



Service of Worship 13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2013
8:30 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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An Earth Care Congregation of the PC (USA)

This Morning at Westminster

7:30 a.m.	Women's Retreat Planning – Staff Conference Room
8:15 a.m. – 11:15 p.m.	Nursery for babies and toddlers
8:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion in Rodney Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary
	Sunday School for ages 2 – 2 nd Grade following <i>Time with Our Children</i> in Preschool Suite – Classroom D
11:00 a.m.	Summer Tea / Ice Cream Social in Community Hall
11:30 a.m.	Flying Solo Brunch – Catherine Rooney's

Deacon Team of the Month

Jill Voss, Sue Weissinger, Mary Laskaris, Pam Bailey, Teresa Lunardi, Bob Moore

Later Today

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

We welcome the Reverend Dr. Jacqueline F. Taylor, Director of Speer Trust and Associate Executive for our New Castle Presbytery. Jackie is a native of Washington, D.C.; a graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park; and received both her Master of Divinity, and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington. Jackie joined New Castle Presbytery in 1999 and became Mia's mom in 2002.

This morning's 8:30 worship service reflects some of the worship elements found in our *Living Mosaics* Worship service at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings September – May. We welcome Justin Gonzalez, *Living Mosaics* Song Leader, Bob Cox, *Living Mosaics* Technology. We also welcome to the piano, *Living Mosaics* Worship Coordinator, Mary Beth Davis.

WORSHIP NOTES

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Chad Miller from his family.

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. The next available date is September 15.

Are you wearing a nametag? Whether you are a long-time member or new to the church, wearing a nametag provides others the opportunity to meet you, greet you by name, and for you to become more familiar with others at church. You will find nametags and markers in baskets at all major entrances.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **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 at Jenners Pond: Rachel Lowthian, 3107 Greenbriar Lane; and Paul and Virginia Weber, 100 Sycamore Drive, Suite 116, West Grove, PA. 19390.
- ❖ **Our brothers and sisters** in worldwide ministry in Guatemala, Congo, Kenya, Mozambique, West Africa, Israel/Palestine, Jordan, and Iraq.

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.

Afghanistan often seems far away, and we may neglect to realize that Americans, as well as 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:
Brendan Bowen and Steve Wilson
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Lance Corporal Jared W. Brown, age 20, of Youngstown, Florida
Sergeant Justin R. Johnson, age 25, of Hobe Sound, Florida
Specialist Ember M. Alt, age 21, of Beech Island, South Carolina
Specialist Robert W. Ellis, age 21, of Kennewick, Washington
Specialist William R. Moody, age 30, Burleson, Texas
- 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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Lord of Life, we greet this new day sustained by the great cloud of witnesses who praise your name. Help us to lay aside any burden or distraction that might prevent us from fully serving you this day. Give us such steadfastness and joy that when this day ends we may still be confident of your presence and aware of your blessings

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Gloria a Dios”

Please join in singing at Justin’s direction

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 50:1-2

The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

The earth declares God’s beauty.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

God’s word shines forth in glory.

*SONG

“Gather Us In”

1st verse: Justin Verses 2 & 3: All

1. Here in this place a new light is streaming, now is the dark - ness
2. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
3. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,
4 van - ished a - way, see in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light - years a - way, here in this place the new light is shin - ing,
7 brought here to you in the light of this day. Gath - er us in the
call us a - new to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the
now is the King - dom, and now is the day. Gath - er us in and
12 lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in the blind and the lame; call to us now, and
wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and
hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and make us your own; gath - er us in all
16 we shall a - wak - en, we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
teach us to fash - ion lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
peo - ples to - geth - er, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even in our faithlessness, God loves us still, and waits in mercy to forgive.

**Trusting in the promises given in our baptism,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.**

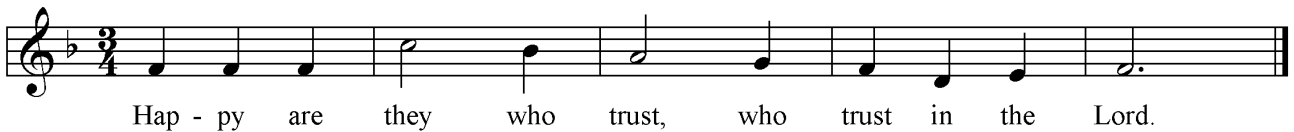
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing,
but we do not always believe.
You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear.
You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have.
You call us to watch at all times for you, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.
Forgive us. Increase our hope. Enlarge our hearts,
and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the every day.
For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Psalm 1



*PASSING THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 3:5-12

Alex Sprague, Lay Reader

SERMON

“The Day the Air Conditioning Went Out ”

Jackie Taylor

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

Mindful of the abundance we have received at God's hand,
we offer now ourselves and our gifts to God's world.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The table of the bread and the cup is now made ready.

It is the table of the company of Jesus and all who love him.

It is the table of sharing with the hungry, the searching, the poor of the world,
and all with whom Jesus identified.

**It is the table of communion with the earth, in which the Christ became
incarnate.**

It is Christ who meets us here.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We offer you praise dear God, and our hearts are lifted high,

for in the communion of your love,

Christ comes close to us,

and we come close to Christ.

Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us ...

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

**We trust, O God, in your provision and loving Kindness
given to us in the gifts of your table.**

**With these, and with all your many provisions for our lives,
may we go forth this day to bear fruit for you in our praise,
our thanksgiving, and our deeds of love and service.**

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our redeemer and Friend. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 386

"O for a World"

AZMON

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

REMINDER: Sunday Worship Times

SEPTEMBER 1

One Service @ 10:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
Hymn Sing Sunday

STARTING SEPTEMBER 8

9:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

11:15 a.m.
Living Mosaics Worship in Rodney Chapel

Holy Toast Café reopens!

FAITH IN ACTION
transforming lives



Blessing of the Backpacks & Ice Cream Social TODAY

Be sure to join us at the 10:00 a.m. worship service as we launch our children and youth into the upcoming school year with God's abundant blessings and the love and support of our church family.

We will also present the filled backpacks we have gathered to representatives of EastSide Charter and UrbanPromise elementary schools, who will distribute them to students when they return later this month. If you haven't made your donation, it's not too late! Thank you for your support.

*Join us for an Ice Cream Social
after the 10:00 am. worship
service in Community Hall!*

MEET MISSION WORKERS IN CONGO: BOB AND KRISTI RICE

*A Very Special
Wonderful Weeknight Event*

**Wednesday, September 4
5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in Community Hall**



This *Wonderful Weeknight* event is open to all, especially families with children and youth. Please sign up at the reception desk or e-mail Susan Moseley (smoseley@wpc.org) so we can provide enough tables.

Enjoy a great pasta supper for the family and an opportunity to talk with Bob and Kristi Rice, two PC(USA) mission co-workers presently on leave from their work in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Following supper and a short presentation, the Rices will invite questions from the children and youth, as well as provide an activity for our kids to connect directly with kids in Congo.

This event is sponsored jointly by the Church in the World and Christian Education Committees.

PASTORS

Gregory K. Jones, Head of Staff
Thomas R. Stout, Parish Associate
Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

MUSIC LEADERS

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Mary Beth Davis, Director of Music for Children, Youth and Handbells
Sandie Reinicker, Director of Sunshine Choir
Section Leaders/Soloists: Diana Milburn, Sharon Babcock, Justin Gonzalez, Jerry Polman

CHURCH EDUCATOR: Susan Moseley

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Susan Moseley, Mary Beth Davis, Mike Gnade, and Drew McPheeters

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: Debbie Brown

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WORLDWIDE MINISTRY

Guatemala – Cedepca, Karla Koll, Amanda Craft, Rosario Diaz and the Mam Presbytery
Kenya – JOHABETO Ruth and Martin Shikuku, Kitale,
Congo – PCUSA Missionaries Bob and Kristi Rice, John and Gwenda Fletcher, Timothee Kalonji Matadi,
Cecilé de Sweemer, MD, Pastor Jean-Marc Katujudi Nkuna and Members of the Kamulumba-Ditalala Parish
West Africa – PCUSA Missionaries Jeff and Kristi Boyd
Mozambique – Macia Presbyterian Church
Jordan/Israel/Palestine – Doug Dicks
Iraq – Kara Francis – International Rescue Committee

SESSION

Jen Barrington, Sue Bryde, Jeanne Checkel, Joe Daley, Charlie Depfer, Mary Field,
Nancy Fleming, Mike Gnade, Anne Gunn, Mary-beth Howard, Dick Jolly, John Krill
Jen Mathé, Jon McPheeters, Ed Morton, Fred Nelson, Roland Pamm, Polly Pyle-Carter
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