

September 18, 2022



# Westminster

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*"Landscape With Stars" by Henri Edmond Cross*

# Worship With Us This Sunday!

## Clarifying Purpose Sunday

*See Details Below*

### Scripture

Genesis 15:1-6

### Sermon

The Rev. Julie Emery

### Bulletin

**10:00 a.m. Sunday Hybrid Worship Link**

Zoom Meeting ID: 822 3301 6989

Any questions, contact Becky Kimberly in the office  
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*This Week at Westminster*

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Clarifying Purpose Sunday  
Designing Our Future

**IMPORTANT**

**WE NEED YOU TO HELP SHAPE  
WESTMINSTER'S FUTURE!**



**We hope  
everyone will  
join us!**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18  
10:00 AM  
IN PERSON OR ON ZOOM**

**There will be a  
Special Meeting for  
Children at this time.**

**Can't make it on the 18th?  
See information below on more  
ways to share your thoughts!**

The leaders and members of Westminster are in the process of discerning our future as a faith community. The Session created a Clarifying Purpose Team to assist in our discernment to focus on what Westminster's purpose and path forward might look like. The work of this team will be more meaningful and reflective of our congregation if we hear from all who are a part of Westminster. Therefore, we invite you into a discussion about your joys, your hopes, remembrances about when you felt most proud of being part of Westminster, any issues that trouble you now personally or about our church, and what you envision for Westminster's future and its role in our community.

We are holding space for these conversations during our worship service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 18. We urge you to attend this service, either in person or online. It will be an opportunity to speak with each other in very small groups to reflect on our lives together as a faith community. Please know that this will be a time when each person's voice can be heard – all are welcome. There will be a special opportunity for children to meet and share at this time.

If you are not able to join us for worship on September 18, please consider joining us on Zoom during the coming week. Feel free to log



in at any of these times to share your thoughts as part of a small group:

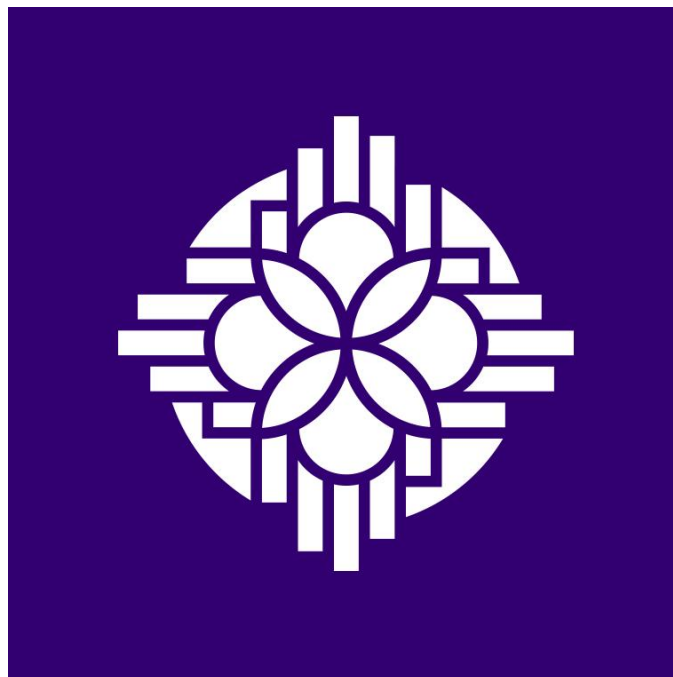
Sunday, September 18 at 4:00 p.m.  
Monday, September 19 at noon  
Tuesday, September 20 at noon  
Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m.  
Thursday, September 22 at 10:00 a.m.  
Thursday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m.

You can attend any one of these small group meetings by joining on Zoom using the link below:

### Zoom Link for Clarifying Purpose Discussions

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82899582885>  
Meeting ID: 828 9958 2885

We encourage you to take part in these discussions as we explore our faith together, look back at our history, and look forward for God's calling in our next steps. Please know that you are an important part of our community and a valued voice as we discern our path forward. We look forward to our time together. Thank you on behalf of the Session and the Clarifying Purpose Team: Peter Benner, Tom Buckley, Julie Emery, Bob Raney, Nancy Souza, Janet Wade-Utay, and Karen Wagner.



## You Are Invited This Sunday! Westminster 101 Gathering

Westminster Presbyterian Church has been blessed with many visitors in recent months, both online and in-person. The Engage Team is inviting visitors and any current members to come to a Westminster 101 Gathering this Sunday, September 18, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. so that we can get to know you better as well as to offer an opportunity for you to learn more about Westminster and Westminster as a Presbyterian Church (USA) church. Light refreshments will be provided.

If, after the gathering, you are interested in pursuing deeper connection with our community through membership at Westminster, you will have an opportunity to join at the end of our time together. Regardless of your decision, we hope to see you again in worship, and welcome conversation and questions about our church family. Feel free to reach out to Rev. Julie Emery 860-521-6240, ext 101 or [jemery@westpresby.org](mailto:jemery@westpresby.org)) or to Elder Barbara Riihimaki (860-803-9090 or [bdriih@gmail.com](mailto:bdriih@gmail.com)) for further connection.

Please stop by and join us! We will be offering this again in future months if you cannot attend this gathering.

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## **Puerto Rico Service and Learning Trip: October 29 – November 5, 2022**

### **PARTICIPANTS NEEDED! COME JOIN US!**

Did you hear about the wonderful experiences our 12 participants had on their trip to Puerto Rico this summer? If not, we urge you to seek them out. They reflected on the joy of installing a roof for an elderly woman who has not had a roof on her home for 3 years! But it wasn't just the physical fulfillment of installing a roof, it was the blessing and grace of relationships developed with the Puerto Rican people and the participants themselves.

Volunteers have expectations about how the trip will go, the impact the group will make, and the progress accomplished by the end of the work time. However, there are many other ways to reflect on the impact the trip itself makes in the lives of those who get involved. The things that are learned provide a wider lens about other issues around the recovery process that are just as important. A just recovery entails deeper conversations. Volunteering in Puerto Rico provides an opportunity to deconstruct a single story about the island and find other ways to support the people in Puerto Rico with empathy and justice. These opportunities help to develop healthy partnerships with our friends in Puerto Rico, First Presbyterian Church in Hartford and the Hartford community as we continue working together.

**We have the opportunity for 12 people to have this experience – we have booked a nonstop flight from Hartford to San Juan on October 29 at 12:00 noon, and return on a nonstop flight to Hartford on November 5 at 1:30 pm.** We anticipate the total cost of the trip to be less than \$1200 and that scholarship assistance may be available, as we don't want financial constraints to be a barrier for you to experience this opportunity. Please see the link [here](#) to a resource list of weather-related damage to the island, the Protestant church history of Puerto Rico, and the culture and politics of Puerto Rico. For more information, please reach out to Tom Buckley at [tbtrailrun@hotmail.com](mailto:tbtrailrun@hotmail.com) or Michael Seltzer at [michaelbpd10@gmail.com](mailto:michaelbpd10@gmail.com).





## Prayers of the People

### We pray for those near and far:

Nancy and George Dewey's daughter-in-law who is facing cancer treatment and for their son; Karen Wagner's friend Rich; John Berman; Jon Scoville; Heather McBride; Paige Logan's friend Mia; El Harp; Muriel Sherman; David MacMeekin's brother-in-law, Dan Reinhard; Cale Strober; Max; Dave Wagner; Suzanne Atwood; Billy Calzada; Rhoda Bannon; Karen Sprout's sister, Kathryn Johnson; Diane Smith; Jane Sebolt; Sally West; Rev. Julie Emery; Rachel Lloyd's Aunt Katie; Yvonne Smith; Doreen Springsteen; Ralph Sundquist; Karen Wagner's friend AJ; Jenna Sheridan's friend, MaryElla; Marissa Torsiello; Stella Madjitey; Peter Benner; Jen Buffat; Sara DeGraff's sister; Jack Zapata and Alan and Ashley Zapata; Betty Stokes and David Robbins.

## We grieve with:

- Tony Torsiello and family on the death of his stepmother Irene on September 3, 2022;
- Friends and families of those in recent months who mourn the death of loved ones. May they be comforted.

## We celebrate with:

- Abbey Downing and Alyssa Mansolf on the baptism of their daughters Nora Mae and Maggie Rose on September 4. (see photos below).





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