



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Services of Worship Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2011

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 Community Hall, offers free coffee and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar per item.

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

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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 | Cl.1 and Grace Hall |
| ➤ 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 hymns, songs and creative liturgy.
Children are always welcome in worship, however,
childcare is available in Under Six for ages 2 through Grade 2.

11:15 a.m.

Baptism ~ Alexis Lynn Martin

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

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. An available date for flowers is January 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:** Elizabeth Bacon, Robert Churchill, Bill Galloway, 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: Edie Lennox, Wesley Wing 3969 and Grace Austin, Apt. 3613, both of Methodist Country House, 4830 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807.
- ❖ **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:
2nd Lieutenant Robert Kelly, age 29, of Tallahassee, Florida
Lance Corporal Dakota Huse, age 19, of Greenwood, Louisiana
Sergeant Edward Bolen, age 25, of Chittenango, New York
Lance Corporal James Stack, age 20, of Arlington Heights, Illinois
Specialist David Lutes, age 28, of Frostburg, Maryland
Specialist Shannon Chihuahua, age 25, of Thomasville, Georgia
Corporal Shawn Fannin, age 32, of Wheelersburg, Ohio
Senior Airman Andrew Bubacz, age 23, of Dalzell, South Carolina
Specialist Jacob Carroll, age 20, of Clemmons, North Carolina
Corporal Jacob Carver, age 20, of Freeman, Missouri
Staff Sergeant Juan Rivadeneira, age 27, of Davie, Florida
- 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

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; taking, as Christ did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that you will make all things right if I surrender to your will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with you forever in the next. Amen. Reinhold Niebuhr

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Water Music
Allegro Vivace; Air

G. F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP

By God's Spirit we were baptized into one body,
and chosen by God for loving service to the world.
Let us sing praises to God for making us partners in mission.
Let us worship God in wonder and joy!

*HYMN No. 455

"All Creatures of Our God and King"
Verses 1-4

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PRAYER

**Mighty God, you create human beings in your image
and call on us to respect what is sacred and holy.
We pray for people of faith throughout the world
who respond to your call to share love with one another
and to work for a world where there is justice for all.
Let us never be so sure of ourselves that we condemn the faith of others,
but make us ready to discover more truth,
so that we may be in harmony with your Spirit. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Greg Jones

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

From wilderness to Jordan came
The final Prophet to proclaim
That judgment soon was to begin
To punish Israel for their sin.

But when Christ came, no judgment dire
Did he pronounce with venging fire;
Himself the baptism underwent,
The sinless, perfect penitent.

Although of Abraham's descent,
Since all have sinned, all must repent,
And, like the Gentiles, undergo
A baptism, and its import show.

On him the Spirit as a dove
Descended, and the Father's love
Voiced his approval that the Son
Mankind's salvation had begun.

All glory, Lord, to you we pay,
For your Epiphany today;
And to the Father tribute bring,
As by the Spirit here we sing.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

New Testament, page 3
Julia Stone, Lay Liturgist

SERMON

"Launched"

Greg Jones

*HYMN

"Sing a New Creation"

Tune: EBENEZER

1. Sing! A new cre - a - tion calls us: God's Son, first - born from the dead,
2. Sing a new! Cre - a - tion flow - ers as the Spir - it draws us near,
3. Sing a new cre - a - tion grow - ing life - trees by the Fath - er's stream.

makes the drown - ing which be - falls us in - to cleans - ing birth in - stead.
safe from storm - ing, earth - bound pow - ers on this ark, though tossed by fear.
Go and teach, send jus - tice flow - ing, quench dry souls, com - pose a dream.

Sing - ing wa - ter, wild with won - der, wash - ing, more than what it seems,
Sing as fam - ily, filled, for - giv - en, fed by joy - ous ta - ble - grace.
Sing a - mens, a - live and a - gile, an - swer - ing God's cre - a - ting song.

bap - tiz - es and drags us un - der, lifts us as our Christ re - deems.
Bap - tized, we re - ceive God's leav - en, ris - ing in our time and place.
Bap - tize peo - ples, parched and fra - gile, in the Name that makes us strong.

Music by Thomas J. Williams, Text by James Hart Brumm

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that in baptism
the Spirit demonstrates and confirms God's promise
to include us, and our children, in the divine covenant,
cleansing us from sin, and giving us newness of life,
as participants in Christ's death and resurrection.
Baptism sets us in the invisible community of Christ's people
and joins us to all other believers by a powerful bond.
In baptism, we give ourselves up in faith and repentance to become the Lord's.
Baptism is a reminder that God loves us long before we can love God.
For both God's grace and our response to it
are not tied to the moment of baptism,
but continue and deepen throughout life.** *A Declaration of Faith*

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

from *Gloria*
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son.

Antonio Vivaldi

*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. 495

"We Know That Christ is Raised"

ENGELBERG

*Vs. 1: All
Vs. 2: Women
Vs. 3: Men
Vs. 4: All*

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Water Music
Allegro Maestoso (Hornpipe)

Handel

GOING FORTH

*If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to meet today's ambassador,
Julia Stone, 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 Education Classes This Morning

Religion and Justice: Is There God Without Justice? Is There Justice Without God?

Led by Dave McBride, through January 23 in Classroom 6

Today - Courage and Conscience: Religion, Law and Politics

This class will discuss some of the basic issues of the interplay of religion, conscience, law, politics and personal ambition. We will begin to explore the fundamental question of whether our conception of God requires that God be just and whether courage and self-sacrifice are necessary to justice. The discussion will include scenes from the movie *A Man for All Seasons* (1966 winner of 5 Academy Awards including Best Picture), based upon Robert Bolt's play about Sir Thomas Moore (St. Thomas More) and his struggle with his conscience and the demands of King Henry VIII.

God Heard Their Cry

Led by class members, January 9, 16, 23, February 13, 20, in the Daughtry House

Today - How Big is Our God? – Luxor Egypt

Filmed on location, *God Heard Their Cry* is a five-session video series that brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance. By weaving together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts, teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan reveals keen insights into the Scriptures' significance for modern believers. In this series, Ray follows the story of the enslavement of the Israelites by Egypt and their being led out of Egypt by Moses. Filming is done on location in Luxor, Egypt, Deir al Median, Ramesseum and at the Red Sea.

Parenting Class

Led by Yvonne Nass in the Meeting Room

Popular parenting consultant Yvonne Nass will present relevant material and lead discussions on healthy and effective parenting, concluding the semester in May with a three-week series on positive parenting.

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Welcome and Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship

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and chosen by God for loving service to the world.
Let us sing praises to God for making us partners in mission.
Let us worship God in wonder and joy!

Procession of God's Light and Word

Acolyte: Denny Hubbard

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

*Opening Song

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and call on us to respect what is sacred and holy.
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who respond to your call to share love with one another
and to work for a world where there is justice for all.
Let us never be so sure of ourselves that we condemn the faith of others,
but make us ready to discover more truth,
so that we may be in harmony with your Spirit. Amen.**

Hymn No. 492

“Baptized in Water”

BUNESSAN

Children’s Time

Greg Jones

The Sacrament of Baptism for Alexis Lynn Martin

Parents: Tim and Lynn Martin

*The congregation is asked to please refrain from taking photographs
or video recording during the worship service.*

Presentation of the Parents and Child

Elder: Janet Kline

Opening Words

In every birth, blessed is the wonder.

In every creation, blessed is new being.

In every child, blessed is life.

In every hope, blessed is the potential.

In every existence, blessed are the possibilities.

In every life, blessed is the love.

Parents

Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? **We do.**

Relying on God’s grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and to teach that faith to your child? **We do.**

Congregation

Will we, the people of the church, promise to nurture and support Alexis and her parents, and will we encourage her to become a faithful Christian? **We will.**

Children

Do you promise to be a friend to Alexis by playing with her and helping her?

*Affirmation of Faith

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A Declaration of Faith

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water

The Act of Baptism

Prayer Following Baptism

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

New Testament, page 3
Catherine Lynch, Lay Liturgist

Sermon

“Launched”

Greg Jones

Song

“Wade in the Water”
Verses: Ensemble
Refrain: All

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter chil - dren, wade in the
wa - ter, God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

Offering

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Offertory Anthem

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer (page 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, using “debts” and “debtors”)

*Closing Song

“Go My Children, with My Blessing”



1.Go my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, ne - ver a - lone.
2.Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3.Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



5 Wak - ing, sleep - ing I am with you, you are my own. In my love's bap -
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free. Here my Spir - it's



10 tis - mal ri - ver, I have made you mine for - ev - er. Go, my chil - dren,
dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren,
pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you. Go, my chil - dren,



14 with my bless - ing, you are my own.
sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.

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*Benediction

*Response

**I, the Lord, will bless and keep you, and give you peace.
I, the Lord, will smile upon you, and give you peace.
I, the Lord, will be Creator, Lover, Comforter, and Savior.
Go, my children. I will keep you, and give you peace.**

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WESTMINSTER CELEBRATES

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1886

125th Anniversary

2011

On Sunday, January 16, we will launch our year-long celebration of Westminster's 125th anniversary. Our celebration will include 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	Winter 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.