



Services of Worship
4th Sunday of Easter
April 29, 2012
9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church extends an enthusiastic welcome, in Christ's name, to all who would worship here or join us in fellowship. We affirm that there can be no exclusion within the body of Christ. We invite all children of God to join us as disciples of Christ and participate fully in the life of our congregation.

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This Morning at Westminster

8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. The Holy Toast Café, in Community Hall, offers free coffee and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar per item.

Deacons hosting Holy Toast this month

Jill Voss, Teresa Lunardi, Donna Nelson, Steve Stallone, Keith Pierce, Cathy Glober

8:45 a.m. – noon Child Care for Cribbery (birth – toddler)

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. Worship

After TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN, if you wish, your children may leave the Sanctuary and go to:

- ❖ **Godly Care** – A unique opportunity for children ages 2-4 to get to know God through stories, crafts, songs and prayers. Classes are in **Under Six Classrooms A and C**.
- ❖ **Godly Play** – Children in Kindergarten and 1st grade gather in the **Ruth Christie Room** to learn the language of God’s people through sacred space, stories, parables and liturgical actions. You may pick up your children in **Under Six Classroom C**.
- ❖ **Hebrew Scouts** – Children in grades 2 and 3 will become “Hebrew Scouts,” experiencing the stories of the Israelite people. You may pick up your children in **Under Six Classroom C**.
- ❖ **Treasure Seekers** – Children in grades 4 and 5 will begin with the story of Jesus’ baptism and continue with stories of Jesus’ ministry of teaching and healing. You may pick up your children in **Under Six Classroom C**.

10:10 a.m.	Education for All Ages	
	➤ Under Six Sunday School	Under Six Classrooms
	➤ Creation Station for Grades K - 5	Grace Hall
	➤ Middle Schoolers on the Move - Grades 6 - 8	Classroom 1
	➤ Confirmation Class for 9 th Graders	Classroom 8
	➤ Senior High Gathering	Holy Toast Café
	➤ Adult Education Classes	See page 6

10:10 a.m.	Men’s Fellowship Plant Sale	Community Hall
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11:15 a.m. - noon Worship. Children are always welcome in worship; however, childcare is available in Under Six for ages 2 through Grade 2.

Later Today

4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class Supper	Off Site Location
4:30 p.m.	Guatemala Mission Team	Meeting Room
5:00 p.m.	180° Dinner and Fellowship	Off Site Location
6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room

WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome to the pulpit this morning the Rev. Dr. Lawrence M. Stratton, who was recently ordained as the Director of the Stover Center for Constitutional Studies and Moral Leadership at Waynesburg University in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania. He received his Ph.D. in Christian Ethics and M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary, his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, and his B.S. in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. Also, Larry is the brother of Westminster member Barb Stratton, and uncle to Alex and Emily Knepper.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Tom and Eleanor Charles to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at both services.

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. Available dates are June 3 and 24.

Worship Resources – You may obtain large print hymnals and hearing devices from any usher. Worship bags for children ages 3-6 include a children's bulletin designed for that age. Also, children's bulletins for ages 7-12 are available from the ushers.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Thomas Eliason, Dorothy Schonhans.
- ❖ **Westminster's homebound family** who can no longer attend worship with us by sending a card, saying a prayer, or visiting. This week we ask you to remember Carol Baker, Wesley Wing and Bob Baker, HC, both of Methodist Country House, 4830 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807.
- ❖ **Our brothers and sisters** in worldwide ministry in Guatemala, Kenya, Congo, West Africa, Mozambique and Israel/Palestine.

Westminster's Covenant Prayer Group prays weekly for specific needs of the faith community. **Anyone 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.

Iraq and Afghanistan often seem far away, and we may neglect to realize that Americans, as well as Iraqis, Afghans 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 Colleen Falasco: 302-654-5214 ext. 131, or cfalasco@wpc.org.

This week we pray for

- Those known to the WPC Community presently serving in Afghanistan:
Emily Arthur, Richard Barnett, Ann Exline Starr.
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Specialist David Taylor, age 20, of Dixon, Kentucky
Corporal Roberto Cazarez, age 24, of Harbor City, California
Specialist James Dutton, age 25, of Checotah, Oklahoma
- Those who have returned from service, possibly suffering from wounds or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

ORDER OF WORSHIP AT 9:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Thank you, Lord, for loving me when I am my most unlovable. Give me love enough to love others as you love me.

Kathy Keay

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Adagio, from Symphony no. 2

Charles-Marie Widor
(1844-1937)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved God, in you we live and move and have our being.

Jesus, Liberator, with you we walk the way of love.

Creator Spirit, through you we are made one.

Trinity of love, we seek you in the dance of life.

*HYMN NO. 412

“Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds”
Verses 1-4

FOREST GREEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we give thanks for Jesus who has taught us and shown us how to live full and abundant lives, acting justly, loving our neighbor as ourselves, caring for creation, and showing mercy.

We are sorry for the limits we have put on Your Spirit at work in us, by our unbelief, our disconnection from you and neighbor, our words and actions which have ruptured relationship, and our lack of concern for social justice and the stewardship of creation.

Give us grace to begin again in the strength and promise of your resurrection power.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
(Text: Hymn #171)
Westminster Choir and Soloists

Harry Rowe Shelley
(1858-1947)

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Susan Moseley

At the asterisk (), please stand as you are able.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I John 4: 7-21

New Testament, page 213
Fred Carspecken, Lay Reader

SERMON

“Love Dispels Fear!”
Take a moment to reflect on God’s message to you

Lawrence Stratton

*HYMN NO. 335

“Though I May Speak”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Jesus of Nazareth embodied God’s Spirit so wonderfully
that he became like a mirror to us,
showing us our true potential
when we allow this Same Spirit to work freely in our lives.
We remember Jesus
grateful for his light and inspiration
in the human search for meaning
and the care for all creation.
We are grateful for insights assuring us that:
We are temples of God’s Spirit.
We are earthen jars that hold a treasure.
We are God’s work of art.
Our loving is intertwined with the Spirit of Love.
The Spirit of Love lives in us.
Perfect love casts out fear.
Love never ends.**

Praying a New Story, Michael Morwood (adapted)

OFFERTORY

*During the offering, please sign your name and pass the red folder to the person next to you.
As folders are returned to the center aisle, note the names of fellow worshippers on your pew.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
(Text: Hymn #376)

James Biery
(b. 1956)

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn No. 591)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER (page 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, using “debts” and “debtors”)

*HYMN No. 359

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

MORE LOVE TO THEE

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Divertissement

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

GOING FORTH

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to meet today’s ambassador, Brud Bacon, at the back of the sanctuary. He will have a gift for you, and can share information regarding our many ministries for children, youth and adults.



Adult Education Classes This Morning

Membership Exploration Class – today and next Sunday, May 6 in Classroom 5

Facilitators: Anne Gunn and Karen Dietz

This class will cover a brief history of Westminster Church, what is distinctive about Presbyterian belief and church government, the expectations of members and the opportunities for spiritual growth and service. Those interested in joining Westminster will meet with our governing board, the session, at the end of the class on May 6th, at 10:50 a.m.

POLO (Parents of Little Ones) – Sundays, in Rodney Chapel

The POLO class will resume the DVD program called, *Saving Jesus*. This series explores the relevance of Jesus Christ for the third millennium. If you want to hear the gospel again and receive it with new understanding, please join us this Sunday in Rodney Chapel. The DVD will begin at 10:15 followed by discussion led by Susan Moseley, and all are welcome.

Christianity’s Family Tree: What Other Christians Believe and Why
by Adam Hamilton.

Facilitator: Jill Getty – Through May 20 in the Meeting Room

Adam Hamilton is Senior Pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. The author of several books, he was named by PBS’s Religion and Ethics Newsweekly as one of the “Top Ten People to Watch”. Hamilton will teach us about other Christian denominations and faith traditions.

This Morning: Anglicanism

ORDER OF WORSHIP AT 11:15 A.M.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Songs of Celebration

"I Love You, Lord"

The musical score for "I Love You, Lord" is written in 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff is in treble clef and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor - ship". The second staff is in bass clef and contains the melody for the second line: "you, O my soul re - jice. Take joy, my King in what you hear,". The third staff is in bass clef and contains the melody for the third line: "may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear." The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The score includes bar lines and rests.

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Hymn No. 376

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
Verses 1 & 2

HYFRYDOL

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we give thanks for Jesus who has taught us and shown us how to live full and abundant lives, acting justly, loving our neighbor as ourselves, caring for creation, and showing mercy.

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Give us grace to begin again in the strength and promise of your resurrection power. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

*Passing of the Peace

At the asterisk (), please stand as you are able.*

Song

“He Came Down”

He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may
 have love; he came down that we may have love, Hal-le lu-jah for-ev-er - more.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the second line. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) over the notes 'may', 'love', and 'more' in the first line, and 'love', 'may', and 'more' in the second line.

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Scripture Lesson

I John 4: 7-21

New Testament, page 213
Barbara Stratton, Lay Reader

Sermon

“Love Dispers Fear!”
Take a moment to reflect on God’s message to you

Lawrence Stratton

Response

“Love the Lord Your God”

Love the Lord, your God, _____ with all your heart. _____

9 Love the Lord, your God, _____ with all your soul. _____ Love the

18 Lord, your God, _____ with all your mind. _____ Love the

26 Lord, your God, _____ with all that you are. _____

The musical notation is in G major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. It consists of four staves. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are measure numbers 9, 18, and 26 at the beginning of the second, third, and fourth staves respectively.

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Offering

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As folders are returned to the center aisle, note the names of fellow worshippers on your pew.*

Offertory Anthem

“Jesus Take the Wheel”
Youth Choir

Prayers of the People

Prayer Refrain

“Live in Charity”



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Lord's Prayer (page 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, using “debts” and “debtors”)

*Closing Song

“God’s Great Love Is So Amazing!”

**God's great love is so amazing!
See — a shepherd with his flocks!
Ninety-nine are safely grazing;
one is lost among the rocks.
That good shepherd goes and searches
till he finds the one astray.
So God says to fill our churches
with the ones who've lost their way.**

**God in love is always seeking!
See — a woman with her broom!
For a single coin she's sweeping
every corner of the room.
When it's found she calls each neighbor,
telling friends from all around.
So God says to search and labor
till God's precious ones are found.**

*Benediction

*Response

**God keeps waiting, searching, yearning!
See — a father's heartfelt joy!
Thankful for his son's returning,
he runs out to greet his boy.
To the angry older brother,
hear the father's patient call.
So God says to love each other,
for in Christ, God loves us all.**

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**A Very Special THANK YOU to Our Members and Staff
Who Served as Teachers, Leaders, Coordinators, and Facilitators in
Christian Education for the 2011 – 2012 Program Year**

Cribbery

Susan Sprague (Administrator), Margit Stradley (Scheduler), Kim Carrick, Chelsea Collins, Melissa Dulin, Erin Lee, Gen Wallace-Roe,
Substitutes: Nancy Doyle, Mary Field, Pam Richardson, Gen Wallace-Roe, Sue Weisinger

Godly Care and Under Six

Becky Arnold, Jen Barrington, Tia Becktel, Robin Burkhardt, Gina Campanella, Jeanne Checkel, Ellen Clarke, Susan Davis, Mark Gerstenschlager, Jim Hearn, Laura & Rick Holmes, Becky Huzar, Kali Kniel, Elizabeth & Tim Langlois, Kristen Marvel, Jen Mathe, Dale McKenzie, Alex & Ed Morton, Kristen & Adam Poff, Rachel Psaros, Carrie Saathoff, Shelly Sprague, Jennifer Steiner, Lisa Stoddard, Natalia Thompson, Anne Waldburger, Sue Weisinger, Shelly Wilson, Suzanne & Jason Wolff

Godly Play

Diane Chandler, Caroline Glaeseman, Dede Johnston, Carla Krupanski, Patti Ridout, Judy Stoffer, Barbara Stratton

Hebrew Scouts

Chris Daley, Tammy Daley, Peter Dietz, Matthew Kunz, Mike Kunz, Amy Lengel, Kelly McCulloch, Emily Pfaff, Paula Piercy, Todd Piercy, Jan van Amerongen, Kathryn van Amerongen

Treasure Seekers

Dani Kidd, Susan Moseley

D.R.U.M.

Linda Cox, Mary Beth Davis (Director), Dani Kidd, Malcolm Stoddard, Leslie Wagner, Steve Wermus

Sunshine Choir

Sarah Mays Etshman, Alex Knepper, Emily Knepper, Patti Ridout, Sandie Reinicker (Director), Shelly Sprague

Middle Schoolers on the Move

Meg Burich, Walt Huzar, Keith Pfaff, Susan Williamson

Confirmation

Cathy Higgins, Keith McGowan, Chip Pfleegor

Senior High Gathering

Bob Cox, Matt Hoopes, Tara Hoopes, Jerry Spilecki, Sue Spilecki

180 Youth Ministry

Mary Beth Davis, Grant Firestone, Cathy Globber, Mike Gnade, Rose Gnade, Suzie Hurlock, Drew McPheeters, Bob Moore, Susan Moseley, Tina Rydgren

Adult Leaders and Facilitators

Pam Bailey, Karen Beer, Bob Cox, Jill Getty, Anne Gunn, Shelley Gnade, Marybeth Howard, Greg Jones, Bill Kaye, Anne Ledbetter, Dave McBride, Susan Moseley, Kent Quisel, Margo Reign, Janet Steinwedel, Steve Steinwedel, Bob Stoddard, Rick Thomas

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE CHORALE IN CONCERT AT WESTMINSTER

Friday, May 4, at 8:00 p.m.



We are pleased and excited to welcome back the UD Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Paul Head, for their annual performance here at Westminster. This year's program promises to be another stunning offering of sacred and secular works, including a selection of rousing spirituals.

The UD Chorale is among the most highly regarded college choirs in the eastern United States. Among their many honors and achievements, they have performed at both regional and national conventions of the American Choral Directors Association and in 2007 won the first place Grand Prix award at the Tallinn International Choral Competition in Estonia. This summer they have been invited to perform at the International Society for Music Education World Conference in Thessaloniki, Greece, as well as to compete at the Béla Bartók International Choir Competition and Folklore Festival in Debrecen, Hungary. (These kids get around!)

Needless to say, this will surely be a spectacular "don't miss" event, as well as a great "bring your friends" opportunity. Admission is free, and an offering will be received.

~ Also on the same night ~
Art Exhibit opening at 6:30 p.m.

In conjunction with Wilmington's monthly art loop event, *Art on the Town*, Westminster will also host an art exhibit featuring paintings by Wilmington artist Donna Teleis, whose paintings "capture the amazing variety of colors in the world around us."



Pictured on the right: "At Anchor," by Donna Teleis

Congratulations to the Class of 2012!

We will recognize those graduating from high school, college or graduate school in 2012 in our bulletin on Sunday, June 10. If you would like your name listed, email Susan Moseley (smoseley@wpc.org) with the following information by May 25. Please put "Graduation" in the subject line. **If you are graduating from high school:** full name, name of your high school, and plans for the fall. **If you are graduating with a college or advanced degree:** full name, institution name, and location degree. The staff and congregation are proud of each of you. May the blessings and peace of Christ be with you always!

