



Service of Worship
4th Sunday after Epiphany
January 29, 2012
9:00 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

8:30 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. Join us this morning for Fellowship Coffee in Community Hall.

Deacon Team of the Month

Beth Bowersock, Kris DeMesse, Patti Ridout, Emily Crawford

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

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. Worship

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 stories, crafts, songs and prayers. Classes are in **Under Six Classrooms A and C.**
- ❖ **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.**
- ❖ **Hebrew Scouts** – Children in grades 2 and 3 will become “Hebrew Scouts,” experiencing the stories of the Israelite people. You may pick up your children in **Under Six Classroom C.**
- ❖ **Treasure Seekers** – Children in grades 4 and 5 will begin with the story of Jesus’ baptism and continue with stories of Jesus’ ministry of teaching and healing. You may pick up your children in **Under Six Classroom C.**

10:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Education for All Ages

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| ➤ Under Six Sunday School | Under Six Classrooms |
| ➤ Sunshine Choir for Grades K – 2 | 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 | None today |

10:10 a.m. Annual Meeting Community Hall

11:30 a.m. Congregational Chili Lunch Community Hall

Later Today

4:00 p.m.	180° High School	Community Hall, Cl. 6, Kitchen
4:00 p.m.	180° Grades 7 & 8	Off Site Location
5:15 p.m.	180° High School	Off Site Location
6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
6:30 p.m.	Youth Choir	Youth Music Room
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room

WORSHIP NOTES

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by the Kline family in loving memory of Ann.

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 for flowers are February 26, March 11 and 18.

The Christmas Decorating Committee would like to thank Donna and Clark Collins, Dolly and Don Windsor, Jean and Bob Custin, Linda McGregor, Ralph Lewis, Robert King, Roger Atkins and Linda Watson for all their help with decorating the Sanctuary and Chapel so beautifully for the Christmas season.

Worship Resources – You may obtain large print hymnals and hearing devices from any usher. Worship bags for children ages 3-6 include a children's bulletin designed for that age. Also, children's bulletins for ages 7-12 are available from the ushers.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Erik Bryde, Jacqueline Edison, Mark Kenneally, John Little, Ross Stevens.
- ❖ **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 Dodson Barineau and Ruth Franklin, both of Cokesbury Village - HC, 726 Loveville Road, Hockessin, DE 19707.
- ❖ **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.

The Thomas family is both happy and proud to have Russell Lee Thomas back on US soil with his wife and 2 daughters. They wish to thank the congregation for the prayers offered while he was overseas.

- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Sergeant 1st Class Clark Corley, Jr., age 35, of Oxnard, California
Specialist Ryan Lumley, age 21, of Lakeland, Florida
Specialist Thomas Mayberry, age 21, of Springville, California
Lance Corporal Christopher Levy, age 21, of Ramseur, North Carolina
Specialist Ronald Wildrick, Jr., age 30, of Blairstown, New Jersey
Sergeant Christopher Muniz, age 24, of New Cuyama, California
Private Jalfred Vaquerano, age 20, of Apopka, Florida
Marine Samuel Griffith, age 36, of Virginia Beach, Florida
Petty Officer Stacy Johnson, age 35, of Rolling Fork, Mississippi
- 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

Welcoming God, you open your arms to everyone and your joyful embrace wraps the whole creation into one circle of love. As we come together today, teach us to welcome others as joyfully as you have welcomed us. Open our eyes to see those who are waiting for an invitation and nudge us to be the welcome you promise them. Amen.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Sonata no. 3 in A major
I. Con moto maestoso

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come before God in a spirit of thanksgiving,
as we recount the many blessings of this day.
We come before God with grateful hearts,
as we marvel at the wonders of the world.
We sing praises to God for the gift of life,
and for God's everlasting love.

*HYMN No. 460

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name” *GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH*

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

**Creator of heaven and earth,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul and mind
because we have been distracted by false idols.
We confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves
because we are preoccupied with our own needs.
Create in us grateful hearts for the blessings of our lives
so that we may love you with our whole being
and experience the reward of bringing joy to the lives of others.
In the name of the compassionate Christ, we pray. Amen.**

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

RESPONSE

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Cre - ate in me a clean heart. O God,
 6 and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM

“I Will Sing and Raise a Psalm”
Westminster Choir

Libby Larsen
 (b. 1950)

My heart is ready, O God. I will sing and raise a psalm. Arise my glory, Arise psalter and harp. I will arise at dawn, I will praise You among the people, O God. I will say a psalm to You among the people. Since Your mercy is exalted even unto the skies, and Your truth even to the clouds be exalted above the heavens, O God. And may Your glory be above all the earth! Amen.

(Text by St. Francis of Assisi)

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Anne Ledbetter

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 111

Old Testament, page 525
 Dede Johnston, Lay Liturgist

Praise God!

I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart,
 in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the works of the Lord,
 studied by all who delight in them.**

Full of honor and majesty is God’s work,
 and God’s righteousness endures forever.

**God has gained renown through wonderful works;
 the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

God provides food for those who fear him
 and is ever mindful of the covenant.

**God has shown his people the power of his works,
 in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

The works of God’s hands are faithful and just;
 all God’s precepts are trustworthy.

**They are established forever and ever,
 to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

God sent redemption to God’s people,
 and has commanded the covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is God’s name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
 all those who practice it have a good understanding.

To God belongs eternal praise.

SERMON

“Why Church?”
Take a moment to reflect on God’s message to you

Greg Jones

*HYMN

“In Unity We Lift Our Song”

EIN’ FESTE BURG

**In unity we lift our song
of grateful adoration,
for brothers brave and sisters strong.
What cause for celebration!
For those whose faithfulness
has kept us through distress,
who’ve shared with us our plight,
who’ve held us in the night,
the blessed congregation.**

**For stories told and told again
to every generation,
to give us strength in time of pain,
to give us consolation.
Our spirits to revive
to keep our dreams alive,
when we are far from home
and evil seasons come;
how firm is our foundation.**

**For God our way, our bread, our rest,
of all these gifts the Giver.
Our strength, our guide, our nurturing breast
whose hand will yet deliver.
Who keeps us till the day
when night shall pass away,
when hate and fear are gone,
and all our work is done,
and we shall sing forever.**

Text by Ken Medema
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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.*

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Sonata no. 3 in A major
II. Andante tranquillo

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. 466

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

AUSTRIAN HYMN

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name”
(Text: Hymn #539)

Robert Hebble
(b. 1934)

GOING FORTH

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

**We will begin our Annual Meeting at 10:10 in Community Hall.
Plan to stay for a chili lunch hosted by the Deacons.**



REPLENISH



RENEW



REJOICE

Thank you to all who made a pledge for 2012! If you have not yet made a pledge, please complete a card today to support continuing Westminster ministries in 2012.

“Bring your tithes and your donations, your votive gifts, your freewill-offerings...because the LORD your God has blessed you.” (Deuteronomy 12:6-7)

Music at Westminster

PRESENTS

WINTER MUSICAL GALA 2012

More "Greatest Hits" from the worlds of church, opera, and musical theatre



Painting by Robert A. Nickle

**This Friday, February 3
8:00 p.m.**



featuring

Diana Milburn, soprano Susan Rheingans, mezzo-soprano Justin Gonzalez, tenor Raymond Sambolin, baritone
The Westminster Choir Paul Fleckenstein, director & accompanist

Join us for another spectacular musical evening with selections from Puccini's *La Bohème*, Bizet's *Carmen*, music of Cole Porter, and lots more! No admission charge; offering received.

ADDED BONUS

In conjunction with Wilmington's monthly art-loop event, *Art on the Town*, the church doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for the opening of an art exhibit featuring watercolors by Chadds Ford artist Robert A. Nickle, whose works represent "the vanishing American heritage."



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Come to worship on Super Bowl Sunday, and help our youth in this extraordinary mission effort!

Our 180° youth will be standing at the doors after each service next Sunday, holding soup pots to receive monetary donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring. The collection total will be reported to superbowl.org and will then be divided between Hanover Food Closet and St. Stephen's Food Pantry. It is a wonderful coincidence that the Super Bowl falls on the first Sunday of the month - Food Collection Sunday. Please also bring your non-perishable food items for the Food Closet.

