



Service of Worship
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 30, 2011
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, Ruth Bailis, Justin Gonzalez, Brian Carter

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

Patti Ridout, Kris DeMesse, Carla Krupanski and Bob Cox

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

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. Worship with 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	
	➤ Under Six Sunday School	Under Six Classrooms
	➤ Sunshine Choir for K - 2 nd Grade	Classroom 7
	➤ D.R.U.M. for Grades 3 - 6	Grace Hall and YMR
	➤ Middle Schoolers on the Move - Grades 6 - 8	Sanctuary
	➤ 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

4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir	Youth Music Room
5:30 p.m.	180° Dinner and Fellowship	Community Hall & Classroom 6
6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room

WORSHIP NOTES

Our beautiful banners were created to celebrate Westminster's 125th anniversary. The words represent our focus and vision of who we are and who we more fully strive to become individually and as a family of faith.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Catheryn Corbett Chandler from Diane and Chad Chandler.

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 February 13 and 27.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER **Please remember in your prayers:**

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Sandi Evans, Thomas Ford, Bill Galloway, Margie Snave.
- ❖ **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 Betty Kelley, Forwood Manor, Apt. 134, 1912 Marsh Road, Wilmington, DE 19810 and Ed Bloom, Granite Farms Estate, Cherry Blossom Lane #307A, 1343 W. Baltimore Pike, Media, PA 19063.
- ❖ **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 Iraq or Afghanistan:
Iraq: Chase James and Susan Harcke Afghanistan: Shawn Galbraith
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Specialist William Middleton, age 26, of Norfolk, Virginia
Staff Sergeant Sean Flannery, age 29, of Wyomissing, Pennsylvania
Lance Corporal Ardenjoseph Buenagua, age 19, of San Jose, California
1st Lieutenant William Donnelly, IV, age 27, of Picayune, Mississippi
Private Devon Harris, age 24, of Mesquite Texas
Sergeant 1st Class Barry Jarvis, age 36, of Tell City, Indiana
Staff Sergeant Curtis Oakes, age 29, of Athens, Ohio
Specialist Matthew Ramsey, age 20, of Quartz Hill, California
Private 1st Class Jacob Gassen, age 21, of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
Private 1st Class Austin Staggs, age 19, of Senoia, Georgia
- 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, direct my eyes and my attention to your word for me today. Let my eyes search the sanctuary for the word I must pursue to become the person you want me to be. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude in A minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

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. 145

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

MARION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we admit that too often we think of our lives
as a burden to be borne
rather than as a joy to be celebrated.
Forgive us for failing to see beyond our problems and heartaches.
Help us to realize the joyous miracle of your love,
even in the midst of discouragement and despair.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Anne Ledbetter

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

New Testament, page 3
Margo Reign, Lay Liturgist

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

And seeing the multitudes he went up into the mountain; and when he was set, his disciples came unto him. And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

SERMON

“Blessed?”

Greg Jones

*HYMN

“Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit”

IN BABILONE

**Bless-ed are the poor in spirit, claiming nothing as their own,
but as giv'n them by their Father that his goodness may be shown.
Blest are they who share the sorrow of their God's unchanging love;
they shall know his presence with them and his promised comfort prove.**

**Bless-ed are the strong but gentle, trained to serve a higher will,
wise to know th' eternal purpose which their Father shall fulfill.
Blest are they who with true passion strive to make the right prevail,
for the earth is God's possession and his purpose will not fail.**

**Blest are they who show their mercy to the guilty and the poor,
for to them, set free from judgment, shall be opened heaven's door.
Bless-ed, the sincere and truthful from the lie's deception free,
for the God of truth and beauty they in joy will surely see.**

**Bless-ed are the brave and peaceful, bringing peace where'er they live,
God shall own them as his children and through them his peace will give.
All for love and truth who suffer in your God rejoice and sing;
he, the end of all your striving, he, your Father, Lord and King.**

Words: Norman Elliott, 1967

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 ANTHEM

“It Is a Good Thing to Give Thanks”
Westminster Choir

David Hurd

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord; and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High; to tell of your loving kindness early in the morning, and of your faithfulness in the night season; on the psaltery and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp. For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

COMMISSIONING OF NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS

OPENING WORDS AND INTRODUCTION

REQUESTS OF NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS

QUESTIONS FOR THE NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS

Cathy Higgins and Jeff Lippincott

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Will you open your hearts to the ministry of Cathy and Jeff, and will you pray for them that they may be effective servants of Christ?

Yes, with the help of God.

Will you accept their ministry when you need help, and allow these individuals to work with you as you face struggles in your life?

Yes, with the help of God.

PRAYER

**Eternal God, we ask you to keep Cathy and Jeff in your care.
Strengthen them now and always with the power of the Holy Spirit;
may they be quick to serve, patient in listening,
willing to share themselves with others.
Give us thankful hearts for them,
and show them in times of stress and satisfaction
a special measure of your mercy and joy.
Keep them strong in the faith you have given them in Jesus Christ,
who cares for all of us in every way. Amen.**

BLESSING

*HYMN No. 332

“Live Into Hope”

TRURO

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Fugue in A minor

J. S. Bach

This 6-minute Fugue, together with its Prelude (heard at the beginning of this morning's service), holds a special place in the organ works of Bach. Noted for the rhythmic vitality of its theme and its dramatic, virtuosic ending, it dates from what has become known as Bach's "mature master period" – an era in 18th-century Germany generally acknowledged as the pinnacle of Baroque musical composition.

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

2011 Call for Annual Meeting

“The annual congregational and corporate meetings of the Westminster Presbyterian Church will be held today, at 10:10 a.m. for the purpose of conducting the following business: (1) to receive the report of the Church Officer Nominating Committee and to elect elders, deacons, and trustees; (2) to elect congregational-at-large members to the Church Officer Nominating Committee; (3) to receive the financial report of 2010; (4) to receive the budget report for 2011; (5) to consider changes to the calls of the pastors; and (6) to consider any other business which may properly come before the meeting. By order of Session: Gregory Knox Jones, Moderator and Jan Patrick, Clerk of Session”

2010 OFFICIAL BOARDS (as of December 31, 2010), Jan Patrick, Clerk of Session

Elders 2010

*Liz Bacon
Martha Carper
Jim Carter
Josh Cox
Ross Getty
Shelley Gnade
Bruce Petrovick
Margo Reign
Frank Waldburger*

Elders 2011 Class

John Bowman
Charles Depfer
Mark Gerstenschlager
Mary-beth Howard
Don Kuespert
Jan Patrick
Nancy Rochford
Jerry Spilecki

Elders 2012 Class

Ron Carrick
Clark Collins
Karen Dietz
Ellie Furry
Dick Haden
Trina Hogan
Fred Iobst
Sue Linderman

Trustees 2010 Class

Don Furry
*George Krupanski
Bob McKeown
Helen Walker*

Trustees 2011 Class

Don Furry
Sara Geuder
John Johnston
Christine Schiltz

Trustees 2012 Class

Bob Chagnon
Lynne Kielhorn
Stephen Poole
Philip Timon

Deacon 2010 Class

Beth Bowersock
*Craig Checkel
Ginnie Chagnon
Eadie Churchill
Tammy Daley
Eric Etshman
Todd Gray
Carol Hopkins
Ralph Lewis
Robin Rosser
Cora Sparling
Sally Thomas*

Deacons 2011 Class

Kim Carrick
Bob Cox
Cathy Edge
Mike Enderle
Barbara Fedeler
Carla Krupanski
Carol Mosher
Ruth Nace
Donna Nelson
Patti Ridout
Melissa Stabler
Julia Stone

Deacons 2012 Class

Fred Carspecken
Marcia Carle
Peggy Carroll
Jack Coleman
Kris DeMesse
George Evans
Carol Noggle Harris
Bill Kaye
David Mathe
Ann Shaddock
Sonja Pfautz
Steve Stallone

NOMINEES FOR CHURCH OFFICERS (for terms beginning February 13, 2011)

Dick Haden, Nominating Committee Convener; Ellie Furry, Co-Convener

Elders 2013 Class

Sue Bryde
Mary Field
Anne Gunn
Dick Jolly
Fred Nelson
Roland Pamm
Margo Reign
Steve Steinwedel
Alex Sprague (Youth Elder)
Rick Stabler (Youth Elder)

Trustee 2013 Class

Jamie Hickey
Charlie McDowell
John McFarland
Bob McKeown

At-Large Members for Nominating Committee

Jeanne Checkel
Josh Inkell
Cora Sparling
Fred Schmitt

Deacon 2013 Class

Pam Bailey
Beth Bowersock
Diane Chandler
Eadie Churchill
Emily Crawford
Eric Etshman
Cathy Higgins
Mary Laskaris
Ralph Lewis
Jane Palmer
Keith Pierce
Patty Rittenhouse
Jill Voss



In Celebration of Westminster's 125th Anniversary
WINTER MUSICAL

Gala
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, AT 8:00 PM

From Mozart's *Requiem* to Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story* and lots in between, this promises to be another unforgettable musical evening at Westminster!

No admission charge; offering received. Festive reception following the concert.

Added bonus: Oil paintings by church member Herb Boden on exhibit beginning at 6:30 pm, in conjunction with Wilmington's monthly art loop event, *Art on the Town*. See page 3 for additional information.



FEATURING:

Diana Milburn, soprano
Ruth Bailis, mezzo-soprano
Justin Gonzalez, tenor
Brian Carter, baritone

The Westminster Choir
Paul Fleckenstein, organ & piano



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

**Join us next Sunday, February 6, at 10:10 a.m. in
Community Hall for the Church in the World Education Hour.**

**Our members will discuss mission projects
in Congo, Guatemala, New Orleans and Kenya.
Recent efforts and upcoming projects will be discussed.**