



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

**June 20, 2010**  
**12<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

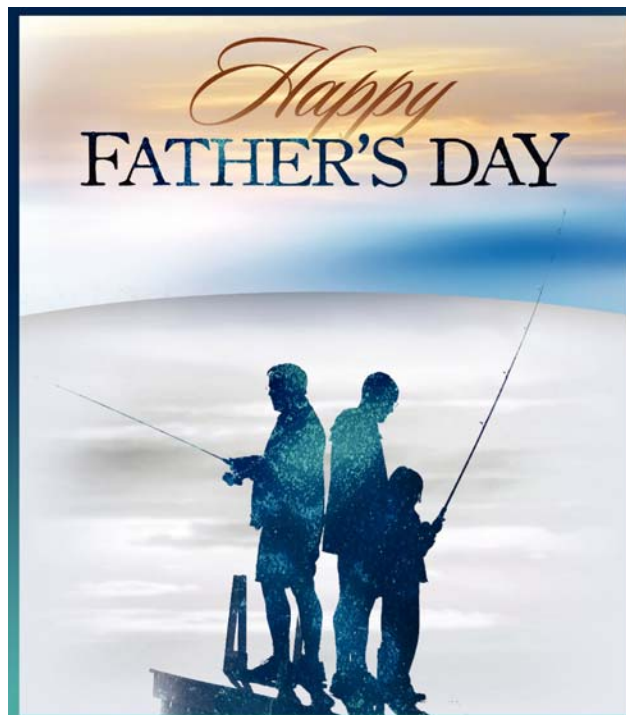
## **This Morning at Westminster**

- 8:15 a.m.                      Worship with Communion in 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
- 11:15 a.m.                    Signage Task Force Meeting – Rowell Conference Room
- 11:00 a.m.                    Summer Tea and Fellowship on the Church Lawn

**Deacon Team of the Month:** Cora Sparling, Carol Harris, Craig Checkel and Julia Stone

## **Community Meetings**

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



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

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Living Christ, your earthly ministry was full of struggle, as well as joy; yet you were faithful in following God's will. Breathe your Spirit into our lives, that we may never fall back from the way of justice or the effort of loving. Grant that we may find true joy and peace as we accept the cost of faithful discipleship. Amen.*

Ruth C. Duck, *Bread for the Journey: Resources for Worship*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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\*HYMN NO. 464

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*HYMN TO JOY*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

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**Let us confess the ways sin clouds our vision.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Forgive our lack of sensitivity to the hurts of others;  
our silence in the midst of injustice;  
our cowardice in the face of oppression;  
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Humble us where we are arrogant;  
remake us where we are weak;  
strengthen us where we lack faith;  
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that once again, by your grace,  
we may become the people you want us to become.**

## SILENT PRAYER

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Barbara Hoover, Lay Liturgist

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 9:1-19

SERMON

“Scales Fell from His Eyes”

Greg Jones

OFFERING

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

We come to the table as children of God.

**We share a common faith and a common desire.**

We come to be transformed into new people  
who live according to the loving spirit of Christ.

**May Christ transform us and bring us peace.**

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

**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.**

\*CLOSING SONG (next page)

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“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me; \_\_\_\_\_

9 let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. \_\_\_\_\_ With

17 God our cre - a - tor, \_\_\_\_\_ chil - dren all are we. \_\_\_\_\_

25 Let us walk with each oth - er \_\_\_\_\_ in per - fect har - mo - ny. \_\_\_\_\_

33 Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment now. \_\_\_\_\_

41 With ev - ery step I take let this be my sol - emn vow: \_\_\_\_\_ to

49 take each mo - ment and live each moment in peace e - ter - nal - ly. \_\_\_\_\_

57 Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

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\*BENEDICTION

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### ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude in G minor

Marcel Dupré

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The grace of God heals us and inspires us.

**God renews our spirits and frees us to follow Christ.**

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ANTHEM

“O, Praise God in His Holiness”  
Westminster Choir

C. Armstrong Gibbs

O, praise God in his Holiness, praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him in his noble acts, praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him in the sound of the trumpet, praise him upon the lute and harp. Praise him in the cymbals and dances, praise him upon the strings and pipe. Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals, praise him upon the loud cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

- Psalm 150

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Greg Jones

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jen Barrington, Lay Liturgist

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 9:1-19

New Testament, page 111

SERMON

“Scales Fell from His Eyes”

Greg Jones

SONG

“Bonds of Peace”



1. Gath-ered from all pla - ces, man - y homes and lands, man - y tongues and  
2. Let's keep peace a - mong us, as we walk through life. Set a - side the  
3. With our hearts wide o - pen, to com - mun - ion called: one\_\_\_ God of  
4. Shar - ing our re - sour - ces we can reach world - wide; we will work for



ra - ces: can we un - der stand? Learn - ing com - mon lan - guage, seek - ing  
con - flicts, set a - side the strife. Nour - ish all God's peo - ple, give them  
man - y, one\_\_\_ Lord of all, One\_\_\_ church, One Spir - it, one\_\_\_  
jus - tice for those long de - nied. "What can we ac - com - plish? We are

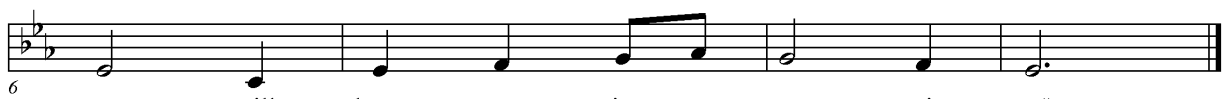


one ac - cord, time to hear each oth - er, time to end dis - cord.  
room to grow, of - fer liv - ing wa - ter and let mer - cy flow.  
cup, one bread, one\_\_\_ font, one bod - y, to the ta - ble led.  
just a few." Then we hear God's ans - wer: "It must start with you."

REFRAIN:



"May your Spi - rit guide us, may we come to see: Bonds of



peace will keep us in your u - ni - ty."

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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 one body of Christ, the church.  
In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives.** *A Brief Statement 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 ANTHEM

“Let Us with a Gladsome Mind”

Alan Ridout

Let us with a gladsome mind,  
Praise the Lord for he is kind:

*For his mercies shall endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

Let us blaze his name abroad,  
For of gods he is the God.

He with all commanding might,  
Filled the new-made world with light.

He the golden tressed sun  
Caused all day his course to run.

The horned moon to shine by night,  
Mid her spangled sisters bright.

All things living he doth feed,  
His full hand supplies their need.

\*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**

COMMISSIONING OF RALPH LEWIS AND BILL MOORE

QUESTIONS FOR BILL AND RALPH

Do you welcome this responsibility because you are determined to follow Christ by loving others, seeking justice and working for peace? **I do.**

Will you open your heart so that you may be enriched by what others share with you? **We will.**

QUESTION FOR CONGREGATION

Will you, the members of our church family, promise to support Bill and Ralph in prayer while they are in Congo? **We will.**

COMMISSIONING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN No. 450

"O Day of Peace"

*JERUSALEM*

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Fugue in G minor

M. Dupré

GOING FORTH

*If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to meet today's ambassadors, Julie and Fred Schmitt, at the back of the sanctuary. They 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.*

## WORSHIP NOTES

**The flowers in the sanctuary today** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Roy H. Ledbetter by his daughter Anne.

**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. Available dates for flowers are July 25 and August 1.

**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.

**Are you wearing a nametag?** Whether you are a longtime 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.

**"Westminster to Go"** Audio tapes and DVD's of recent Westminster worship services are available at the front desk. Printed sermons are on the literature tables and at [www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org).

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

**Please remember in your prayers:**

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Jan Beeson and Charles Uhlinger.
- ❖ **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 Elva Carty, AL and Louis Frick, AL, both of Cokesbury Village, 726 Loveville Road, Hockessin, DE 19707.
- ❖ **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 requests** 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:  
Sergeant Steve Theobald, age 53, Sergeant Brandon Bury, age 26  
Lance Corporal Derek Hernandez, age 20, Corporal Donald Marler, age 22  
2nd Lieutenant Michael McGahan, age 23, Specialist Matthew Catlett, age 23  
Specialist Charles Jirtle, age 29, Staff Sergeant Robert Barton, age 35  
Specialist Blaine Redding, age 23, Sergeant John Rankel, age 23  
Specialist Brendan Neenan, age 21, Sergeant Erick Klusacek, age 22  
Sergeant Zachary Walters, age 24, Sergeant Derek Shanfield, age 22
- Those who have returned from service, possibly suffering from wounds or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

**F**or Presbyterians who care about how their faith intersects with the bigger world, this summer's General Assembly will provide a panorama of possibilities for discussion. Even assembly veterans seem stunned by the amount of work to get done when the 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) meets in Minneapolis July 3-10.

This assembly will bring together 712 commissioners from 173 presbyteries, who will be divided randomly into committees to discuss everything from Afghanistan to wetlands. The docket includes both controversial items (gay marriage, peace in the Middle East, immigration), and quieter ones close to the heart of congregational life, such as how small churches with limited resources can find pastoral leaders and how Presbyterians can most effectively do AIDS work around the world.

Here's a quick look at some of the business.

**MIDDLE EAST.** The previous General Assembly commissioned a Middle East Study Committee to examine the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. The committee's recommendations will come before this General Assembly and are already generating controversy. Commissioners will debate and vote on serious issues of peace and human rights. In addition, the assembly will consider theological papers on relations between Christians and Jews, and Christian and Muslims.

**FORM OF GOVERNMENT.** For the second time in two years, the assembly will be asked to consider proposed revisions to the PC(USA)'s Form of Government, or FOG.

Those comprehensive changes are intended to streamline and shorten the FOG document and make it more responsive to local needs. The FOG task force says the proposed changes will help Presbyterians better meet the mission needs of the 21st century, moving from a more detailed regulatory approach to the flexibility needed in a diverse, multicultural environment. The task force could not change certain FOG elements, specifically, ordination standards.

The proposal, however, is complicated. In 2008 the assembly held off voting the FOG proposal up or down, saying the church needed more time to consider it — and forming a new committee (with many members of the old task force plus some new ones) to make additional revisions.

Whether the assembly is ready to vote now — whether the commissioners will read this complicated report and whether they agree with it — remains to be seen.

**MIDDLE GOVERNING BODIES.** The assembly also will be asked to consider a proposal from the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly to create a General Assembly Commission on Middle Governing Bodies. The idea is to create a 21-member commission that would consider the mission of presbyteries and synods in a changing environment, and to give that commission some power to act when the assembly is not in session.

**GAY ORDINATION.** Once again, the assembly will be asked to vote to remove the PC(USA)'s requirement that those being ordained practice fidelity if they are married or chastity if they are single. In 2008, the assembly did that — and for the third time, a majority of the presbyteries refused to change that constitutional standard.

What will happen in July is anyone's guess. Each assembly is distinct and different. But more than 25 presbyteries flipped last year from keeping the current standards to favoring change, so those who support gay ordination are energized to keep pushing.

Some presbyteries have sent overtures asking that the "fidelity and chastity" language be removed. Others want a moratorium or "season of rest" on considering any changes to the ordination standards before 2012. And some want previous authoritative interpretations speaking against homosexual practice to be restored.

**MARRIAGE.** The 2008 General Assembly created a Special Committee to Consider Issues of Christian Marriage and Civil Unions. It too was instructed not to change the "fidelity and chastity" language. The assembly will consider both a majority and a minority report from the committee that wrestled with such issues as the differences between Christian marriage and same-sex union ceremonies. In some states, same-sex marriages are legal, but the PC(USA)'s Book of Order defines Christian marriage as being between a man and a woman.

The committee's majority report asks the assembly to develop resources consonant with the denomination's constitution, but which could help congregations sort through questions such as what role clergy can play in same-sex ceremonies and whether church property can be used for them.

The minority report states that marriages "which are outside of God's design for sexual expression, cannot be encouraged or blessed." **SOCIAL WITNESS.** The Advisory Committee on Social Witness policy is submitting reports on gun violence, AIDS, the economic crisis and public education. And there's sure to be discussion on other concerns in the public eye, including immigration, care for the environment and peacemaking. ●