



Services of Worship
2nd Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2010
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.

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
Section Leaders/Soloists: Diana Milburn, Ruth Bailis, Justin Gonzalez, Brian Carter

This Morning at Westminster

8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. The Holy Toast Café, in Classroom 6, offers free coffee and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar per item.

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

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. Worship with Communion, choir and organ

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 music, crafts, prayers and stories. Classes are in **Under Six Classroom A.**
- ❖ **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.**
- ❖ **Godly Kids** – Children in grades 2, 3 and 4 will become “Hebrew Scouts,” re-living the stories of the Exodus. You may pick up your children in **Under Six Classroom C** following worship.

10:10 a.m.

Education for All Ages

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| ➤ Under Six Sunday School | Under Six Classrooms |
| ➤ Sunshine Choir for K - 2 nd Grade | Classroom 7 |
| ➤ D.R.U.M. for Grades 3 - 6 | Youth Music Room |
| ➤ Middle Schoolers on the Move - Grades 6 - 8 | Classroom 1 |
| ➤ Confirmation Class for 9 th Graders | Classroom 8 |
| ➤ Senior High Gathering | Classroom 3 |
| ➤ Adult Education Classes | See page 7 |

11:15 a.m. – noon

Worship with Communion, hymns, songs and creative liturgy. Children are always welcome in worship, however, childcare is available in Under Six for ages 2 through Grade 2.

Deacon Team of the Month

Kris DeMesse, Barbara Fedeler, Ralph Lewis and Eadie Churchill

Later Today

12:15 p.m.	180° Dinner Theater – <i>Operation Christ Child</i>	Community Hall
1:00 p.m.	Homebound Communion	Rowell Conference Room
4:00 p.m.	Pacem in Terris	Rodney Chapel
4:30 p.m.	Living with Loss	Ruth Christie Room
6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room

WORSHIP NOTES

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband George from Sonja Pfautz. The flowers in the Narthex are from yesterday's memorial service for Erma Bowen.

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. Dates available for flowers are: January 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Worship Resources – You may obtain large print hymnals and hearing devices from any usher. Worship bags for children ages 3-6 and *Kids' Notes* for ages 7-12 are available from the ushers. *Kids' Notes* emphasize *listening* and *seeing* during worship.

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. Send a card, say a prayer, visit! This week we ask you to remember: Elva Carty, AL and Louis Frick, AL, both of Cokesbury Village, 726 Loveville Road, Hockessin, DE 19707.
- ❖ **Our brothers and sisters** in worldwide ministry in Guatemala, Kenya, Congo and 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 Iraq or Afghanistan:
Iraq: Chase James and Susan Harcke Afghanistan: Shawn Galbraith
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Lance Corporal Irvin Cenicerros, age 21, of Clarksville, Arkansas
Sergeant Eric Newman, age 30, of Waynesboro, Mississippi
Lance Corporal James Boelk, age 24, of Oceanside, California
Sergeant Ian Tawney, age 25, of Dallas, Oregon
Private 1st Class Dylan Reid, age 24, of Springfield, Missouri
Corporal Jorge Villarreal, Jr., age 22, of San Antonio, Texas
Lance Corporal Francisco Jackson, age 24, of Elizabeth, New Jersey
Staff Sergeant Joshua Cullins, age 28, of Simi Valley, California
Specialist Gerald Jenkins, age 19, of Circleville, Ohio
Staff Sergeant Kenneth McAninch, age 28, of Logansport, Indiana
- 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

Thanks be to God for the language of love, for the struggle for peace, for the witness to truth, for justice and mercy, for death and new life, as we know them in our lives, and through the life of Jesus Christ.

Janet Lees, England

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Voluntary on *Winchester New*
(Tune: Hymn #10)

C. S. Lang

CALL TO WORSHIP

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

For those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them, light has shined.

For a child has been born for us; and he is named:

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

As we light the second candle, we remember that the coming of Christ brings us peace.

Procession of God's Light

Acolyte: Jan van Amerongen

*As the acolyte lights the candle of **peace**, we remember that Christ is the Light of the world.*

*HYMN No. 9

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

CALL TO CONFESSION

The prophets and John the Baptist call us to turn away from sin, to amend our lives, and to hold fast to the promises of God.

As we prepare for Christ's coming, let us confess our sin against God and neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We long for you to come to us, Creator of Goodness.

But too often, we do not seem to share your vision of how the world should be, or how we are to live.

You dream of resentful enemies sitting down together, but we feast on bitterness.

You envision a realm of justice and peace, but we ignore injustice and seek our own welfare.

You would have us serve others, but we become absorbed with ourselves.

Forgive us, Approaching God, and help us to turn to you with open minds and open hearts.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is God's word of acceptance and affirmation: we are forgiven, we are loved,
we are called to be servants to all creation. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Greg Jones

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

Old Testament, page 600
Barbara Hoover, Lay Liturgist

SERMON

“Pipedream or Sacred Promise?”

Anne Ledbetter

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“When Jordan Hush’d His Waters Still”
Westminster Choir

George Oldroyd

When Jordan hush’d his waters still,
And silence slept on Syon’s hill,
When Bethlem’s shepherds through the night,
Watch’d o’er their flocks by starry light,

Lo! swift to every startled eye,
New streams of glory fire the sky,
Heav’n’s azure gates are oped to pour
Its armies on the midnight hour.

On wheels of light, on wings of flame,
The gratulating myriads came;
High heav’n with songs of triumph rung,
While loud they struck their harps and sung.

To God the Lord of power and might,
Be glory in the highest height,
For peace on earth proclaimed agen,
And tidings of good will to men.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The light of God has come into this world
To the House of Bread – given for the world
It started in Bethlehem – broken for all
Bethlehem – House of Bread.

HYMN NO. 300

“Down to Earth, as a Dove”

PERSONENT HODIE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*This prayer is adapted from a poem by Garth Hewitt from St. Catherine’s Church in Bethlehem.
Beth-lehem literally means “house – of bread.”*

Womb of our hope, let all people be fed

As we share bread in this House of Bread.

From our neighbors in the mosque we hear the call to prayer

As a candle of peace is lit in this House of Bread.

Eating bread together creates eternal bonds of love and friendship.

In Bethlehem, where God visited our world

We hear God through echoes of the angel’s songs

And our high calling is still to give glory to God and still to be peacemakers.

In this House of Bread the Spirit of the living God rejuvenates us to work in love

For peace with justice, and never to despair.

In this House of Bread the Spirit of the living God
has refreshed us to commit ourselves to one another

In joy and pain to work for healing and reconciliation.

In this House of Bread broken for all

The Spirit of the living God has renewed us.

God has become our liberator – our Redeemer

Our way and our living water.

The light of God has come into this world

To this House of Bread – given for the world.

It started in Bethlehem where Mary gave birth to the One to be broken for all.

Jesus, who feeds us with bread for the journey and pours his life out in peace.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

For anyone allergic to wheat, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

God of Advent, you have poured your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine
that we might be nourished by your grace and peace.

**Filled with your justice and righteousness,
may we go forth into the wilderness of this world,**

to bring joy and hope;

to be servants to the poor;

**to be voices for those silenced by oppression;
to be agents of reconciliation.**

Then, may we sing with the angels,

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, peace, peace!”

We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

*HYMN No. 3

“Comfort, Comfort You My People”

PSALM 42

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Her

J. S. Bach

All glory be to God on High

(Tune: Hymn #133)

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

Reading with Children to Nurture Faith

Led by Dr. Anne Ledbetter, through December 19 in the Ruth Christie Room

Parents will learn how to use “Story Time” in the home as a tool for a child’s spiritual formation. We will explore the values children learn through listening to stories, and share book lists for particular ages, topics and situations.

Golden Choices: Living into God’s Dream for our Lives

Kent Quisel, coordinator, through December 19 in the Meeting Room

Life is filled with freedoms and yet we have a calling. Scripture gives us guidance, but life presents us with many choices to make and untold consequences to balance. What determines our spiritual path and moral compass? If we do not comprehend our purpose in life, we will certainly miss ongoing opportunities to enhance our world and join in furthering God’s creation. Gifted with the ability for spiritual connection and a hunger to understand life, we face daily decisions on how to pursue growth, meaning and fulfillment as human beings.

Membership Exploration Class

Today, in Classroom 5

Greg Jones will host a Membership Exploration class for anyone interested in learning more about Westminster. We will meet in Classroom 5 (across from Community Hall). Grab a cup of coffee and join us!

Single in Today’s World

Led by Margo Reign, through December 19 in the Library

In this four-week program we will discuss being single in today’s culture and in the Church. This series will be based in part on the input received from the October 10th Table Talk. Explore one of God’s gifts to you -- the gift of singleness. Today, Elder Margo Reign continues the journey with a discussion on “singles in the Bible,” including Jesus, Ruth, Paul, and others.

Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church

DVD class and group discussion

Through December 19, in the Daughtry House Classroom (next to WPC parking lot)

Based on the book by N. T. Wright, this six session video series looks at a major question: “What happens after I die?” Wright, a contemporary Biblical scholar, asserts that Christianity’s most distinctive idea is bodily resurrection. He convincingly argues that what we believe about life after death directly affects what we believe about life before death. If God intends to renew the whole creation – and if this has already begun in Jesus’ resurrection – the church cannot stop at “saving souls” but must anticipate the eventual renewal by working for God’s kingdom in the wider world, bringing healing and hope in the present life.

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Welcome and Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

For those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them, light has shined.

For a child has been born for us; and he is named:

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

As we light the second candle,

we remember that the coming of Christ brings us peace.

Procession of God's Light

Acolyte: Ben Fischer

*As the acolyte lights the candle of **peace**, we remember that Christ is the Light of the world.*

Songs of Celebration

"Make Way"



1. Make way, make way for Christ the King in splen-dor ar-rives. Fling wide the gates and
2. He comes the bro-ken hearts to__heal, the pris-oners to free. The deaf shall hear, the



wel - come__ him in - to our lives. Make__ way, make__ way for the King of kings.
lame shall__dance, the blind shall see. Make__ way, make__ way for the King of kings.

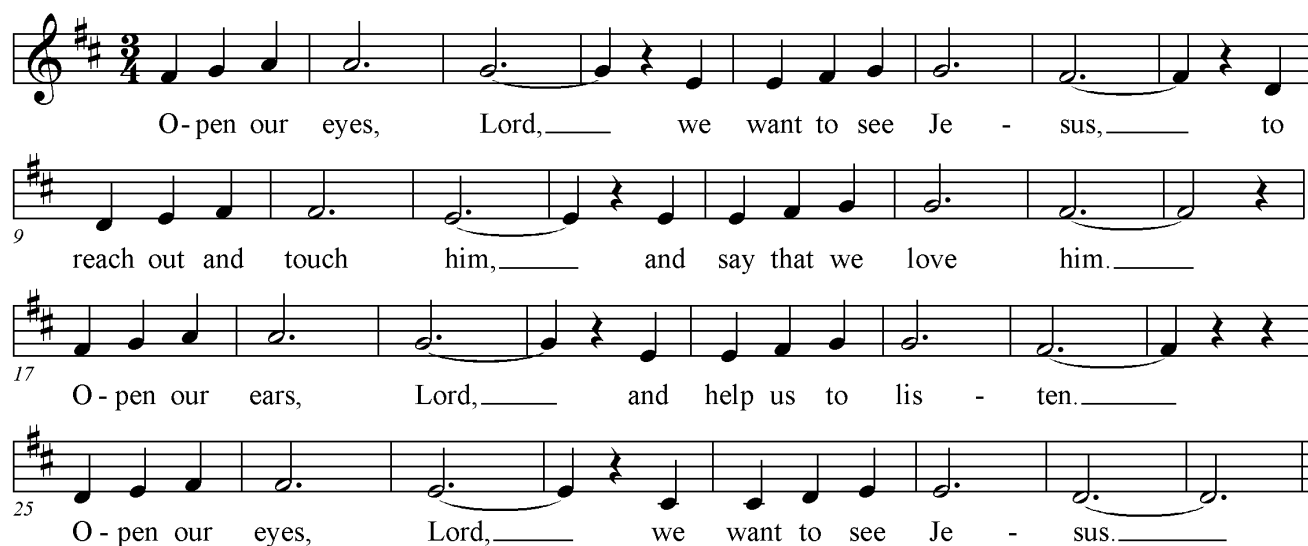


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At the asterisk (), please stand as you are able.*

“Open Our Eyes”



O-pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus, to
9 reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
17 O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to lis - ten.
25 O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

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Children's Time

Greg Jones

Scripture with Song

Isaiah 11:1-10

Old Testament, page 600
Barbara Jobe, Lay Liturgist

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.**

(Isaiah 11:1-5)

**O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.**

(Isaiah 11:6-10)

**O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Sermon

“Pipedream or Sacred Promise?”

Anne Ledbetter

Offering

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Offertory Anthem

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

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Bethlehem – House of Bread.

Communion of the People

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Communion Song

“Come and Fill Our Hearts”

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord are ho-ly." The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu - ia!". The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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Prayer Following Communion

God of Advent, you have poured your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine
that we might be nourished by your grace and peace.

**Filled with your justice and righteousness,
may we go forth into the wilderness of this world,**
to bring joy and hope;
to be servants to the poor;

**to be voices for those silenced by oppression;
to be agents of reconciliation.**

Then, may we sing with the angels,

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, peace, peace!”

We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

**In a feed box, in a stable,
 Jesus slept upon the hay;
 So, our God, you came among us,
 Bringing peace on earth that day.
 Beautiful upon the mountain!
 Christ, you bring us God’s shalom;
 May we share your love and justice
 In each land and town and home.**

**In a shelter, poor and homeless,
 Sleeps a child upon her bed;
 In a basement hides a family,
 Bombs exploding overhead.
 Jesus, you knew want and hunger;
 Your own family fled the sword.
 May we see you, may we hear you,
 In each one oppressed or poor.**

**In the church, we seek your presence;
 Prince of Peace, you meet us here:
 See! A person seeking shelter.
 See! Another filled with fear.
 See! A world where lives are broken;
 Give us strength and help us care,
 Till our love for every neighbor
 Fills each thought and act and prayer.**

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*Benediction

*Response

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el, his name is called
 7 Em-man - u - el. God with us, re-vealed in us,
 13 his name is called Em - man - u - el.

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CHRISTMAS 2010 MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

You are invited to place poinsettias in our Sanctuary for services on Christmas Eve in memory of loved ones or to honor someone. Each plant costs \$20. Please complete this form, make checks payable to *Westminster Presbyterian Church*, and return to Susan Alexander at the front desk by Tuesday, December 14.

In Memory Of: _____
Deceased Name

In Honor Of: _____

Given By: _____
Donor's Name and Telephone Number

Number of Plants _____ x \$20.00 each

_____ I will pick up my poinsettia after the Christmas Eve service I attend.

_____ Please deliver my poinsettia to a homebound member.



Christmas Musical Celebration

Next Sunday, December 12 at 4:00 p.m.

featuring

The Westminster Choir

Reverberations Handbell Choir

Brass, Percussion and Organ