



**Service of Worship**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas**  
**January 2, 2011**  
**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, Ruth Bailis, Justin Gonzalez, Brian Carter

## **This Morning at Westminster**

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

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

After CHILDREN’S TIME, if you wish, your children may leave the Sanctuary and go to Under Six Sunday School in the Under Six Classrooms.

11:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship Meeting Room

11:00 a.m. Adult Ed. Winter/Spring Open House Rodney Chapel

### **Deacon Team of the Month**

Patti Ridout, Kris DeMesse, Carla Krupanski and Bob Cox

## **Later Today**

1:00 p.m. Homebound Communion Rowell Conference 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 with prayers for healing for our friend, José Varela from the Guatemala Group.

**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](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com). Dates available for flowers are: January 9, 16 and 30.

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

**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:**

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Barbara Ross, Margaret Van Hoorebeke.
- ❖ **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: Inez Cobb, HC, Cokesbury Village 726 Loveville Road, Hockessin, DE 19707 and Bob Tiews, Stonegates, Apt. 171, 4031 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807.
- ❖ **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](mailto: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:  
Sergeant Michael Paranzino, age 22, of Middletown, Rhode Island  
Specialist Blake Whipple, age 21, of Williamsville, New York  
Staff Sergeant Jordan Emrick, age 26, of Hoyleton, Illinois  
Lance Corporal Randy Braggs, age 21, of Sierra Vista, Arizona  
Private 1st Class Shane Reifert, age 23, of Cottrellville, Michigan  
Sergeant Aaron Cruttenden, age 25, of Mesa, Arizona  
Specialist Dale Kridlo, age 33, of Hughesstown, Pennsylvania  
Specialist Anthony Vargas, age 27, of Reading, Pennsylvania  
Specialist Andrew Hutchins, age 20, of New Portland, Maine
- 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

*Jesus, Light of the world,*

*When I am afraid and unsure, comfort me with the light of your presence.*

*When loneliness chills me, warm me with the light of your love.*

*When the road ahead seems dark, guide me with the light of your way.*

*When I don't understand and my thoughts are unclear,  
fill me with the light of your wisdom.*

*When I seem spent like a candle consumed, replenish me with the light of your life.*

*Then, so filled with Your light, use me, so that I, with You, may be light for the world!*

Father Wally Hyclak

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## CHORAL PRELUDE

“Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year”

Alfred Fedak

Now greet the swiftly changing year  
With joy and penitence sincere.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace  
Another year of grace.

This Jesus came to end sin's war;  
This name of names for us he bore.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace  
Another year of grace.

His love abundant far exceeds  
The volume of a whole year's needs.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace  
Another year of grace.

With him as Lord to lead our way  
In want and in prosperity,  
What need we fear in earth or space  
In this new year of grace!

“All glory be to God on high,  
And peace on earth!” the angels cry.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace  
Another year of grace.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine; for your light has come!

**And the glory of the Lord has arisen upon you.**

Lift up your eyes and look around.

**Then shall you see and be radiant.**

Arise, shine; for your light has come!

**Let us proclaim the glory of God!**

### \*HYMN No. 67

“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”

MORNING STAR

## CALL TO CONFESSION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**In the darkness of winter’s morn, we pull the covers over our heads, trying to block out your light of love, O God. We do not want to rise and shine, God, we want to sleep. Day after day, dazed and dulled by the despair of the world, we want to close our eyes. We look for you only when we need you, forgetting that you look out for us, and all our needs, all the time. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Lift up your eyes and look around. A bright new day has dawned.

**God’s light has come. God’s light shines still.**

**The light of the world burns still.**

Believe the good news:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

CHILDREN’S TIME

Anne Ledbetter

SCRIPTURE WITH SONG

John 1:1-5, 10-14

“Be Still and Know”

**Response:**

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

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**Reader:** In the beginning was the Word  
and the Word was with God  
and the Word was God.

The Word was with God at the beginning  
And through him all things were created.  
No created thing came into being without him.

**Response**

**Reader:** In the Word was life,  
and that life was the light of humankind.  
The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has never put it out.

**Response**

Reader: He was in the world;  
but the world – though it owed its being to him –  
did not recognize him.  
He came to his own,  
and his own people would not receive him.  
But to those who did receive him,  
he gave the right to become children of God,  
not through human desire, but through God alone.

**Response**

Reader: So, the Word became flesh;  
he came among us and was one of us.  
And we saw his glory,  
the glory which befits God’s only son,  
full of grace and truth.

**Response**

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Anne Ledbetter

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.*

*(Stars will be passed after the offering plate and worshippers are to take a star from the basket.)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Brightest and Best”  
(Text: Hymn #67)

Malcolm Archer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Bread of Life has come to satisfy the hungry.  
**The Good Shepherd has come to seek out the lost.**  
The Mother Hen has come to gather her chicks.  
**The Word has become flesh and dwells among us.**

\*COMMUNION HYMN NO. 327

“O Word of God Incarnate”

*MUNICH*

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...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM

A New Year Carol

Benjamin Britten

Here we bring new water from the well so clear,  
For to worship God with, this happy New Year.

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe,  
open you the west Door, and turn the Old Year go.

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin,  
Open you the east Door, and let the New Year in.

*Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine;  
The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Christ, kindle in our hearts a flame of love to our neighbor,  
to our foes, to our friends, to all your children.

**O Christ of the poor and the yearning,  
from the humblest thing that lives to the name that is highest of all,  
kindle in our hearts a flame of love.**

\*HYMN NO. 474

“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

*PUER NOBIS NASCITUR*

BLESSING

God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God,

**We bless you.**

Object of the Magi’s search, fulfillment of the prophecies, Word and Wisdom incarnate,

**We bless you.**

Mary’s son, Joseph’s son, God’s beloved Son,

**We bless you.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Puer Nobis Nascitur  
(Tune: Hymn #474)

arr. Paul Manz

GOING FORTH

*If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to meet today’s ambassador,  
Marlys Kerr, 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.*

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
*Winter/Spring 2011 Open House*

**Sunday, January 2**  
**11:00 a.m. in Rodney Chapel**

ALSO...

No Holy Toast Café this morning? No worries! Join us in the Meeting Room for coffee and fellowship following 10:00 a.m. worship. Holy Toast Café will resume on January 9.

**WPC@125**  
WESTMINSTER CELEBRATES

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1886

*125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

2011

Planning is underway for an array of year-long events, including worship services, family events, special music, members' recollections, commemorative pageantry, historical research and mission opportunities. A committee of 21, co-chaired by Mary Colbourn and Denison Hatch, is working out the details. The preliminary schedule includes:

Sunday, January 16	Opening Worship Service to recognize 125th year
Friday, February 4	Musical "Gala"
Sunday, May 22	Worship Service feat. Mozart's <i>Missa Brevis in D Major</i>
Sunday, September 18	Family Event on lawn, 5K run, neighborhood invited
Friday, November 11	Celebratory Congregational Dinner
Sunday, December 4	Concluding Worship Service

Stay tuned for more details! Frequent articles and announcements will appear in *The Chimes*, *Weekly Word* and the bulletin.