



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Services of Worship**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 24, 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.

**PASTORAL STAFF:**

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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

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## **This Morning at Westminster**

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
11:15 a.m.	Green Team Meeting – Rowell Conference Room
11:30 a.m.	Flying Solo Group ~ Catherine Rooney's

**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

**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](mailto:Lwatson@ycst.com). Dates available for flowers are July 31, August 7 and 21.

**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:

- ❖ **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 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](mailto: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:
  - Specialist Brandon Kirton, age 25, of Centennial, Colorado
  - Sergeant 1st Class Clifford Beattie, age 37, of Medical Lake, Washington
  - Private 1st Class Ramon Mora, Jr., age 19, of Ontario, California
  - Staff Sergeant Kristofferson Lorenzo, age 33, of Chula Vista, California
  - Private 1st Class William Blevins, age 21, of Sardinia, Ohio
  - Private Andrew Krippner, age 20, of Garland, Texas
  - Private Thomas Allers, age 23, of Plainwell, Michigan
  - 1st Lieutenant John Runkle, age 27, of West Salem, Ohio
  - Staff Sergeant Edward Mills, Jr., age 29, of New Castle, Pennsylvania
  - Staff Sergeant Ergin Osman, age 35, of Jacksonville, North Carolina
  - Sergeant Thomas Bohall, age 25, of Bel Aire, Kansas
  - Sergeant Louie Velazquez, age 39, of Camuy, Puerto Rico
  - Specialist Adam Patton, age 21, of Port Orchard, Washington
  - Technical Sergeant Kristoffer Solesbee, age 32, of Citrus Heights, California
  - Staff Sergeant Joseph Hamski, age 28, of Ottumwa, Iowa
  - Chief Warrant Officer Christopher Thibodeau, age 28, of Chesterland, Ohio
- 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

*Eternal God, I give thanks for this day of worship and pray that I may use this day to remember that you are God and I am not. I pause from my daily routine to reflect on how I am spending my time. Am I carving out time for prayer in order that I may follow your ways? Am I sharing my resources with those in need? Am I sharing Christ's love with others? Strengthen my will, my mind and my heart so that I may order my life according to your will. Amen.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

A new day has dawned; a day ripe with possibilities.

**Now is the time for new beginnings,  
a time to encounter God anew.**

God calls us to new commitments and new actions.

**We pray that we may be faithful to God's calling.**

\*HYMN NO. 483

“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

MIT FREUDEN ZART

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of life, we draw the circle of your love too small,  
favoring ourselves and excluding others.  
We yearn for treasures that perish  
and overlook your blessings that endure.  
Our devotion to you ebbs and flows,  
depending more on our circumstances than on your never-failing love.  
Forgive us and transform us so that we may faithfully follow Christ  
and proclaim to all the world the wonder of your kingdom.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

God liberates those who turn to the way of Christ.

**We are set free to walk the path that leads to abundant life.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

New Testament, page 13  
Sue Linderman, Lay Liturgist

SERMON

“The Kingdom of Heaven is Like . . .”

Greg Jones

OFFERING

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Christ calls us to love God with all of our heart, soul and mind.

**This is the first and greatest commandment.**

Christ also said to love our neighbors as ourselves.

**All of God's law is derived from these two commandments.**

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

**Eternal God, in your gifts of bread and cup,**

**you have made us one with Christ.**

**Inspire us to bring our gifts of compassion, generosity and joy to all the world.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN

"To What Can the Kingdom of God Be Compared"

*TO GOD BE THE GLORY*

**To what can the kingdom of God be compared?**

**A mustard seed falls where a field's been prepared,**

**And there, where predictable plantings should be,**

**There grows up a wild bush — as big as a tree!**

**God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:**

**Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.**

**Your reign is amazing, your ways still astound,**

**Just like that new life springing forth from the ground.**

**A small bit of leaven will change the whole bread:**

**A poor woman sees that her neighbors are fed,**

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**A man shares his faith and God's blessings abound.**

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**Your reign is among us, creation is blessed,**

**When even a few faithful lives change the rest.**

**While some look for treasure or one priceless pearl,  
God's reign is the gift wise ones seek in this world.  
A girl sells possessions to help those in need;  
A boy chooses faithfulness rather than greed.  
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Your reign is a treasure that wise ones pursue;  
May we seek your kingdom in all that we do.**

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\*BENEDICTION

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### ORGAN PRELUDE

Scherzo

Samuel Rousseau

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## TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

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

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## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom.  
 Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom  
 and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms.  
 He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first.  
 We are in the world, but not of the world.  
 Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people  
 do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world,  
 but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom.  
 Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom;  
 to serve as he has served us;  
 to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;  
 and to hope for what we have not seen.**

*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

“Wayfaring Stranger”  
*Patricia Martinez, soprano*  
*Ross Stevens, baritone*

arr. Celius Dougherty

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

\*HYMN NO. 339

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Paeon

Oliphant Chuckerbutty

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

# 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](mailto:lisstoddard@gmail.com)



# Month of Musical Masterworks

## AUGUST 2011

Once again, our 10:00 a.m. worship service each Sunday morning during August will feature major instrumental concertos, with the three movements interspersed throughout the service. The solo parts will be played by outstanding guest instrumental soloists, with the orchestral accompaniments played by Paul Fleckenstein on the organ. This year's repertoire features works from the German Romantic era, with styles ranging from profound to playful. Each week, the first movement of the concerto will be the prelude to the service, beginning at approximately 9:50 a.m., so be sure to come to church early so you won't miss any of the great music! Here is the lineup for the month:

### **AUGUST 7**

Carl Reinecke: Flute Concerto in D major, op. 283  
*Kimberly Reighley, flute*

### **AUGUST 14**

Johannes Brahms: Violin Concerto in D major, op. 77  
*Timothy Schwarz, violin*

### **AUGUST 21**

Carl Maria von Weber: Clarinet Concerto no. 2 in E-flat, op. 74  
*Joshua Kovach, clarinet*

### **AUGUST 28**

Felix Mendelssohn: Piano Concerto no. 1 in G minor, op. 25  
*Julie Nishimura, piano*

