



8:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
**Worship Services**

**July 25, 2010**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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.

**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.

PASTORAL STAFF:	Gregory K. Jones, Head of Staff Anne R. Ledbetter, Associate Pastor
CHURCH EDUCATOR:	Susan Moseley
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**

8:15 a.m.	Worship with Communion in Rodney Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Table Talk – Conversations on Westminster’s Future – Rodney Chapel
9:45 – 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 in Rodney Chapel and the Meeting Room
11:05 a.m.	Session Meeting – Ruth Christie Room
11:15 a.m.	Signage Task Force Meeting – Rowell Conference Room

**Deacon Team of the Month:** Cora Sparling, Ginny Chagnon, George Evans, Ruth Nace and Bob Cox

### **Community Meetings**

6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room

***Church Offices will be closed on Fridays during  
July (except July 30 for VBS) and August.***

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP AT 8:15 A.M.**

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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Kathleen Norris, *Amazing Grace*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.

**Blessed is God, who calls us to stop measuring out our love.**

Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves.

**Blessed is God, who reveals to us who we are and who we could be.**

Blessed is God, whose compassion is poured out on every single person.

**Blessed is God, who gives us compassion to share with every single person,  
even people we do not know or care about.**

#### \*HYMN NO. 261

“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

*O QUANTA QUALIA*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

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Do you show your love for neighbor by your presence, your grace, your friendship?

Or are you so obsessed with yourself, that you have no time, no room, no pity for others, or for God?

**Let us confess the limits we place on our love,  
so we might be filled with God's limitless mercy.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess our lack of love.**

**We have loved neither ourselves nor our neighbors.**

**We have passed by suffering and misfortune because of fear or busyness or preoccupation.**

**We have held prejudices against people as deep as those against the Samaritans.**

**Heal our pains, amend our faults, and guide us in ways of danger and compassion,**

**for we pray in the name of Jesus, our most beloved neighbor,  
who cared for us even to the cross. Amen.**

*Silent Prayers may be offered*

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Children of the Most High: you are forgiven.  
Be filled with spiritual wisdom, lead lives worthy of your inheritance,  
bear fruit in all you say and do and think.

**God has rescued us and redeemed us from our sins,  
setting aside judgment to shower us with mercy.  
We will go and do likewise. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Robin Rosser, Lay Liturgist

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 10:25-37

SERMON

“Enemies, Compassion, and Transformation”

Tom Ledbetter

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

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 the love of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

\*HYMN No. 392

“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

HALL

\*BENEDICTION

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#### ORGAN PRELUDE

Air, from Suite in D major  
*Dr. David Herman, guest organist*

J. S. Bach

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TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Greg Jones

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John Gavenonis, Lay Liturgist

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 10:25-37

New Testament, page 62

SERMON

“Enemies, Compassion, and Transformation”

Tom Ledbetter

\*HYMN NO. 436

“We Are Your People”

WHITFIELD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe God sends us  
To risk our own peace and comfort  
In compassion for our neighbors.  
We are to give to them and receive from them,  
Accepting everyone we meet as a person;  
To be sensitive to those who suffer in body or mind;  
To help and accept help  
In ways that affirm dignity and responsibility.  
We must not limit our compassion to those we judge deserving,  
For we ourselves do not deserve the compassion of God.  
(from *A Declaration of Faith*)**

OFFERING

*During the offering, please sign your name and pass the red folders down each row.  
As folders are returned to the center aisle, note the names of fellow worshippers on your pew.*

OFFERTORY

When the Stars are Gone  
*Helen Zumsteg, soprano  
Rick Zumsteg, tenor*

Henry Mollicone

The stars shine over the mountains,  
The stars shine over the sea,  
The stars look up to the mighty God,  
The stars look down on me;  
The stars shall last for a million years,  
A million years and a day,  
But God and I will live and love  
When the stars have passed away.

- Text attributed to Robert Louis Stevenson

\*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. 326

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

*MORECAMBE*

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Rondeau

Henry Purcell

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.*

*Please join us for tea and fellowship in Rodney Chapel  
and the Meeting Room following the service.*

## WORSHIP NOTES

**We welcome to the pulpit this morning the Rev. Tom Ledbetter.** Ordained as an American Baptist pastor, Tom works as a psychotherapist at Brandywine Pastoral Institute (located across 13th Street in Daughtry House). In addition to their counseling practices, Tom and his spouse Donna Strachan-Ledbetter have an active teaching ministry in the Wilmington area.

**We're pleased to welcome guest organist *David Herman*** back to the organ bench this morning for our 10 o'clock service. David is Professor of Music and University Organist at the University of Delaware. Paul Fleckenstein is currently touring parts of Europe on the seat of a bicycle, and, barring any unforeseen misadventure, will return to the organ console next week.

**The flowers in the sanctuary today** are given to the glory of God from Jane-Arthur Hamlin.

**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](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com). September 5 and 12 are available flower dates.

**During the summer, The Lord's Supper is celebrated** weekly at the 8:15 a.m. service and on the first Sunday of the month at the 10:00 a.m. service. Everyone is welcome at Christ's table.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

**Please remember in your prayers:**

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Robert Churchill, Chelsea Collins, Mary Lou Fuller.
- ❖ **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: Inez Cobb, HC, Cokesbury Village 726 Loveville Road, Hockessin, DE 19707 and Bob Tiews, Stonegates, Apt. 171, 4031 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807.
- ❖ **Our brothers and sisters** in worldwide ministry.

**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.

**The wars in 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 each day. 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 these wars, 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 in the Middle East:  
Afghanistan: Daniel Reinsenberger  
Iraq: Brian Crawford
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died most recently:  
Specialist Roger Lee, age 26, Private 1st Class Anthony Simmons, age 25  
Lance Corporal Daniel Raney, age 21, Sergeant Shaun Mittler, age 32  
Specialist Carlos Negron, age 40, Sergeant Donald Edgerton, age 33  
Staff Sergeant Jesse Ainsworth, age 24, Specialist Robert Crow, age 42  
Lance Corporal Tyler Roads, age 20, Specialist Joseph Dimock, II, age 21  
Staff Sergeant Christopher Antonik, age 29, Private 1st Class Nathaniel Garvin, age 20
- Those who have returned from service, possibly suffering from wounds or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

**August 2010**  
**Month of Musical Masterworks**  
**at Westminster Church**

*Major instrumental works presented on Sunday mornings,  
with movements interspersed throughout the (10:00 a.m.)  
worship services*

August 1

J. S. Bach: Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue in C major, BWV 564  
*Paul Fleckenstein, organ*

August 8

F. J. Haydn: Oboe Concerto in C major  
*Stephanie Wilson, oboe*

August 15

W. A. Mozart: Horn Concerto no. 2 in E-flat, K. 417  
*Karen Schubert, French horn*

August 22

Edward Elgar: Cello Concerto in E minor, op. 85  
*Lawrence Stomberg, cello*

August 29

Frédéric Chopin: Piano Concerto no. 1 in E minor, op. 11  
*Mark Blaschke, piano*

# WESTMINSTER'S VISION



Westminster seeks to embody God's boundless love by embracing, liberating and empowering people - whoever they are and wherever they may be on their faith journeys - to realize the transforming power of Christ in our congregation, community and the world beyond.

## OUR MISSION

Guided and renewed by the Holy Spirit, we at Westminster Presbyterian Church strive to build and strengthen a community of believers that:

- Welcomes all people,
- Celebrates, teaches, demonstrates and shares the love of God made known in Jesus Christ,
- Encourages the discovery and enrichment of a personal Christian faith,
- Reaches out to serve others as a church without walls, and
- Works for God's justice in the world.

## TO THIS END:

### **We Practice Radical Hospitality**

Our pastoral, educational, musical, evangelism and mission ministries invite all to worship and serve here and encourage all to pursue their spiritual journeys.

### **We Are Worship-And-Music-Centered**

We offer inspiration, transformation, and strength through a diversity of worship and music for our congregation and our community.

### **We Offer Faith Formation For All Ages**

Everyone is on a faith journey and will find education, guidance, and the joy of belonging to and serving in a community of justice and love.

### **We Care For One Another**

Recognizing that we are all one body in Christ, we reach out to share one another's burdens and celebrate one another's joys.

### **We Claim Spiritual Gifts For Ministry**

We call all people to serve, we provide them with direction for vocation in Christ, and we uphold them in all aspects of ministry.

### **We Serve Our Community And Our World**

Our faith is informed by and made accountable to the urgent needs of our sisters and brothers in our community and throughout the world.

### **We Give Abundantly**

We lift our hearts, hands, and voices, honoring God and God's gifts to us through generosity of our time, talent, and treasure.

### **We Look To The Future**

We celebrate the richness of our 125-year history and build upon that legacy for Christ in our community's future.