



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Services of Worship
9th Sunday after Pentecost
August 14, 2011
8:30 a.m. and 10:00 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.

PASTORAL STAFF: Gregory K. Jones, Head of Staff
Anne R. Ledbetter, Associate Pastor
Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

CHURCH EDUCATOR: Susan Moseley

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: Debbie Brown

MUSIC STAFF: Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Mary Beth Davis, Director of Music for Children, Youth and Handbells

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This Morning at Westminster

8:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion in Rodney Chapel
9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Child Care for Cribbery (birth – toddler)
10:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary Sunday School for Under Six in the Under Six Classrooms
11:00 a.m.	Summer Tea and Fellowship on the Church Lawn

Deacon Team of the Month: Patty Rittenhouse, Jill Voss, Ruth Nace, George Evans

Later Today

6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room



Month of Musical Masterworks

This morning we continue our **Month of Musical Masterworks**, where each Sunday in August we have a major instrumental concerto interspersed throughout the 10:00 a.m. worship service. This morning we welcome back violinist *Timothy Schwarz*, who is the String Program Chair at Lehigh University and performs with the acclaimed Serafin String Quartet, in Brahms' monumental violin concerto. Here is the line-up for the month:

AUGUST 7

Carl Reinecke: Flute Concerto in D major, op. 283
Kimberly Reighley, flute

AUGUST 14

Johannes Brahms: Violin Concerto in D major, op. 77
Timothy Schwarz, violin

AUGUST 21

Carl Maria von Weber: Clarinet Concerto no. 2 in E-flat, op. 74
Joshua Kovach, clarinet

AUGUST 28

Felix Mendelssohn: Piano Concerto no. 1 in G minor, op. 25
Julie Nishimura, piano

WORSHIP NOTES

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. Dates available for flowers are August 21, and September 4, 11, 18.

Worship Resources – You may obtain large print hymnals and hearing devices from any usher. We provide children's bulletins for ages 7-12 during the summer. *Kids' Notes* will resume in the fall. Worship bags for children ages 3-6 are available from the ushers.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Barbara Jobe, Jean Reynard.
- ❖ **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 Dodson Barineau and Ruth Franklin, both of Cokesbury Village - HC, 726 Loveville Road, Hockessin, DE 19707.
- ❖ **Our brothers and sisters** in worldwide ministry in Guatemala, Kenya, Congo 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 overseas in Afghanistan:
Richard Barnett, Matt Burton, Leonard Kosicki, Ann Exline Starr
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Corporal Michael Nolen, age 22, of Spring Valley, Wisconsin
Lance Corporal Mark Goyet, age 22, of Sinton, Texas
Lance Corporal John Farias, age 20, of New Braunfels, Texas
Staff Sergeant Donald Stacy, age 23, of Avondale, Arizona
Captain Matthew Nielson, age 27, of Jefferson, Iowa
Captain David Van Camp, age 29, of Wheeling, West Virginia
Specialist Robert Tenney, Jr., age 29, of Warner Robins, Georgia
Sergeant Chad Frokjer, age 27, of Maplewood, California
Corporal Kyle Schneider, age 23, of Phoenix, New York
Private 1st Class James Waters, age 21, of Cloverdale, Indiana
Staff Sergeant Michael Garcia, age 27, of Bossier City, Louisiana
Sergeant Nicanor Amper, IV, age 36, of San Jose, California
Specialist Preston Suter, age 22, of Sandy, Utah
Staff Sergeant Joshua Throckmorton, age 28, of Battle Creek, Michigan
Specialist Jordan Schumann, age 24, of Port St. Lucie, Florida
- 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 8:30 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*May we discover that the road we didn't choose,
didn't want to travel,
is a highway that leads unerringly
towards the light.*

Frances Copsey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,
To the rising of this life itself.
Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,
The hand of God between us and each hand.
The pain of Christ between us and each pain,
The love of Christ between us and each love.
O God, who brought us to the bright light of this new day,
Bring us to the guiding light of eternity.

*HYMN NO. 489

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

UNSER HERRSCHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our lives, we confess our anxieties and faithlessness. In the face of economic uncertainty, frustrations with elected leaders, violence in Wilmington as well as the world, and a populace that seeks comfort and instant cures, we fall easily into despair. Help us to remember your steadfast love affirmed in scripture and revealed in Christ. Renew our trust in you that we may live each day in the confidence of your sovereign grace and powerful presence.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God promises that in the midst of our brokenness, despair and our failures, there are signs of wholeness, hope, and resurrection.

**The stories we share with one another tell of God's work in us, in our lives,
and in our world.**

Behold, God is making all things new!

In Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven.

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 45:1-15

Barbara Hoover, Lay Liturgist

SERMON

“Becoming Theologians of Our Own Lives”

Anne Ledbetter

OFFERING

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Eternal God...

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Gracious God, you have given us life and all goodness, and you bring us daily to new life in Jesus Christ. Re-create us in Christ’s image, and fill us anew with your Spirit, that we may be your new creation and bring about your purpose in this world you love, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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PRELUDE

Violin Concerto in D major, op. 77
I. Allegro non troppo
Timothy Schwarz, violin

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

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TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Anne Ledbetter

*After Time with our Children, children up through 2nd Grade may leave for Summer Sunday School.
Older children remain in worship with their families.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 45:1-15

Old Testament, page 39
Dick Jolly, Lay Liturgist

SERMON

“Becoming Theologians of Our Own Lives”

Anne Ledbetter

RESPONSE

**Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.**

HYMN TO JOY

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ.
I believe that behind the clouds of life shines the love of God.
I believe that God has a purpose for the world and a purpose for me.
I believe that God wills the blessedness of all lives and of every single life.
I believe that Jesus Christ saves life from the power of sin and sorrow and death.
I believe in the life-giving power and grace of the Holy Spirit.
I believe that God calls me to love and service.
I believe in the grace of Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit.**

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

Violin Concerto in D major
II. Adagio

Brahms

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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SANDON

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Violin Concerto in D major
III. Allegro giocoso

Brahms

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to meet today's ambassador, Bill Nace, 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.

Please join us for tea and fellowship on the Church Lawn following the service.

NEXT SUNDAY IS BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!

During the 10:00 service we will dedicate both

- ❖ the backpacks we have prepared for inner city children, and
- ❖ the backpacks of our own children.

So Kids, next Sunday bring your school backpacks to church!

If you missed buying school supplies for Westminster Backpack Project, you may still write a check to Westminster and designate "Backpacks" on the memo line.

Plan to stay after 10:00 worship August 21 as our deacons host us for an Ice Cream Social!

Ice Cream makes a great appetizer to any lunch☺



LET'S BUILD TWO HOUSES!

Habitat "Road Show Build" - Westminster's front lawn Saturday, September 24.

We will work in two-hour shifts, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to hammer together the framing sections for two homes for the Mathias and Baker families, recipients of homes from the June 2011 *Bike 2 Build* event.

Everyone may participate! Adults and youth ages 16 years and older can wield a hammer and take part in the actual house construction. Those ages 7 to 15 years will construct and paint toolboxes for the Habitat homeowners. Child care will be provided for children ages six years and younger.

Come be part of this terrific event, and remember to wear your red *Bike 2 Build* t-shirt or pick one up if you don't already have one. Volunteer sign-up forms are available on the main literature table at the church.

Pictured on right: Our last Habitat build on the church lawn back in 2007.

FAITH IN ACTION
making a difference

