



Service of Worship
1st Sunday after Christmas
January 1, 2012
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
Section Leaders/Soloists: Diana Milburn, Susan Rheingans,
Justin Gonzalez, Raymond Sambolin

This Morning at Westminster

Deacon Team of the Month

Beth Bowersock, Kris DeMesse, Patti Ridout, Emily Crawford

9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Child Care for Cribbery (birth – toddler)

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

11:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship in Rodney Chapel

Later Today

6:00 p.m. Clean But Not Straight – NA

Club Room

8:00 p.m. AA

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WORSHIP NOTES

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 January 8, 15 and 29.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated this morning.

Guest organist: We're pleased to welcome *Mr. Jayson Engquist* for his "debut" appearance at Westminster's organ console this morning. A long-time friend of Paul Fleckenstein, Jayson currently resides in New York, where he serves as music editor for Transcontinental Music Publications and organist at Larchmont Temple, and is a much-in-demand substitute organist and choral singer.

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.

Food Collection. This morning we are collecting food for the nearby food bank at Hanover Presbyterian Church. Jim Carter is in his truck near the 1502 doors to collect your non-perishable food items. Also, there are collection barrels inside the 1502 doors (down the steps), the Community Hall doors and the glass doors on Pennsylvania Avenue.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Robert Baker, Jr., Dorothy McCutchen.
- ❖ **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 Rocchina Leoncavallo, 1724 Shadybrook Road, Wilmington, DE 19803 and Frieda Tice, 1170 W. Main Street, Apt. 29, Stroudsburg, PA 18360.
- ❖ **Our brothers and sisters** in worldwide ministry in Guatemala, Kenya, Congo and Israel/Palestine.

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 Barnet, Edward Maloney, Ann Exline Starr, Russell Lee Thomas
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Staff Sergeant Robert Cowdrey, age 39, of Atwater, Ohio
Staff Sergeant Houston Taylor, age 25, of Hurst, Texas
Lance Corporal Scott Harper, age 21, of Winston, Georgia
Specialist Michael Elm, age 25, of Phoenix, Arizona
Staff Sergeant James Leep, Jr., age 44, of Richmond, Virginia
Staff Sergeant Jorge Oliveira, age 33, of Newark, New Jersey
- 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

Gracious God, you have called us to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden and through perils unknown. Give us faith to go forth with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern: Part I
(How Brightly Shines the Morning Star)
(Tune: Hymn #69)
Jayson Engquist, guest organist

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

CALL TO WORSHIP

God brings us to a new year!

God is with us now and always.

This is a time for new beginnings and fond farewells;

A time for passing from old securities to uncharted uncertainties.

Let the Spirit of Hope surround us.

Let our spirits rise to bless this New Year.

*HYMN No. 470

“O Day of Radiant Gladness” *ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN*
Verses 1, 3 and 4

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty One,
who brought us through the darkness of sleep
to the bright light of this new day,
guide us through this year:
in dark and light,
in pain and joy,
in snow and sun,
through heartbreak to Sonbright,
and from today’s joyous light
bring us to the guiding light of eternity.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6

New Testament, page 230
Jerry Spilecki, Lay Liturgist

COMMUNION MEDITATION

“All Things New”

Anne Ledbetter

*HYMN No. 309

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*AFFIRMATION

**We believe in the God of Life
who creates and loves people,
who acts in history
and who promises never to leave us alone.
We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,
who is our brother,
who wants not to be idolized but to be followed.
We believe that we dwell in the presence of the Holy Spirit;
without her we are nothing;
filled with her we are able to become creative, lively, and free.
We believe in the Church of Jesus Christ,
a community where we find companions and
courage for the struggles of life,
where we grow in our understanding of the faith,
through worship, prayer, nurture, and service.
We believe that God has a use for us in this time and place,
that though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
we are called to be instruments of God’s peace.
We believe in living, hoping, laughing, and
enjoying the good of the earth;
We believe that people can change, and God keeps pulling us
to life and to a new world of joy and peace.**

OFFERING

*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

“Another Year Is Dawning”
Roger Atkins, soloist

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*HYMN

“In the Singing”

Verses: *Soloist*

Refrain: *All*

Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace:

5 Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

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

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Holy One, Center of our lives,
we thank you that you are still God-with-us.
As we face the year ahead,
help us to accept the difficult parts of our lives;
help us to make the changes we must make;
bring us to new places of openness and love
toward you and the people around us;
help us to overcome the fears which keep us from fullness of life.
As we face the year ahead,
we thank you for one another and for your grace in Jesus Christ.
Help us individually and as a congregation
to be signs of your compassion, hope, joy, and unity
in this world you love, in Jesus our Christ. Amen.**

*HYMN No. 520

“Here, O Our Lord, We See You Face to Face”

MORECAMBE

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern: Part II

Buxtehude

GOING FORTH

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.

Following the service, please join in a time of fellowship and refreshments in Rodney Chapel.

A 3D rendering of the words "Happy New Year" in a bold, red, sans-serif font. The letters are thick and have a slight shadow underneath. The text is set against a white background with a light blue floor. Numerous small, red, diamond-shaped confetti pieces are scattered throughout the scene, appearing to fall from above. The entire scene is reflected on the light blue floor.

Happy
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Year

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