



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship
4th Sunday after Pentecost
July 10, 2011
8:30 a.m. and 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.

This Morning at Westminster

Lee Dettra is our guest organist/pianist for the first three Sundays in July. His recent church positions have included the Cadet Chapel at West Point Military Academy (home of the world's largest church organ), Immanuel Episcopal Church on the Green in New Castle and First and Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington.

8:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion in Rodney Chapel
9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Child Care for Cribbery (birth – toddler)
10:00 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary
	Sunday School for Under Six in the Under Six Classrooms
11:00 a.m.	Summer Tea and Fellowship on the Church Lawn

Deacon Team of the Month: Barbara Fedeler, Ruth Nace, George Evans, Jane Palmer, Ralph Lewis

Later Today

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 in loving memory of Betty Coker from her family.

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 July 24, 31 and August 7 and 21.

Individual cushions are available at each entrance to the sanctuary for those who prefer the use of a cushion.

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

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:** Carol Noggle Harris.
- ❖ **Westminster's homebound family** who can no longer attend worship with us by sending a card, saying a prayer, visiting! This week we ask you to remember Jack Remsen HC3844, 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 overseas:
 - Afghanistan: Richard Barnett, Matt Burton, Leonard Kosicki, Ann Exline Starr
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
 - Captain Charles Ransom, age 31, of Midlothian, Virginia
 - Specialist Andrew Lara, age 25, of Albany, Oregon
 - Sergeant Matthew Hermanson, age 22, of Appleton, Wisconsin
 - Specialist Preston Dennis, age 23, of Redding, California
 - Lance Corporal Ronald Freeman, age 25, of Plant City, Florida
 - Private 1st Class Robert Friese, age 21, of Chesterfield, Michigan
 - Corporal Kevin White, age 22, of Westfield, New York
 - Specialist Riley Spaulding, age 21, of Sheridan, Texas
 - Sergeant Ken Hermogino, age 30, of Edwards Air Force Base, California
- 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 8:30 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We come before you this day, O God, hungry for your word. Prepare our hearts like the deep rich soil into which the sower plants the seeds. Relieve the weight of the heavy burdens we carry like stones within us. Turn them over, move them to the side as would the sower tilling the ground. Relieve us of the thorny anger to which we have held tight lest it choke us like a wild vine. Bless us, God with joy as we receive your word and as we worship and praise you. May your love and understanding nurture us as we prepare to be your disciples. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is the sower of the seeds of love and redemption.

But we have not always been ready to receive these seeds.

Today we hear again the scriptures that remind us of the awesome generosity of God.

Help us be good soil, O God, prepared to receive your love and to grow in that love.

*HYMN No. 261

“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

O QUANTA QUALIA

A LITANY OF PRAISE

Bless the Lord, O my soul; the Lord is very great!

How wonderful in counsel is our God; how excellent in wisdom:

Instructing the sun to rise and set,

That we might go to our work in the morning, and see to our labor ‘til evening falls!

Teaching our hands to till the soil,

That we might have bread to strengthen our heart and bring forth food to feed the whole earth!

Anointing some of us to plant, and others of us to water,

That the Spirit might breathe life into the seed, as we labor with the Lord!

If the seeds are scorched by the sun, or choked by the thorns-

Let us not doubt that the harvest will be full; what the Lord intends shall not return empty:

The word of the Lord shall yield good fruit –

The pleasant planting shall produce life abundant, and all shall eat and be satisfied!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Dick Armen, Lay Liturgist

SERMON

“Community Gardening”

Anne Ledbetter

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

OFFERING

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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 those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Because the broken bread has meant our healing,

because the outpoured cup has meant our life,

because our common sharing has meant the communion of our souls,

and because we have here been graced by your presence, God,

we give you thanks and pray that our lives may be renewed

in the life and love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 552

"Give Thanks, O Christian People" *ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN*
(Verses 1 and 3)

*BENEDICTION

ORDER OF WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.

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ORGAN PRELUDE

Air
Lee Dettra, guest organist

Robert Elmore

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*HYMN No. 200

“To Bless the Earth”

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

A LITANY OF PRAISE

Bless the Lord, O my soul; the Lord is very great!

How wonderful in counsel is our God; how excellent in wisdom:

Instructing the sun to rise and set,

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or video recording during the worship service.*

PRESENTATION OF THE PARENTS AND CHILD

Elder: Carrie Saathoff

*HYMN

“O Blessed Spring”

O blessed spring, where Word and sign
embrace us into Christ the vine
here Christ enjoins each one to be
a branch of this life giving tree.

OPENING WORDS

In every birth, blessed is the wonder.
In every creation, blessed is new being.
In every child, blessed is life.
In every life, blessed is the love.

PARENTS’ PROMISE

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’S PROMISE

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

CHILDREN’S PROMISE

Do you promise to be a friend to Keira by playing with her and helping her? **We do.**

*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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOLLOWING BAPTISM

Patricia Martinez

*HYMN

“O Blessed Spring”

Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree,
be praised for this blest mystery
that Word and water thus revive
and join us to your Tree of Life.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Susan Moseley

*After Time with our Children, children up through 2nd Grade may leave for Summer Sunday School.
Older children remain in worship with their families.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

New Testament, page 12
Jen Barrington, Lay Liturgist

SERMON

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Anne Ledbetter

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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

“I Can Only Imagine”
Josh Cox, soloist

Bart Millard

*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. 560

“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

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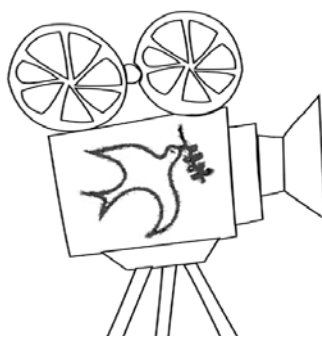
BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Prelude in A major

J. S. Bach

*If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to meet today’s ambassador,
Bill Nace, at the back of the sanctuary. He will have a gift for you, and can share
information regarding our many ministries for children, youth and adults.*



Pacem in Terris presents its 2011 Summer Film Series July 5 through August 9, 7:00 p.m. Free and Open to the Public

The films will be shown in the Meeting Room adjacent to Rodney Chapel unless noted otherwise.

Tuesday, July 12: *The Green Zone* is a 2010 American war thriller that documents life in the Green Zone, Baghdad. It tells the story of how discovering covert and faulty intelligence causes a U.S. Army officer to go rogue as he hunts for Weapons of Mass Destruction in an unstable region. 115 minutes.

Tuesday, July 19: *Gasland* is a 2010 documentary made by Josh Fox that deals with the largest domestic natural gas drilling boom in history that has swept across the United States. The Halliburton-developed drilling technology of "fracking" or hydraulic fracturing has unlocked a "Saudi Arabia of natural gas" just beneath us. But is fracking safe? Some of his most memorable footage shows residents in drilled areas in different part of the country who are able to light their drinking water on fire. 104 minutes. **To be shown in Classroom Six.**

Tuesday, July 26: *The Tillman Story* is a 2010 documentary film about the 2004 death of U.S. Army Ranger Pat Tillman in the mountains of Afghanistan and the Tillman family's determined quest to find out what really happened. The Pentagon and the media tried to turn his death into heroic war propaganda, but his mother and the rest of the family uncovered troubling facts which forced the military to admit that Pat had been killed by friendly fire. 94 minutes.

Tuesday, August 2: *Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin* is a 2003 award-winning documentary that chronicles the life, struggles, and achievements of Bayard Rustin who grew up in West Chester, PA. During his 60-year career as an activist, organizer and "troublemaker," Bayard Rustin formulated many of the strategies that propelled the American civil rights movement. His passionate belief in Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolence drew Martin Luther King Jr. and other leaders to him in the 1940's and 50's; his practice of those beliefs drew the attention of the FBI and police. 84 minutes.

Tuesday, August 9: "No Impact Man" – is a 2009 American documentary film that follows Colin Beavan and his family during their year-long experiment to have sustainable zero impact on the environment. As the family embarks on a year of no electricity, television, cars, toilet paper, elevators, or newspapers, his wife Michelle must contend with caffeine withdrawal, compost worms, no retail, and defending her own dreams, all in the name of supporting her husband's book. 93 minutes.

2011 Vacation Bible School

Cokesbury named their VBS "Shake it Up Cafe" because Jesus calls us to "shake up" our lives and become his followers.

Shake it Up Café will introduce our children to stories of biblical festivals that reveal faithful ingredients and link the Old and New Testaments to our lives today.

With a theme that clearly connects to the Bible, *Shake it Up Café*:

- Introduces children to a deeper relationship with God;
- Includes Bible stories from the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures;
- Incorporates a mission emphasis on feeding the hungry in our community;
- Initiates a carryout challenge to all participants – to take the love of Jesus into the community and share it with everyone.

**SO GET COOKIN'
AND PLAN NOW TO JOIN
US AT WPC FOR A FUN
AND TASTY VBS!!**

Age 4 years through sixth grade
Cost: \$25 per child / \$40 max. per family



REGISTRATION FORM – Return by July 10th

Child's Name _____
 Grade Entering in September 2011 _____
 and Birthdate _____ / _____ / _____
 Address _____
 Parent(s) Name _____
 Home Phone _____
 Cell/Work Phone _____
 Emergency Contact _____
 and Phone _____
 Allergies/
 Special Needs _____
 Email (required) _____

Make registration check (\$25 per child/\$40 max. per family) payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church. Write "VBS" in Memo line. Send check and this form to:
 Westminster Presbyterian Church 1502 West 13th St, Wilmington, DE 19806-4223
 Or email registrar, Lisa Stoddard, at lisstoddard@gmail.com