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

Amos 4:1-3, 5:18-24

Luke 12:13-21

Shelley Gnade and Mary-beth Howard
Westminster-By-Heart Storytellers

SERMON

“Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 757

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

KINGSFOLD

OFFERING

*“How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods
and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?” (1 John 3:17)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“What Does the Lord Require of You?”

Robert A. Hobby

What does the Lord require of you?
Bind up the brokenhearted, off’ring God’s peace.
Strengthen the weak, off’ring God’s hope.
Seek and find the face of Christ in each of God’s children.
Nurture the young and tend the old, off’ring God’s love.
Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, off’ring God’s compassion.
Share the good news in the Name of Christ.
Share the good news: with God there is welcome for all!
What does the Lord require of you?
To do justice, and love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*HYMN NO. 714

“God of the Fertile Fields”

ITALIAN HYMN

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Toccata

John Weaver

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, Bill Nace, at the back of the center aisle following the service. He 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!



UNRWA Relay Run for Refugees

UNRWA USA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency) is sponsoring a group of runners and refugees from Palestine to relay run down the East Coast to deliver a message that UNRWA needs America's investment. The relay will begin on Friday, September 20 in New York City at the start of the UN General Assembly and the runners will make stops along the East Coast to share their message and gain support for UNRWA's humanitarian programs and services for Palestinian refugees in the Middle East. **These runners will share their personal stories at Westminster on Monday, September 23, at 7:00 p.m. in Rodney Chapel.** For more information, contact Camilla Jones (camillajones22@gmail.com).

Any Bridge is a Bridge – Peacemakers in Iran

In March, Quaker peacemakers Stephanie Judson and Sandy Rea visited Iran with a U.S. peace delegation arranged by CODEPINK – spending four intense days of political meetings in Tehran and two days in historic Isfahan. On **Tuesday, September 24, at 7:00 p.m. in Rodney Chapel**, they will report on the people they met and the effects of U.S. sanctions and policies.

INAUGURAL WPC OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION

**Thursday, September 26, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Braeloch Brewing (225 Birch Street, Kennett Square, PA)**



With many members of our church family living in Chester County, it's only fitting to bring an opportunity for fellowship on your turf. For \$20 per adult (free for children under 12), you can enjoy a sampling flight of four beers (4 oz. each) followed by a pint of your favorite. We will also have a tour of the brewhouse and learn how the beer is made. Available for purchase are soft drinks, flavored seltzer, and milk for those under 21, as well as a full menu if you want to have dinner. Braeloch has a large taproom and a great outdoor space to enjoy. They will set aside an area for us in the taproom where we can have lively conversation and a fun night together. Pre-register to Rich Diver at RichD@diverchev.com or (302) 275-2895.



Today's Educational Offerings for Adults

Women and Prison

Classroom 6

Presenter: Dr. Chrysanthi Leon, Associate Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice at the University of Delaware

Dr. Leon's work and research focuses on criminal court reform and corrections, sex crimes and punishment, and the sociology of law. A graduate of Yale University (B.A., magna cum laude) and the University of California, Berkeley (JD and PhD), Dr. Leon has been teaching a series of courses at the Baylor Women's Correctional Institution in New Castle since 2016. Dr. Leon's talk will focus on key issues facing incarcerated women as well as the criminal justice system's approach to women as offenders. She will ask what lessons feminist, sociological and religious frameworks provide for addressing these issues.

Westminster Rocks! A Walking Tour of the Church Building

Meet in Rodney Chapel

Tour Guide: Barbara Jobe

Our church occupies a whole city block — from Pennsylvania Avenue to 13th Street, Rodney Street to Clayton Street — a building of 50,000 square feet, with 24 roofs, 60 rooms, and 19 heating and cooling systems! Today's sprawling complex has a history that dates to the mid- 19th century. Ideas and values of generations of faithful members are manifested in bricks and mortar, changes, additions, and subtractions. We will walk around and through Westminster to learn stories of the growth and development of the church building. This tour is ideal for those new to Westminster.

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	
October 27	Hosea	
November 10	Isaiah	
November 17	Micah	
December 1	Jonah	



DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER | SEPTEMBER 28-29

CHRISTIAN WIMAN

Author ▪ Poet ▪ Teacher

Saturday, September 28

Open Talk: 4:00 – 5:30 PM

Registration required at www.cil-de.org

Sunday, September 29

Sermon during 9 AM service (Sanctuary)

Talk at 10:10 AM (Community Hall)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY INFORMATION

We have an exciting list of Christian education options for kids on Sunday mornings! If your child is 5th grade or younger, please fill out the children's ministry information form at www.wpc.org/learn, or scan the QR code. To find out more about opportunities for all ages, see the bulletin, the website, or contact Chesna Hinkley (chesnahinkley@wpc.org) or 302-654-5214, ext.124

