All Saints’ Sunday
November 5, 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

8:30 – 9:15 a.m.  Cereal Sunday for Hanover Food Pantry in the Westminster parking lot

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 to Children’s Programming or they are welcome to remain in worship.

Children’s Programming (9:20 – 10:00 a.m.)
- Preschool Sunday School: Ages 3 and 4 in the Preschool Suite Room C
- Joyful Noise Choir: Kindergarten–Grade 5 in the Youth Music Room

10:00 – 10:45 a.m.  Holy Toast Café in The Meeting Room
Enjoy free coffee, tea, and fellowship. Limited breakfast items available

10:10 – 11:00 a.m.  Children and Youth Programming
- Nursery Care: Age 4 and under in Preschool Suite D
- Kids Zone Sunday School: Kindergarten–Grade 5 in Classroom 1
- Middle School Zone: Grades 6–8 in Classroom 3
- High School: Grades 9–12
  - Confirmation Class in Classroom 7
  - Small Groups in the Library (for already confirmed youth)

Adult Education: "Christian Funerals: What They Mean and How They Got into Trouble" in the Sanctuary (see page 6)

11:15 – 12:00 p.m.  Living Mosaics worship in Rodney Chapel

11:30 – 12:15 p.m.  Flying Solo brunch at Bar Reverie (4017 Kennett Pike)

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  Cole Walker piano recital in Rodney Chapel

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  180° Youth Group in Walton Community Hall and Classroom 6

For descriptions of our programs for children and youth, visit wpc.org/children-youth.

The Music: René Clausen’s *Set Me As a Seal* has become a twentieth century choral classic. While the anthem text (from Song of Songs) is often a popular choice for weddings, it is likewise a poignant reflection for All Saints’ Sunday.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara Scanlan on the occasion of her birthday by Laura Scanlan and Tom Preston. 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.

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.
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

Kathleen Kennan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

*God’s Time Is the Best Time*

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Hebrews 12:1-2*

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which easily distracts us.

**And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.**

Let us look to Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who endured the cross, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*HYMN NO. 331*  

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

NATIONAL HYMN

PRAYER OF PRAISE

God of all time and space, we praise you for the faithful ones who have gone before us:

**for those who lived justly, loved mercy, and walked humbly;**

for apostles and martyrs, for teachers and mentors;

**for generations gone by, for grandparents, parents and extended family;**

for all those who in life and death were shining lights in an often dark world;

**for those who shared their faith with us, nudging us to grow in our love and commitment to Christ.**

We are indeed blessed, O God.

**Help us to be faithful and to become a blessing for others. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

(See “Today at Westminster” on page 2 for more information.)

Gregory Knox Jones

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Psalm 90:1-4, 10, 12*

Old Testament, page 510

SERMON

*“Teach Us to Number Our Days”*

Thomas G. Long

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Set Me As a Seal*

René Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.

—Song of Songs 8:6a; 8:7a
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Jesus said: “I am the bread of life.”

Whoever comes to him will never be hungry,
and whoever follows him will have abundant life.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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

The Lord’s Supper is open to all who trust in Christ.
If you prefer packaged communion elements, you will find those on the bread plates.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Everlasting God, number us among your saints,
and join us with the faithful of every age,
that we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Grant us the courage to serve you faithfully
until our promised day of resurrection,
when we will feast with you and all the redeemed at your table in glory. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

vv. 1, 2, 4 & 5: All

v. 3: Choir

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Souls of the Righteous

T. Tertius Noble

Souls of the righteous in the hand of God,
Nor hurt nor torment cometh them anigh;
O holy hope of immortality.
In Memoriam

On this day we remember members and family members who have entered God’s eternal realm since All Saints’ Sunday last year.

Preston Ayars Jr.                Pat Little
Jonathan Earle Beeson           Don Mattson
Katie Burslem                    Katie Much
Signy Carson                     Edgar P. Nace
Chuck Collins                    Jessica Ann Pye
Jere Cook                        Sally Robinson
Eleanor Daley                    Joyce Ruston
Marion Daniels                   Barbara Scanlan
Joyce Dinsel                     George Scanlan
Anne Clark Duncan                Fred Schmitt
Laura Epke                       Donna Shaw
Bob Fenimore                     Tom Shaw
Ruth Getty                       Jane Stabler
Charles Grieco                   Marion Stelzer
Battle Hamilton                  Betty Thompson
Jack Hogan                       Dorcas Thompson
Phyllis Howell                   Betty Ann Thurman
Kay Johnson                      Chris Waisanen
Ed Knepper                       Esther Ward
Barbara Krout                    Mary Wemlinger
Cynthia Kuespert                 Kathy Winter
Helen Ledbetter                  Kenneth Yorkston
Nancy LeFevre                    Rick Zumsteg
ADULT EDUCATION

TODAY, NOVEMBER 5

2023 Distinguished Speaker

THE REV. DR. THOMAS G. LONG

Christian Funerals: What They Mean and How They Got into Trouble
10:10 a.m. in the Sanctuary • Livestream at wpc.org/watch

In this presentation, we will take a brief look at how the Christian funeral service developed historically, what this service means in terms of our faith, and how it has come under stress in recent decades. Dr. Long is an ordained Presbyterian minister and was named one of the 12 most effective preachers, along with the likes of Fred Craddock, Billy Graham, James Forbes, Barbara Brown Taylor, and William Willimon.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Preparing for the End of Life: Dealing with the Emotions
Presenters: The Rev. Jill Getty and Stephen Ministry Leader Jerry Spilecki
10:10 a.m. | Classroom 6 and Zoom
Zoom link: bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom

Losing a loved one is a many layered experience and often brings unexpected emotions at unexpected times. Knowing ahead of time what a roller coaster ride grief can be allows you to better navigate this path we will all tread one day. Jill Getty and Jerry Spilecki bring their wisdom from leading grief groups, as well as their own experiences, to share the many layers and often unexpected emotions that follow losing a loved one.

Forgiveness: Finding Peace through Letting Go (Session 4)
Video series by Adam Hamilton
Facilitator: WPC member Margo Reign
10:10 a.m. | Classroom 5

Whether or not you attended the first three sessions, you are welcome to participate in Session 4!

ONGOING/WEEKLY

Online Bible Studies

Midweek Manna Bible Study
Wednesdays | 12 p.m. | Zoom
Facilitator: The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson
Contact: sniesenthompson@wpc.org

Thursday Evening Bible Study
Thursdays | 6–7 p.m. | Zoom
Facilitators: Randy Williamson and Mary Anne Peters
Contact: randywilliamson1@comcast.net

Peace and Justice Thursday Evening Education Event

The Case for Compassionate Release
With Michael Bartley and Nick Middlebrook of Smart Justice Delaware
November 9 | 7 p.m. | Zoom
Zoom link: bit.ly/peace-justice-zoom
Hosted by our Peace & Justice Work Group.

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.
2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN
Pledge by November 19!

• Stephen Ministers provided more than 1,000 hours of valuable caregiving to members in need in a single year.
• Installation of our solar panel system provides about 35% of the church’s electricity.
• More than 150 Zoom classes with more than 75 outside speakers (and counting!) have been hosted by the Peace and Justice Work Group.

These “God inspired” facts are but several examples of how vital we see our mission to our Westminster family and our local and global friends. And it takes YOUR pledge to support each of them. We are so grateful to those who have already pledged! If you haven’t, please make today the day you do!

Pledge online using our secure system at wpc.org/donate (scroll down and click the “Pledge Online” button) or return the pledge card that you received in the mail. Extra pledge cards and a drop-off box are located on the small table in the main hallway at church. If you would like weekly offering envelopes, please contact Colleen Falasco at cfasco@wpc.org or (302) 654-5214 ext. 131.

New Life Furnishings
OUR CURRENT WISHLIST AND A THANK YOU

New Life Furnishings (NLF) is a Westminster program that provides household goods and furniture to help those moving from homelessness to independent living. NLF currently needs new or gently used bed pillows (for sleeping), small dressers, and twin or full mattresses, box springs, and metal frames. Please leave a message on NLF phone (302) 654-5214 ext. 313 and we will contact you. Thanks to all our past donors for your generous contributions of furniture and housewares. Our clients are extremely grateful, and you can feel good that you are helping people get a fresh start in life.

Many thanks to Marsha and Dennie Mah who have retired from NLF after two years of tireless work!
If you are interested in volunteering at NLF, please leave a message at (302) 654-5214 ext. 313.
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The Rev. Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

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**SESSION**
Taryn Albert, Adam Blackford, Michelle Butler, Clark Collins, Bob Cox, Sara Dubberly, Rob Gooderham,
Laura Holmes, Dick Jolly, Carla Krupanski, KC Morrison, Dave McBride,
Susan McPheeters, Jan Patrick, Chip Pfleegor, Todd Piercy, Carrie Saathoff, Laura Scanlan,
Kent Smith, Janet Steinwedel, Karissa Thacker, Gill Timon, Dan Weintraub

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God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

1 God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band.

2 Thy love divine hath led us in the past.
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.

3 From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.

4 Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.

of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:

Thy true religion in our hearts increase.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,

our grateful songs before thy throne arise.
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.
For All the Saints

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
5 From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast, through

thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet
steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and
gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
all are one in thee, for all are thine.
hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints’ Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

TEXT: William Walsham How, 1864
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

SINE NOMINE
10.10.10 with alleluias
3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!

We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet

all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!