



**Services of Worship  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
May 15, 2011**

**9:00 a.m. and 11:15 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:

Gregory K. Jones, Head of Staff  
Anne R. Ledbetter, Associate Pastor  
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CHURCH EDUCATOR:

Susan Moseley

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR:

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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**

8:30 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**

Fred Carspecken, Cathy Edge, Bill Kaye, Donna Nelson, Keith Pierce

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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** – Children in grades 2, 3 and 4 will become “Hebrew Scouts,” re-living the stories of the Exodus. You may pick up your children in **Under Six Classroom C** following worship.

10:10 a.m. **Education for All Ages**

➤ Under Six Sunday School	Under Six Classrooms
➤ Children’s Education	Grace Hall and Cl. 4
➤ Middle Schoolers on the Move - Grades 6 - 8	Classroom 1
➤ 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 “Syrian Bride” Community Hall

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 memory of Ann Pickering from her loving husband Frank and family.

**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 May 29, June 5 and 26.

**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:** Wayne Casey, Janet Meyer, Laura Stevens.
- ❖ **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 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](mailto:cfalasco@wpc.org).

### This week we pray for

- Those known to the WPC Community presently serving overseas:
  - Iraq: Chase James
  - Afghanistan: Ann Exline Starr
  - Middle East: Matt Burton
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
  - Private 1st Class Michael Mahr, age 26, of Homosassa, Florida
  - Staff Sergeant Joshua Gire, age 28, of Chillicothe, Ohio
  - Petty Officer 1st Class Vincent Filpi, III, age 41, of Fort Walton Beach, Florida
  - Specialist Justin Ross, age 22, of Green Bay, Wisconsin
  - Sergeant 1st Class Ofren Arrechaga, age 28, of Hialeah, Florida
  - Staff Sergeant Frank Adamski, III, age 26, of Moosup, Connecticut
  - Specialist Jameson Lindskog, age 23, of Pleasanton, California
  - Private 1st Class Jeremy Faulkner, age 23, of Griffin, Georgia
  - Private 1st Class Dustin Feldhaus, age 20, of Glendale, Arizona
- 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL PRELUDE

“The Heavens Are Telling”  
*Westminster Choir*

Ludwig van Beethoven  
(1770-1827)

The heav'ns are telling the Lord's endless glory,  
Through all the earth His praise is found.  
The seas re-echo the marvelous story:  
Let all repeat that glorious sound!  
The starry hosts He doth order and number,  
He fills the morning's golden springs,  
He wakes the sun from his night-curtain'd slumber;  
Let all adore the King of kings!

CALL TO WORSHIP

We rejoice in all things.  
We live in all things.  
**All things live in us.**  
We live by the sun;  
**we move with the stars.**  
We eat from the earth;  
we drink from the rain.  
**We breathe from the air.**  
We share with the creatures  
**we have strength through their gifts.**  
We depend on the forests;  
**we have knowledge through their secrets.**  
We have the privilege of seeing and understanding;  
**we have the responsibility of caring.**  
**We have the joy of celebrating.**  
We are full of the grace of creation.  
**We are graceful**  
**we are grateful.**  
**We rejoice in all life.**

\*HYMN NO. 267

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

*ROYAL OAK*

CALL TO CONFESSION

The way we live affects our sisters and brothers.  
The way we live affects our parents and children.  
**The way we live affects our friends and total strangers.**  
**The way we live affects our street and our country.**  
The way we live affects forests and mountains, rivers and oceans.  
The way we live affects plants and animals, stars and planets.  
**We can choose and change the way we live.**  
**God help us to get things right.**

CONFESSION

**We are sorry, Lord, that just by living without thought we pollute the air, poison the waters, and damage the land. Forgive us, God.  
For we are connected, whether we recognize it or not, to all creation; to all that you made; from ant to mountain we are connected.  
Holy Spirit, heal and restore us, that we may live gently on earth, and all creation praise you, the living God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The love of God is at home in us. The justice of Jesus is at home in us.  
**The healing power of the Spirit leads us into new life.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Anne Ledbetter

ANTHEM

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Rutter  
(b. 1945)

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies:

For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flow’r,  
Sun and moon and stars of light:

For each perfect gift of thine  
To our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine,  
Flow’rs of earth and buds of heav’n:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 16:13-18

Old Testament, page 59  
Sue Spilecki, Lay Liturgist

SERMON

“Daily Manna”

Anne Ledbetter

\*HYMN

“Creation Now is Crying”

*MUNICH*

**Creation now is crying  
for us to do our share  
in changing selfish lifestyles  
to show we truly care.  
You call us, God, to witness  
your love for humankind,  
yet we still fail to follow  
with heart and soul and mind.**

**Your son showed us the pathway,  
and promised to provide  
the strength we need to trust him  
to be our faithful guide.  
Help us be new creations,  
and work to bring to birth  
the hope that all who follow  
will serve a brave new earth!**

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We join with the earth and with each other  
To bring new life to the land,  
To restore the waters,  
To refresh the air.**

**We join with the earth and with each other  
To renew the forests,  
To care for the plants,  
To protect the creature.**

**We join with the earth and with each other  
To celebrate the seas,  
To rejoice in the sunlight,  
To sing the song of the stars,  
To join with the earth and with each other,  
To recreate the human community,  
To promote justice and peace,  
To remember our children.**

**We join with the earth and with each other.**

**We join together as many and diverse expressions of one loving mystery  
for the healing of the earth and the renewal of all life.**

UN Environmental Sabbath Program

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

Psalm 23: "The Lord Is My Shepherd"  
*Diana Milburn, soprano*

Paul Creston  
(1906-1985)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 553

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

*EAST ACKLAM*

CLOSING RESPONSES

We will tread the earth lightly

**Scattering God's blessing.**

Our hearts changed by love:

**The love of the living God.**

Working to transform the world –

**Inspired by the Holy God.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Fugue in G major ("Jig")

J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

GOING FORTH

*If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to meet today's ambassador,  
Elizabeth Poole, 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.*



## **Adult Education Classes This Morning**

**The Four Acts of Prayer** - Led by Class Members, in the Daughtry Classroom

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.

**Parenting Class** - Led by Yvonne Nass, in the Meeting Room

Popular parenting consultant Yvonne Nass will present relevant material and lead discussions on positive parenting.

**Membership Exploration Class** - Led by Greg Jones, in Classroom 5

Interested in knowing more about Westminster – our ministry and programs? Interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church? Grab a cup of coffee or tea in the Holy Toast Café and join us. We will conclude class by 11:00 am – in time to pick up your children from Sunday school or to prepare for worship at 11:15. Our Session will receive new members at 10:50 this morning.

## **This Morning's Table Talk**

**Questions or Comments About Greg Jones' Sabbatical?** – Join us in Rodney Chapel

Session voted at its April 18 meeting to approve a sabbatical for Rev. Greg Jones from May through July 2012. This action will be reflected in the Terms of Call for Greg that will be presented for congregational approval at our 2012 Annual Meeting. Join WPC Personnel Committee Chair Fred Iobst for 'Table Talk' in Rodney Chapel between worship services today or next Sunday to discuss this proposal and ask any questions you may have.

## **WPC Sunday Schedule**

### **Today, May 15**

9:00 & 11:15 a.m. - Worship Services

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. - Godly Time

10:10 – 11:00 a.m. - 10:TEN

(Christian Education for All Ages)

Holy Toast Café is open in Community Hall throughout the morning. Stop in for refreshments and fellowship!

### **May 22**

One service at 10:00 a.m.

(Choir and orchestra present Mozart *Missa Brevis*)

### **May 29**

One service at 10:00 a.m.

### **Summer Schedule**

#### **June 5 to August 28**

8:30 a.m. - Worship in Rodney Chapel

(this time has changed from previous years, when the service was held at 8:15 a.m.)

10:00 a.m. - Worship in Sanctuary

Join us for Summer Tea on the church lawn (or Rodney Chapel depending on weather) following the 10:00 a.m. service.

The church offices are closed on Fridays in July and August, except for July 29 for Vacation Bible School.

### **September 4**

One service at 10:00 a.m.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP AT 11:15 A.M.

Welcome and Announcements

\*Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship

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**we have the responsibility of caring.**

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We are full of the grace of creation.

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**we are grateful.**

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\*Songs

## “Creator of Mountains”

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, with the first line starting at measure 1 and the second line starting at measure 6. The third line starts at measure 11. The score ends with a double bar line at the end of the third line.

1. Cre - a - tor of moun-tains, of gla - ciers and streams, Great Splash-er of  
2. Cre - a - ted for car - ing for all hu - man need, we seek to be  
3. Cre - a - tor of riv - er and for - est and snow, E - ter - nal Life -

6 foun - tains and Dream - er of dreams, we gath er in won - der and  
dar - ing in thought and in deed. Turn us from all strife that de -  
giv - er whose pres - ence we know, Your voice is re - sound-ing in

11 praise for Your grace. Re - spond-ing we pon - der our work in this place.  
means or di - vides. Re - form us for life that em - powers and a - bides.  
storm, wind, and wave. Your love is a - bound-ing, em - brac - ing to save.

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## Response

“I Am Your Mother”

(Earth Prayer)

Verse 1: Vocal Ensemble

Verse 2: All

1. I am your moth-er: Do not ne - glect me! Chil - dren, pro - tect me,  
2. I am your nur-ture: Do not de - stroy me! Love and en - joy me,

7 I need your trust; my breath is your breath, my death is your death,  
sa - vor my fruit; my good is your good, my food is your food,

13 ash - es to ash - es, dust in - to dust.  
wa - ter and flow - er, branch - es and root.

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**Holy Spirit, heal and restore us, that we may live gently on earth, and all creation praise you, the living God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Response

“I Am Your Mother”

Verse 3: All

I am your lodg-ing: Do not a - buse me! Ten - der - ly use me,  
 7 sooth-ing my scars; my health is your health, my wealth is your wealth,  
 13 shin - ing with prom - ise, set a - mong stars.

Children’s Time

Anne Ledbetter

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 16:13-18

Old Testament, page 59  
Jeff Kline, Lay Liturgist

Sermon

“Daily Manna”

Anne Ledbetter

\*Hymn

“The Earth Is the Lord’s”

FOUNDATION

**The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.  
 Creation reminds us, O God, of your love.  
 By grace we are learning, as year leads to year,  
 We're called to be stewards, your caretakers here.**

**Your rainforests nurture the world that we share.  
 Your wetlands give animals shelter and care.  
 Your coral reefs cradle the life of the sea.  
 You've shown us, in love, what your good world can be.**

**Too often, O God, we abuse your good earth.  
 We fail to remember its beauty and worth.  
 We take from creation much more than we need,  
 We threaten your world through indifference and greed.**

**May we be good stewards of all that you give,  
 Protecting creation wherever we live.  
 May we be a church that renews and restores  
 And lovingly cares for this earth that is yours.**

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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

**All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou fertile earth, that day by day  
Unfoldest blessings on your way,  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
Let them God's glory also show!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*Closing Responses

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**Scattering God's blessing.**  
Our hearts changed by love:  
**The love of the living God.**  
Working to transform the world –  
**Inspired by the Holy God.**



# WPC HOSTS FAMILIES WHO ARE HOMELESS

**MAY 29 – JUNE 5**

**We are in need of host couples and dinner volunteers for the Family Promise ministry.**

Host couples eat dinner with our guest families, spend the night at church in your own designated classroom, and see the families off on the Family Promise van before 6:00 a.m. the next morning.

Dinner volunteers prepare dinner for the three to four families we will host. Individuals, couples or groups can cook at WPC or at home. What to serve? Soup and salad, lasagna, a taco bar or your own specialty. If you have no time to cook, consider take-out fried chicken or ready-to-serve casseroles from Costco.

To be an overnight host, contact Marlys Kerr at [marlyskerr@aol.com](mailto:marlyskerr@aol.com) or 302-654-2404.

To be a dinner volunteer, contact Mary Lou McDowell at 302-655-8662 or [MaryMcDowell5@aol.com](mailto:MaryMcDowell5@aol.com).