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WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Service of Worship
3rd Sunday in Lent
March 27, 2011
9:00 a.m.

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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

8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. The Holy Toast Café, in Community Hall, offers free coffee and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar per item.

Deacon Team of the Month

Peggy Carroll, Beth Bowersock, Steve Stallone, Eadie Churchill, Eric Etshman

8:45 a.m. – noon Child Care for Cribbery (birth – toddler)

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. Worship with choir and organ

After TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN, if you wish, your children may leave the Sanctuary and go to:

- ❖ **Godly Care** – A unique opportunity for children ages 2-4 to get to know God through music, crafts, prayers and stories. Classes are in **Under Six Classroom A.**
- ❖ **Godly Play** – Children in Kindergarten and 1st grade gather in the **Ruth Christie Room** to learn the language of God's people through sacred space, stories, parables and liturgical actions. You may pick up your children in **Under Six Classroom C.**
- ❖ **Godly Kids** – Our Hebrew Scouts class is cancelled today. Class will resume next Sunday for children in grades 2-4.

10:10 a.m.

Education for All Ages

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| ➤ Under Six Sunday School | Under Six Classrooms |
| ➤ Sunshine Choir for K - 2 nd Grade | Classroom 7 |
| ➤ D.R.U.M. for Grades 3 - 6 | Youth Music Room |
| ➤ Middle Schoolers on the Move - Grades 6 - 8 | Classroom 1 |
| ➤ Confirmation Class for 9 th Graders | Classroom 8 |
| ➤ Senior High Gathering | Classroom 3 |
| ➤ Adult Education Classes | See page 7 |

11:15 a.m.

Worship

Later Today

2:00 p.m.	Israel-Palestine Film Series "Encounter Point"	Community Hall
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir	Youth Music Room
5:30 p.m.	180° Dinner and Fellowship	Community Hall & Cl. 6
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 our fathers Jack Foster and Charles Pfleegor from Anne Foster and Chip Pfleegor.

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. Dates available for flowers are May 1, 22 and 29.

Worship Resources – You may obtain large print hymnals and hearing devices from any usher. Worship bags for children ages 3-6 and *Kids' Notes* for ages 7-12 are available from the ushers. *Kids' Notes* emphasize *listening* and *seeing* during worship.

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:** 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 **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 Anne Burrough #308 and Virginia Mentzer #309, both of Gilpin Hall, 1101 Gilpin Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19806.
- ❖ **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 in the Middle East:
Iraq: Chase James and Susan Harcke Afghanistan: Ann Exline Starr
Middle East: Matt Burton
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Corporal Joseph Whitehead, age 22, of Axis, Alabama
Major Michael Evarts, age 41, of Concord, Ohio
Petty Officer Dominique Cruz, age 26, of Panama City, Florida
Specialist Joshua Lancaster, age 22, of Millbrook, Alabama
Sergeant Jason Amores, age 29, of Lehigh Acres, Florida
Private 1st Class Amy Sinkler, age 23, of Chadbourn, North Carolina
Technical Sergeant Leslie Williams, age 36, of Juneau, Alaska
Sergeant 1st Class Anthony Venetz, Jr., age 30, of Prince William, Virginia
Specialist Shawn Muhr, age 26, of Coon Rapids, Iowa
- 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 9:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Lord Jesus, desert dweller, help us now, at this time of Lent to accompany you. If we have grown soft, cushioning our lives with excuses, expose us to the toughness of your way. If we have grown lazy, cushioning our minds with easy, thin thoughts, expose us to the rigor of your truth. If we have grown comfortable, cushioning our living with satisfaction and success, expose us to the challenge of your life. As we walk, God, be our way. As we learn, God, be our truth. As we grow, God, be our life. Amen.

John Harvey and Millicent, from *Eggs and Ashes*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Herzlich tut mich verlangen
(My heart is longing...)
[Tune: Hymn #98]

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said that if you drink water from a well, you will continually be thirsty.

We are thirsty, and we are hungry to know God and to see God.

Jesus gives us living water so we will no longer hunger or thirst.

We need this living water, to quench the desires of our hearts.

Let us worship God, the source of life-giving water.

*HYMN NO. 186

“Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord”
Verses 1-5

TALLIS ORDINAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you offer each of us living water that comes from a source that will never dry up. Forgive us our hurried lives when we only seek to drink what will make us want for more. Help us develop a taste for your compassion and grace which will nurture us and bring healing in the world. Create in us a new capacity to love, forgive, and serve you humbly. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Anne Ledbetter

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

TELLING OF THE SCRIPTURE STORY

John 4:5-42

Shelley Gnade, Mary-beth Howard, storytellers
Westminster By Heart

SERMON

“Thirsting, Drinking, Sharing”

Anne Ledbetter

*HYMN NO. 516

“Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”
Verse 1

O QUANTA QUALIA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God sends us to proclaim the gospel.

We are to proclaim by word and deed

that Christ came to set people free

from sin and self-hatred,

from ignorance and disease,

from all forms of oppression,

and even from death.

We are to offer others, in Christ’s name, the fullness of life now and forever.

We must not restrict our proclamation to persons just like ourselves.

We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers.

from A Declaration of Faith, PCUSA

OFFERTORY

*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 ANTHEM

“O Saviour of the World”

John Goss
(1800-1880)

O Saviour of the world, Who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us, Save us,
and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

**As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.**

**We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit we would live to God's delight.**

**As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness 'mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.**

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BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

GOING FORTH

*If you are visiting with us, 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.*

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Adult Education Classes This Morning

The Four Acts of Prayer

Led by Class Members, March 27, April 3, 10, 17, May 1, 8, 15
Daughtry House Classroom

Both new and experienced Christians find praying to be something of a mystery and often wonder about how to pray. In this video series, Walter Wangerin teaches that prayer is more than communication; it is a conversation between God and each one of us. In the ten lessons of The Four Acts of Prayer, Wangerin uses stories to explore the vital elements of the complete circle of praying – we speak, God listens, God speaks, we listen. He shows us that these four simple acts, practiced and developed with diligence, bring us into a close communion with God that supports us in our daily living. Walter Wangerin, Jr. is the award-winning author of thirty-four books, including the bestselling The Book of God; the National Book Award-winning The Book of the Dun Cow; and, most recently, Saint Julian.

The Parables of Jesus

Led by Dr. Greg Jones, March 27, in Classroom 6

Sometimes religious truth is best conveyed in a story. Jesus of Nazareth had a powerful message to share and many times he communicated his good news by telling parables. He spoke to ordinary people in terms they could quickly grasp by telling stories about seeds growing, children rebelling, despised outsiders being compassionate, pious believers falling flat on their faces, the dangers of wealth, great banquets and many other topics which were part of their routine experiences. As we study Jesus' parables today, we find that the meaning of some parables is simple and straightforward, while others require more digging. This class will be part lecture and part discussion as we seek to discover the life-giving message for us today.

Marriage Enrichment: Making Love Last a Lifetime

Led by class members, March 27, in the Meeting Room

Today – Making Love Last a Lifetime

In these eight video presentations, Adam Hamilton offers some keys to developing a healthy, satisfying and successful marriage. If you are single, these videos can equip and prepare you to have a successful relationship. If you are married, they can help you grow in your relationship with your partner so that you can experience all that God intends a marriage to be.

Membership Exploration Class

March 27, in Classroom 5

Dr. Anne Ledbetter will host a Membership Exploration class for anyone interested in membership at Westminster – or just curious about what it means to be a Presbyterian. We will meet in Classroom 5 (across from Community Hall). Grab a cup of coffee or tea from the Holy Toast and join us! For those ready to connect with Westminster, Session will receive new members at 10:50 a.m.

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Welcome and Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship

“Come Into God’s Presence”

D.R.U.M. Ensemble

1st Time: D.R.U.M Ensemble

2nd Time: All

Unknown



1. Come in - to God's pres - ence sing - ing, "Al - le - lu - ia,
2. Come in - to God's pres - ence sing - ing, "Je - sus is Lord,
3. Come in - to God's pres - ence sing - ing, "Wor - thy the Lamb,
4. Come in - to God's pres - ence sing - ing, "Glo - ry to God,



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wor - thy the Lamb, wor - thy the lamb."
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God."

Text and music: Anonymous

*Opening Hymn No. 430

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

DARWALL'S 148TH

Children’s Time

Anne Ledbetter

Telling of the Scripture Story

John 4:5-42

Shelley Gnade, Mary-beth Howard, storytellers

Westminster By Heart

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Response

“Come and See”

"Come and see, come and see, I am the way and the truth," said he.
 "Fol - low me, fol - low me, come as a child, — O come and see."

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with a small '5' under the first note of the second line.

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Sermon

“Thirsting, Drinking, Sharing”

Anne Ledbetter

Offering

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Offertory Anthem

“We Are the Church”
Sunshine Choir

Avery and Marsh

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer (page 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, using “debts” and “debtors”)

*Closing Song

“As a Fire is Meant for Burning”

BEACH SPRING

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*Benediction and Response (next page)

*Benediction

*Response

“Go Now in Peace”
D.R.U.M. Ensemble
1st Time: D.R.U.M Ensemble
2nd Time: All

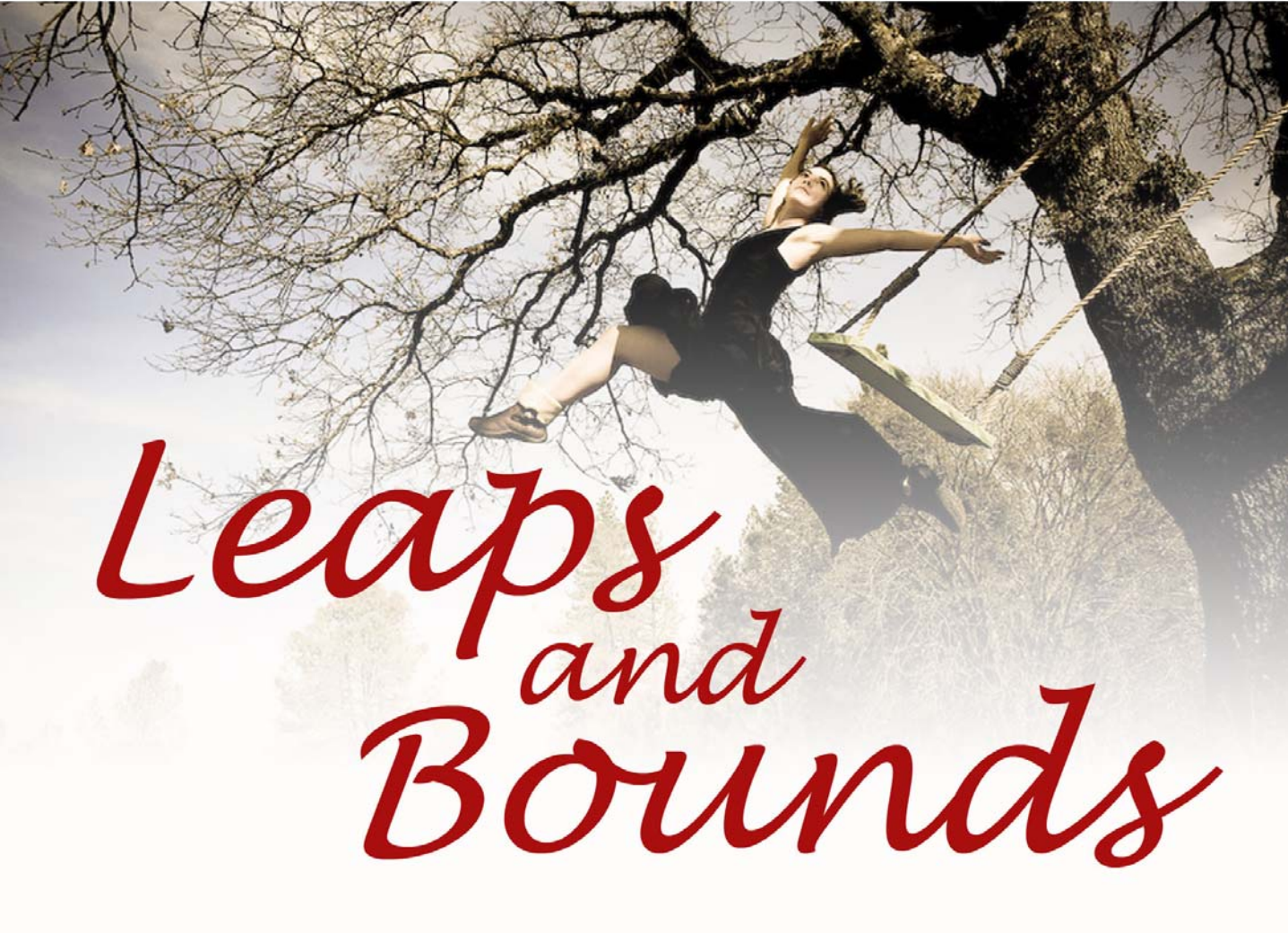
Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God sur - round you
ev' ry where, ev' - ry - where, you may go.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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Now for Something Totally Different, Dynamic, and Inspirational...



*Leaps
and
Bounds*

Friday, April 8 at 8:00 p.m.

A one-woman performance by Teyvyn East
Employing movement, poetry, storytelling, and drama
A message on faith, ecology and the global economy

See the *March Chimes* for details!