



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship
6th Sunday of Easter
May 29, 2011
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.

This Morning at Westminster

9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Child Care for Cribbery (birth – toddler)

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Sunday School for Under Six in the Under Six Classrooms

11:00 a.m. Tea and Fellowship on the Church Lawn

Deacon Team of the Month: Fred Carspecken, Cathy Edge, Bill Kaye, Donna Nelson, Keith Pierce

Later Today

11:00 a.m. Family Promise Downstairs

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

8:00 p.m. AA Club Room

Guest Choir Today

Joining us and providing choral music for our worship this morning are members of the **Glorystar Children's Chorus**, a multi-cultural and multi-racial children's chorus based in Potomac, Maryland. Founded in 1996 by Enchin Chen and music director Cherie Jeng, the initial group of 25 children has expanded to more than 130 choristers, aged 5 to 18, in four singing groups. In its 15-year history, Glorystar has been recognized often for its high standards and excellence, having performed widely throughout the U.S. and abroad. Today they are under the direction of assistant music director Ming Hsieh and accompanied by pianist Jasmine Lee.

WORSHIP NOTES

Individual cushions are available at each entrance to the sanctuary for those who prefer the use of a cushion.

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 June 26 and July 3, 17, 24 and 31.

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.

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:** Paul Best, Thomas Charles, Helen DeBlieu.
- ❖ **The family of Janet Hoopes** who died recently.
- ❖ **David Freeth**, to whom we express our sympathy, on the recent death of his mother.
- ❖ **Melissa Stabler**, to whom we express our sympathy, on the recent death of her father.
- ❖ **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 Bob Tiews, Stonegates, Apt. 171, 4031 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.

This week we pray for

- Those known to the WPC Community presently serving overseas:
Iraq: Chase James Afghanistan: Ann Exline Starr
Afghanistan: Matt Burton
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Sergeant Michael Lammerts, age 26, of Tonawanda, New York
Specialist Gary Nelson, III, age 20, of Woodstock, Georgia
Captain Wesley Hinkley, age 36, of Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Seaman Benjamin Rast, age 23, of Niles, Michigan
Staff Sergeant Jeremy Smith, age 26, of Arlington, Texas
Specialist Keith Buzinski, age 26, of Daytona Beach, Florida
- 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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Holy God, give me the wisdom to discern your guidance and the will to follow you. Grant me a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you by the way I treat others; and a life to live in harmony with the way of Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL PRELUDE

“Esurientes implevit bonis” (from *Magnificat*)
Glorystar Children’s Chorus

Antonio Vivaldi

Esurientes implevit bonis:
et divites dimisit inanes.

*The hungry he has filled with good things.
and the rich he has sent empty away.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift your hearts! Lift your eyes! Lift your voices!

The living, moving Spirit of God calls us together.

What will happen to us if we open our lives to God’s Spirit?

We will be alert for the surprises of God.

*HYMN NO. 108

“Christ is Alive!”
Verses 1-5

TRURO

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are created in God’s image, but sin distorts our essential nature.

Let us confess our need to recover our true selves.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mighty God, who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit
to fill disciples with willing faith,**

we confess that we have resisted the challenge of your Spirit.

Forgive us for neglecting your commandments.

We have been slow to serve you

and reluctant to spread the good news of your love.

By your Spirit, fill us with the desire to do your will

and to be your faithful people;

for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

In Christ we can discover new life.

Through his life, death, and resurrection we are forgiven.

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

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Greg Jones

*After Time with our Children, young children through 2nd Grade may leave for Summer Sunday School.
Older children will remain in worship with their families.*

ANTHEM

“Ave Maria”

attributed to Giulio Caccini

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:15-21

New Testament, page 95
Lisa Stoddard, Lay Liturgist

SERMON

“I Will Not Leave You Orphaned”

Greg Jones

*HYMN No. 376

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

HYFRYDOL

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 ANTHEM

“Der Herr segne euch” (from Cantata 196)

J. S. Bach

Der Herr segne euch je mehr und mehr,
euch und eure Kinder.

*May the Lord bless you more and more,
you and your children.*

*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. 359

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

MORE LOVE TO THEE

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“Elijah Rock!”

arr. Roger Emerson

GOING FORTH

*If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to meet today’s ambassadors,
Marlys Kerr, 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.*

PASTORAL STAFF

Gregory K. Jones, Head of Staff
Anne R. Ledbetter, Associate Pastor
Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: Debbie Brown

CHURCH EDUCATOR: Susan Moseley

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Mary Beth Davis, Director of Music for Children, Youth and Handbells
Sandie Reinicker, Director of Sunshine Choir
Section Leader/Soloists: Diana Milburn, Ruth Bailis, Justin Gonzalez, Brian Carter

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Susan Moseley, Mary Beth Davis and Mike Gnade

SUPPORT STAFF

Susan Alexander, Receptionist
Colleen Falasco, Operations Assistant
Jerry Hunter, Financial Assistant
Suzie Hurlock, Administrative Assistant
Nicole Hughes, Director of Communication and Database Management
Jerry Reed, Facilities Manager
Sextons: Roger W. Atkins, Robert King, Kevin Krick, Joan Truitt

WORLDWIDE MINISTRY

Guatemala – Roger and Gloria Mariott, Cedepca, Karla Koll and the Mam Presbytery
Kenya – JOHABETO Ruth and Martin Shikuku, Kitale, Kenya
Congo – Timothee Kalonji Matadi, Cecilé de Sweemer, MD, Pastor Jean-Marc Katujudi Nkuna and
Members of the Kamulumba-Ditalala Parish

SESSION

John Bowman, Sue Bryde, Ron Carrick, Clark Collins, Charlie Depfer, Karen Dietz
Mary Field, Nancy Fleming, Ellie Furry, Mark Gerstenschlager, Anne Gunn, Dick Haden,
Trina Hogan, Mary-beth Howard, Fred Iobst, Dick Jolly, Don Kuespert, Sue Linderman, Fred Nelson,
Roland Pamm, Jan Patrick, Margo Reign, Jerry Spilecki, Alex Sprague, Rick Stabler, Steve Steinwedel

BOARD OF DEACONS

Pam Bailey, Beth Bowersock, Marcia Carle, Kim Carrick, Peggy Carroll, Diane Chandler,
Eadie Churchill, Jack Coleman, Bob Cox, Emily Crawford, Kris DeMesse, Cathy Edge, Eric Etshman,
George Evans, Barbara Fedeler, Carol Noggle Harris, Carol Hopkins, Bill Kaye, Carla Krupanski,
Ralph Lewis, David Mathé, Carol Mosher, Ruth Nace, Donna Nelson, Sonja Pfautz, Patti Ridout,
Jane Palmer, Keith Pierce, Patty Rittenhouse, Ann Shaddock, Melissa Stabler, Steve Stallone, Julia Stone

TRUSTEES

Bob Chagnon, Don Furry, Sara Geuder, Jamie Hickey, John Johnston, Lynn Kielhorn,
Charlie McDowell, John McFarland, Bob McKeown, Stephen Poole, Christine Schiltz, Philip Timon

JOIN US FOR A PENTECOST BRUNCH!

**Sunday, June 12 in Community Hall
following the 10:00 a.m. worship service**

We're celebrating Pentecost with a tasty brunch buffet! The deacons are hosting and will provide quiches, breakfast casseroles and drinks. Members can bring salads/fruit and/or desserts to share. Invite a friend or neighbor!

Bike2Build

Saturday, June 11

in memory of Chad Miller and his brother Chris

Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park
in Wilmington

Starts at 8:00 a.m.

Get involved! See the May/June
issue of *The Chimes* for more details!

