



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Services of Worship
5th Sunday after Pentecost
July 17, 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

This morning the handbell ensemble, *Bell Amis*, will be offering selections during the prelude and offertory. Rebekah and Marcus Mateer, ringers in our Reverberations Bell Choir, are joined by members of the Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble, Alison Castle and Ron Bellamy, to create *Bell Amis*. The four-member ensemble will be ringing more than 40 bells as they offer their music in praise of God during our 10:00 a.m. worship service.

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

12:00 p.m.	Flying Solo~Chadds Ford Winery	Meet in Church Parking Lot
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 Arthur Butters from his wife Anna.

The rosebud at the side of the pulpit this morning is in celebration of the birth of Nolan Clarkson Collins born to Bryan Clarkson Collins and his wife Megan in California on June 29. Proud grandparents are Donna and Clark Collins, great-grandparents Don and Dolly Windsor, and great-grandfather, Phil Collins.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Natalie Krause
- ❖ **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 Bob Tiews, Stonegates, Apt. 171, 4031 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:
1st Lieutenant Demetrius Frison, age 26, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Palmer, age 43, of Modesto, California
Sergeant Kevin Balduf, age 27, of Nashville, Tennessee
Sergeant Amaru Aguilar, age 26, of Miami, Florida
Sergeant Robert Schlote, age 26, of Norfolk, Nebraska
Specialist Brian Riley, Jr., age 24, of Longwood, Florida
Staff Sergeant David Self, age 29, of Pearl, Mississippi
Specialist Bradley Melton, age 29, of Rolla, Missouri
Private Lamarol Tucker, age 26, of Gainesville, Florida
Private Cheziray Pressley, age 21, of North Charleston, South Carolina
- 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

Loving God, I have come to find wisdom so that today I may not make any foolish mistakes. I have come to find peace so that nothing may worry or upset me all through the day. I have come to find love, so that all through today nothing may make me bitter or unforgiving or unkind. I have come to begin the day with you, to continue it with you and to end it with you, so that it will be a day which will have in it nothing to regret. Amen. William Barclay

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come to worship the living God;
Who creates heaven and earth.
Let us celebrate the gift of life;
And give thanks for the wonders of God's world.

*HYMN NO. 476

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"
Verses 1-4

LYONS

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

God of Hope,
you call on us to break down barriers and overcome injustice
so that people may live in peace.
We confess that we are not always faithful to our calling.
We remember the pain that others have inflicted on us,
yet we forget the hurt we have dealt to others.
We hold grudges and pursue revenge,
while seeking mercy for ourselves.
We expect to be forgiven,
yet we are reluctant to forgive.
Grant us determination to become more forgiving
so that we may become your ambassadors of reconciliation. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

New Testament, page 12
Barbara Hoover, Lay Liturgist

SERMON

“Weeds Among the Wheat”

Greg Jones

OFFERING

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

When Jesus enjoyed a meal with tax collectors and sinners,
he proclaimed that God’s love knows no bounds.

We accept both the comfort and the challenge of that witness.
All are invited to share this meal and to be nourished by the Bread of Life.

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

**Loving God, your Spirit strengthened the first disciples
to be faithful witnesses to your truth.
Empower us to speak your word and to do your will,
that all may know the compassion of our Creator. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 551

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

*BENEDICTION

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PRELUDE

Prelude in C
Fairest Lord Jesus
Bell Amis Handbell Ensemble

J. S. Bach
arr. John W. Schaum

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TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Anne Ledbetter

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

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

PRESENTATION OF THE PARENTS AND CHILD

Elder: Ellie Furry

OPENING WORDS

Children are the hope for a better tomorrow
and the assurance that God renews the world.
Whoever welcomes a child with Christ-like love
welcomes the Creator of heaven and earth.

PROMISES OF COMMITMENT

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 Christopher and his parents,
and will we encourage him to become a faithful Christian? **We will.**

CHILDREN'S PROMISE

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the body of Christ.
The same Spirit who inspired prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOLLOWING BAPTISM

Eternal God, through the water of the sea
you led your people Israel out of slavery and into freedom.

In the water of the Jordan,

Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.

Bless this child who is cleansed and marked by this water.

Drench him in your Spirit,

and help us nurture him in Christ's love.

To you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be all praise and glory forever.

Amen.

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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

Aubade
Bell Amis Handbell Ensemble

Janice Patterson, arr. Frances Corbin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (page 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, using “debts” and “debtors”)

*HYMN

“God, Bless Your Church with Strength!”

DIADEMATA

**God, bless Your church with strength!
Wherever we may be,
Upbuild Your servants as we work
In common ministry.
Urge us from fledgling faith
To venture and to soar
Through open skies, to sing the praise
Of Christ whom we adore.**

**God, bless Your church with life!
May all our branches thrive,
Unblemished, wholesome, bearing fruit,
Abundantly alive.
From You, one holy vine,
In freedom may we grow;
Sustain us in our mission, Lord,
Your love and peace to show.**

**God, bless Your church with hope!
Despite chaotic days,
May we in chaos shine to light
A pathway through life's maze.
May justice be our aim,
And kindness ours to share,
In humbleness O may we walk,
Assured our God is there!**

BENEDICTION

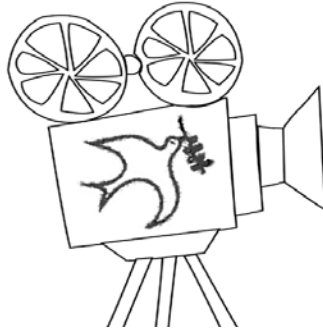
ORGAN POSTLUDE

Presto, from Concerto in F major
Lee Dettra, guest organist

G. F. Handel

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.

Please join us for tea and fellowship on the Church Lawn following the service.



**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 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.

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WORLDWIDE MINISTRY

Guatemala – Roger and Gloria Mariott, Cedepca, Karla Koll and the Mam Presbytery
Kenya – JOHABETO Ruth and Martin Shikuku, Kitale, Kenya
Congo – Timothee Kalonji Matadi, Cecilé de Sweemer, MD, Pastor Jean-Marc Katujudi Nkuna and
Members of the Kamulumba-Ditalala Parish

SESSION

John Bowman, Sue Bryde, Ron Carrick, Clark Collins, Charlie Depfer, Karen Dietz
Mary Field, Nancy Fleming, Ellie Furry, Mark Gerstenschlager, Anne Gunn, Dick Haden,
Trina Hogan, Mary-beth Howard, Fred Iobst, Dick Jolly, Don Kuespert, Sue Linderman, Fred Nelson,
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