Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 10, 2023

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 (U.S.A.)
An Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
A Matthew 25 Church of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
A Stephen Ministry Congregation
TODAY AT WESTMINSTER

8:45 – 12:15 p.m.  Nursery Care for infants and toddlers in Preschool Suite D

9:00 – 9:55 a.m.  Worship in the Sanctuary  

Time with Our Children (approximately 9:15 a.m.)
The young and young-at-heart are invited to join the worship leader at the front of the sanctuary. Following the TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN, young ones through grade 5 may be escorted for Children’s Programming or they are welcome to remain in worship.

Children’s Programming (9:20 – 10:00 a.m.)
- Children age 2 through grade 5 in Classrooms 1 and 2

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  Homecoming Celebration on the church lawn (see page 5)  
Rain location: Walton Community Hall

The Music: The Westminster Choir returns to worship today! Weekly rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. For more information or to participate, contact TonyThurman@wpc.org. Our instrumental soloist is Thom Moore, playing the Great Highland Bagpipe. The New Jersey native is a highly trained musician-bagpiper with more than four decades of experience as a champion solo and pipe band competitor with hundreds of trophies and medals to his credit. Thom is the Bagpiping Instructor to both the Camden County Emerald Society Pipes & Drums and the Philadelphia Police & Firefighters Pipes & Drums bands and enjoys frequent solo appearances throughout the Delaware Valley.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of his wife Kitty’s birthday by Gary Knox. The flowers in the narthex are from yesterday’s memorial service for Kathleen Winter. Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event. Please contact Linda Watson at (302) 571-6719 or lwatson@ycst.com. Dates available are October 1, 8, and 29.

Westminster’s Prayer Team prays for the needs of our community. Submit your prayer request to wpcprayerlist@gmail.com or online at wpc.org/care-support.

You can make a contribution to Westminster Presbyterian Church by visiting our website at wpc.org and clicking the “Donate” button or scan this QR code on your smart phone. We accept donations by bank withdrawal, credit card, and debit card.

New to Westminster? Welcome! We’re so glad you’re here. If you are joining us for the first time, please introduce yourself via our contact form on the I’m New page of our website or scan this QR code to get there from your mobile device. We look forward to getting to know you.
ORDER OF WORSHIP

~ Passages in bold print may be spoken by all. At the asterisk (*), please stand in body or rise in spirit. ~

TOWER CHIME

PROCESSIONAL

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN NO. 1

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age there have been men and women who have lived faithful and obedient lives.
We confess that we are not always in harmony with your will.
You call us to proclaim the truth in love, but there are times when we are silent.
You command us to do what is just, but too often we sit idle.
You beckon us to live faithfully, but minor matters distract us.
Forgive us and transform us so that we may follow your guidance and share Christ-like love with the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

ANTHEM

Irish/arr. Dennis Janzer

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Maker, I thy true child;
Thou in me dwelling, through Christ reconciled.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Sudie Niesen Thompson

Jill Getty

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**SERMON**

Gregory Knox Jones

*HYMN NO. 305*  
_Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!_  
DARWALL’S 148TH

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING**

_offertory_  
Scottish Medley  
Traditional

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE 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.

*HYMN NO. 301*  
Let Us Build A House  
TWO OAKS

Vs. 1, 3, & 5: All  
Vs. 2: Men (All sing refrain)  
Vs. 4: Women (All sing refrain)

*BENEDICTION*

**POSTLUDE**  
Grand Processional  
Kevin Weed

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UPCOMING SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Resuming September 17

8:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.  Nursery for infants and toddlers
9:00–9:55 a.m.  Traditional worship service in the sanctuary
9:20–10:00 a.m.  Children’s programming (age 3–grade 5)
10:00–10:45 a.m.  Holy Toast Café reopens!
10:10–11:00 a.m.  Education classes for all ages
11:15 a.m. – Noon  Living Mosaics worship service on the lawn*
5:00–7:00 p.m.  180° Youth Ministry fall kick-off

*Weather permitting, the Living Mosaics service will be held in the side yard along Clayton Street (Sacred Grounds). Once the weather turns too cool to gather outdoors, and in cases of inclement weather, we will worship in Rodney Chapel.

HOMECOMING CELEBRATION
(with omelettes!)

TODAY | 10 a.m. | Church Lawn*

Join us on the church lawn after the 9 a.m. worship service for a “Homecoming Celebration” sponsored by our Membership and Evangelism Committee. Come and learn about all the wonderful ministries of Westminster and how you can become involved in our church family. Fun activities will be available for children, and (new this year) breakfast will be provided by The Omelette King.

Whether you’ve been here for 5 minutes or 50 years, we have a place for you!

*Rain location: Walton Community Hall
ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Conflicts! Conflicts! And More Conflicts!
Presenter: The Rev. William Getman
10:10 a.m. | Classroom 6 and Zoom
bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom

In today's world so full of various kinds of conflict, we often forget that we have seen all these things in the Bible. The class will review selected passages from Genesis to Revelation, which highlight the sorts of conflicts God's people experience and what they may tell us about ourselves. The Rev. Bill Getman is a retired Presbyterian pastor who served congregations for 46 years.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Work Produced by Faith,
Labor Prompted by Love,
Endurance Inspired by Hope
Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Elmarie Parker, PC(USA) Regional Liaison to Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq
10:10 a.m. | Classroom 6 and Zoom
bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom

Come and hear updates about conditions on the ground in both Lebanon and Syria and stories of our partners' transformative work in the midst of these conditions.

Forgiveness: Finding Peace through Letting Go
Video series by Adam Hamilton
Facilitator: WPC member Margo Reign
10:10 a.m. | Classroom 5

Forgiveness is hard. Methodist pastor Adam Hamilton provides the participants a path on how to receive the freedom that comes with forgiving – even if the person needing forgiveness is ourselves.

For full descriptions of our programs and more adult education and small group opportunities, visit WPC.ORG/ADULTS or check our events calendar at WPC.ORG/EVENTS. Select adult education programs are available as a livestream/recording on our YouTube channel.
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Laura Holmes, Dick Jolly, Carla Krupanski, KC Morrison, Dave McBride,
Susan McPheeatars, Jan Patrick, Chip Pfleegor, Todd Piercy, Carrie Saathoff, Laura Scanlan,
Kent Smith, Janet Steinwedel, Karissa Thacker, Gill Timon, Dan Weintraub

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Kananga Presbytery and Members of Kamulumba-Ditalala Parish
Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon – PC(USA) Mission Co-worker the Rev. Dr. Elmarie Parker
Fellowship of Middle East Evangelical Churches, Israel/Palestine – Peace Drums Steel Band
Guatemala - CEDEPCA, AJPU, the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development,
PC(USA) Mission Co-workers Betsey and Eric Moe
MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

Third Grade Bible Presentation

Sunday, September 17
During the 9 a.m. worship service

RSVP by September 10 to: kathleenkennan@wpc.org

The presentation of Bibles is a celebration of God's Word and a spiritual milestone for our students.

180° Youth Ministry Meet and Greet Kick-Off

Sunday, September 17 | 5–7 p.m.
Walton Community Hall

All students in grades 6 to 12, parents, and brothers and sisters are invited to attend this event to meet our new 180 leadership team and learn of the youth opportunities that are available throughout the school year and summer of 2024. Dinner will be provided. This will be a fun-filled night with games, laughter, and fellowship. Please RSVP to Kathleen Kennan at kathleenkennan@wpc.org. We look forward to seeing you on September 17!
1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
though the eye of sinful ness thy glory may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2-11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

TEXT: Reginald Heber, 1827, alt.
Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea; Spanish trans. Juan B. Cabrera
MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861; desc. David McKinley Williams, 1948
Korean Trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea
Music Desc. © 1948, ren. H. W. Gray Co., Inc. (a div. of Belwin-Mills Publishing Corp.)
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! mer-ci-ful and might-y!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity.
who art, and art, and ev-er-more shalt be,
per-fect in power, in love and pu-rity.
God in three persons, bless-ed Tri-ni-ty!

SPANISH
1 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Señor omnipotente,
siempre el labio mío loores te dará.
¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Te adoro reverente,
Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.

2 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La inmensa muchedumbre
de ángeles que cumplen tu santa voluntad,
antel te postrer, bañada de tu lumbre,
antel que has sido, que eres y serás.

3 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Por más que estés velado
e imposible sea tu gloria contemplar,
santo tú eres sólo y nada hay a tu lado,
en poder perfecto, pureza y caridad.

4 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La gloria de tu nombre
vemos en tus obras, en cielo, tierra y mar.
¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La humanidad te adora,
Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.

KOREAN
1 기룩거룩거룩 전능하신 주여
이론아침우리주를 찬송합니다
거룩거룩거룩 자비하신 주여
성삼위일체 우리주로다

2 거룩거룩거룩 주의보좌 앞에
모든성도 금면류관 벌어드리네
천군천사 모두주께 공복하니
영원히 위에 계신 주로다

3 거룩거룩거룩 주의 빛난 영광
모든조인 눈여두우 보지못하네
거룩하신 이가 주님밖에 쉬뇨
침묵과사랑 운전하셔라

4 거룩거룩거룩 전능하신 주여
천지만물 주의 이름을 찬송합니다
거룩거룩거룩 자비하신 주여
성삼위일체 우리주로다
305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2. Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
3. Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
4. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
THE CHURCH

301

Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F Bb C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in water,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C

safely live, a place where saints and children tell
strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground
wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (Fm) (Bm)
Gm C7 Bb F Am Dm

how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the
as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F Bb

visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as
Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we
stranger bear the image of God's face; let us
laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshiping community.

TEXT and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1994
9.6.8.6.8.7.10 with refrain
love of Christ shall end divisions:
one we claim the faith of Jesus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are welcome;
bring an end to fear and danger:
house proclaim from floor to rafter:

all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.