



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Services of Worship
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 28, 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 in the Sanctuary
	Sunday School for Under Six in the Under Six Classrooms
11:00 a.m.	Summer tea and fellowship in Rodney Chapel

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 conclude our month-long series of instrumental concertos presented during the 10:00 o'clock worship services. Today we welcome back pianist *Julie Nishimura* to play Mendelssohn's sparkling Piano Concerto in G minor. A faculty member in the University of Delaware Music Department, Julie performs extensively as soloist, accompanist, and in chamber music ensembles.

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. The next available date for flowers is October 30.

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:

- ❖ **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 Lois Rogers, 3102 Greenbriar Lane, West Grove, PA 19390 and Jack Remsen, Methodist Country House, 4830 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807.
- ❖ **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 in Afghanistan:
Richard Barnett, Matt Burton, Leonard Kosicki, Ann Exline Starr
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Staff Sergeant Wyatt Goldsmith, age 28, of Colville, Washington
Specialist Frank Gross, age 25, of Oldsmar, Florida
Lance Corporal Jabari Thompson, age 22, of Brooklyn, New York
Sergeant 1st Class Kenneth Elwell, age 33, of Holland, Pennsylvania
Private 1st Class Tyler Springman, age 19, of Hartland, Maine
Sergeant Mark Cofield, age 25, of Colorado Springs, Colorado
Sergeant Omar Jones, age 28, of Crook, Colorado
Sergeant Brian Mowery, age 49, of Halifax, Pennsylvania
Staff Sergeant Kenneth VanGiesen, age 30, of Erie, Pennsylvania
Sergeant Edward Koehler, age 47, of Lebanon, Pennsylvania
Staff Sergeant James Christen, age 29, of Loomis, California
Sergeant Jacob Molina, age 27, of Houston, Texas
Master Sergeant Benjamin Stevenson, age 36, of Canyon Lake, Texas
Specialist Augustus Vicari, age 22, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
2nd Lieutenant Jered Ewy, age 33, of Edmond, Oklahoma
Private 1st Class Brice Scott, age 22, of Columbus, Georgia
Sergeant Dennis Kancler, age 26, of Brecksville, Ohio
Staff Sergeant Patrick Dolphin, age 29, of Moscow, Pennsylvania
- 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

Wise and eternal God, speak to me in this morning's worship, that I may be grounded in your truth. Where I am lacking understanding, clarify your ways. Where I am deficient in devotion, inspire my commitment. Where I am short on courage, strengthen my resolve. I pray that I may become a faithful follower of Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are those who trust in God
and hunger to find meaning in their lives.

**We yearn to deepen our faith in God
and to discover God's guidance.**

Blessed are those who serve God with joy,
touching the lives of others with a spirit of hope.

**We intend to give our best to God,
bearing fruit in all we say and do.**

*HYMN No. 487

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

LAUDES DOMINI

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ challenges us to examine our wayward thoughts and desires.

Let us be honest with ourselves and with God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we have relied on the treasures of earth for our meaning.
When they do not satisfy, we try to fill the void with more things.
We cling to our possessions as if they could save us,
and embrace our habits as if there were no other way.
We settle for appearances rather than substance,
for looking good rather than doing good.
We want to change, but renewal is risky,
and we find it hard to commit ourselves
to the one whose devotion led to a cross.
We reach for the forgiveness and courage you alone can give. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 16:21-28

Robin Rosser, Lay Liturgist

SERMON

“The Challenge”

Greg Jones

OFFERING

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

According to the standards of our culture, this is not an elaborate feast.

It is not how the world teaches us to eat, drink and be merry.

Yet this meal is the ultimate celebration because at this table we receive food for our souls.

Let us feast on the food of heaven that unites us with God and one another.

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

*HYMN No. 371

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

*BENEDICTION

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PRELUDE

Piano Concerto no. 1 in G minor, op. 25
I. Molto allegro con fuoco
Julie Nishimura, piano

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

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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.*

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Matthew 16:21-28

New Testament, page 16
John Gavenonis, Lay Liturgist

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CRUCIFER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In forming his people and sending them into the world
Jesus called individuals to be disciples.
They were to share the joy of his companionship,
to understand and obey his teachings,
and to follow him in life and death.
We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.
Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ
is God's undeserved gift to each of us.
It is also God's demand upon each of us,
never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.
Forgiven by God and supported by fellow believers,
we strive to become more faithful and effective
in living the Christian life.** *A Declaration of Faith*

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

Piano Concerto in G minor
II. Andante

Mendelssohn

*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. 421

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”
Verses 1-5

WAREHAM

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Piano Concerto in G minor
III. Presto; Molto allegro e vivace

Mendelssohn

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to meet today's ambassador, Elizabeth Poole, at the back of the sanctuary. She 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 in Rodney Chapel following the service.

Christian Education Open House

Sunday, September 11
10:10 – 11:00 a.m.
Community Hall

All programs and educational ministries will be presented so you can explore, ask questions, and sign up for specific offerings.

LET'S BUILD TWO HOUSES ON OUR FRONT LAWN!

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 in memory of Chad and Chris Miller.

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



SUNDAY SCHEDULE STARTING IN SEPTEMBER



September 4

10:00 a.m. One Worship Service

September 11 – May 13[†]

9:00 a.m. Worship*

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. Godly Time

10:10 – 11:00 a.m. 10:10 Christian Education for All Ages

11:15 a.m. Worship*

The *Holy Toast Café* is open in Community Hall throughout the morning. Stop in for refreshments and fellowship!

[†]Except for one-service Sundays, which are currently scheduled for December 25 (10:00 a.m.), January 1 (10:00 a.m.) and January 29 (9:00 a.m.).

*Kids' Notes and Worship Bags are available at the sanctuary entrances before both the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. worship services.



Races2Run.com

Sunday, September 18, 2011
Wilmington, DE

FAMILY 5K Run/Walk

Honorary Chairs:

The Honorable and Mrs. Thomas R. Carper

The Honorable and Mrs. Michael N. Castle

Grab your running shoes as we celebrate WPC's 125th anniversary with a Family 5K Run/Walk! Our Honorary Chairs will be at the starting line at 1:00 p.m.! Registration forms are available online at www.wpc.org or on the main literature table by the front desk.

For questions or if you would like to volunteer on the day of the race, contact Cindy Love (LovesDE@comcast.net) or Sally McBride (sfmcbride@comcast.net).

Proceeds Benefit:



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