



Services of Worship
3rd Sunday of Easter
May 8, 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
Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

CHURCH EDUCATOR:

Susan Moseley

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR:

Debbie Brown

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

8:30 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, Recognition of Confirmands, Baptism~Jason Matthew Carroll

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** – 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Under Six Sunday School➤ Children’s Education➤ Middle Schoolers on the Move - Grades 6 - 8➤ Confirmation Class for 9th Graders➤ Senior High Gathering➤ Adult Education Classes	Under Six Classrooms Grace Hall and Cl. 4 Classroom 1 Classroom 8 Classroom 3 See page 8
10:10 a.m.	Confirmation Celebration	Classroom 6
11:15 a.m.	Worship, Baptism~Wyatt Robert Fooks	

Later Today

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 Elizabeth Higgins from her family.

The rosebud at the side of the pulpit this morning is in celebration of the birth of Adeline Johnston Polisi, born to Caroline Johnston Polisi and her husband Ryan, on April 29, in NYC. Proud grandparents are Dede and John Johnston.

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 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:** Paul Best, Wayne Casey, Carolyn McKeown, 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 Betty Kelley, Forwood Manor, Apt. 134, 1912 Marsh Road, Wilmington, DE 19810 and Ed Bloom, Granite Farms Estate, Cherry Blossom Lane #307A, 1343 W. Baltimore Pike, Media, PA 19063.
- ❖ **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
 - Middle East: Matt Burton Japan: Andy Stoffer
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
 - Staff Sergeant Mecolus McDaniel, age 33, of Fort Hood, Texas
 - Corporal Donald Mickler, Jr., age 29, of Bucyrus, Ohio
 - Private 1st Class Rudy Acosta, age 19, of Canyon Country, California
 - Staff Sergeant James Malachowski, age 25, of Westminster, Maryland
 - Corporal Brandon Hocking, age 24, of Seattle, Washington
- 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

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude in D minor

Anton Bruckner
(1824-1896)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Emily Knepper, Confirmand

Peace be with you in the name of Jesus Christ,
who has conquered death and shown us how to live.

**We need the gift of peace for our harried days;
and we need it for our troubled world.**

God gives us counsel and instruction and is always with us.

Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice; we shall not be moved.

In hope and confidence we come to praise God
for the heritage and opportunity given to us.

We rejoice in the presence of Christ whose ways we seek to follow.

*HYMN No. 104

“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

Julia Rivera, Confirmand

If we claim to be without sin, we are only fooling ourselves.

But if we confess our sin, God may be trusted to forgive us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we need your peace today for our broken and troubled world.

**Although we live in the radiance of Easter,
we are still locked up in our fears.**

Forgive our fear of the world,

our fear of those who are different from us, and our fear of losing control.

Help us be channels of your forgiveness and peace

so that all may have life in your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

In the name of Christ, we are forgiven, and granted new and eternal life!

**Let us live as children of the resurrection, people of the Easter promise,
so that all may know the living hope to which our Lord Jesus calls us.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Jason Matthew Carroll

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or video recording during the worship service.*

PRESENTATION OF THE PARENTS AND CHILD

Elder: Jan Patrick

OPENING WORDS

“People brought little children to see and hear Jesus.
The disciples tried to turn them away, but Jesus said:”

**“Let the little children come to me, do not stop them,
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”**

And Jesus took the children in his arms, laid his hands on them and blessed them.

PROMISES OF COMMITMENT

PARENTS’ PROMISE

Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? **We do.**

Relying on God’s grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith
and to teach that faith to your child? **We do.**

CONGREGATION’S PROMISE

Will we, the people of the church, promise to nurture and support Jason and his parents,
and will we encourage him to become a faithful Christian? **We will.**

CHILDREN’S PROMISE

Do you promise to be a friend to Jason by playing with him and helping him?

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOLLOWING BAPTISM

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31

New Testament, page 101
Alex Knepper, Confirmand

SERMON

“Doubt and Faith”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 368

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Logan Starr, Confirmand

**The Spirit helps believers grow in the new life.
The Christian fellowship was not a society of perfect people.
The struggle between the old way of life and the new was severe.
Yet the Spirit produced among followers of Jesus love, joy, peace,
and victories in the battle against evil.**

**We believe the Holy Spirit works today
whenever believers grow toward maturity in Christ.**

**As long as we live we struggle with sin,
but the Spirit’s presence assures us**

God will complete what God has begun in us. From *A Declaration of Faith*, 1977.

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

“As truly as God is our Father”
Westminster Choir

William Mathias
(1987)

As truly as God is our Father, so just as truly is God our Mother. In our Father, God Almighty, we have our being; in our merciful Mother we are remade and restored. Our fragmented lives are knit together. And by giving and yielding ourselves, through grace, to the Holy Spirit we are made whole. It is I, the strength and goodness of Fatherhood. It is I, the wisdom of Motherhood. It is I, the light and grace of holy love. It is I, the Trinity, it is I, the unity. I am the sovereign goodness in all things. It is I who teach you to love. It is I who teach you do desire. It is I who am the reward of all true desiring. All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well. Amen

- text by Julian of Norwich (1343-1413)

PRESENTATION OF 2010-2011 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Class Teacher: Cathy Higgins

Emily Harrison, Alex Knepper, Emily Knepper, Julia Rivera and Logan Starr

QUESTION FOR PARENTS

Relying on God’s grace, do you promise to continue your own spiritual journey welcoming your son or daughter to walk alongside you now as a fellow traveler and disciple of Christ?

CHARGE TO CONFIRMANDS

Class Teacher: Keith McGowan

QUESTIONS FOR CONFIRMANDS

Church Educator: Susan Moseley

Do you confess that Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior, the one we trust to lead us in the ways of God?

Trusting in God’s mercy, do you reject all behaviors and attitudes that alienate you from God and neighbor?

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, striving for peace and justice among all people, protecting and restoring the integrity of God’s creation, and showing Christ’s love in all you say and do?

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, sharing in its worship and ministry through your prayers, gifts, study and service?

PRAYER

WELCOME BY THE COMMUNITY

Class Teacher: Chip Pfleeger

By publically professing their faith in Christ, these young people have confirmed the vows taken for them at their baptism. Let us welcome them as they join us in the worship and mission of the church.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in our faithfulness to him.

LITANY

Emily Harrison, Confirmand

As you breathed the Spirit upon the early disciples, so breathe the Spirit upon us today.

Like Abraham and Sarah before us, we have accepted your call to journey into unknown territory. Breathe your Spirit upon us as guidance and strength.

Like Moses and Miriam before us, we have accepted your call to lead your children toward freedom. Breathe your Spirit upon us as vision and truth.

Like Ruth and Jeremiah before us, we have accepted your call to risk ourselves for your plan of hope. Breathe your Spirit upon us as trust and endurance.

Like Mary Magdalene and John the Baptist before us, we have accepted your call to bear witness to the God of life. Breathe your Spirit upon us as passion and conviction.

Like Paul and Priscilla before us, we have accepted your call to establish your church in this place. Breathe your Spirit upon us as energy, imagination and courage.

Guiding, empowering Spirit, we wait upon your breath that gives life to our faith, that activates our love, that emboldens our commitment, and that gives direction to our service.

We wait with longing hearts. Spirit of God, come quickly to fill us with life anew, that we may love with your love and live to your will.

*HYMN NO. 316

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”
Verses 3 & 4

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“God Be In My Head”

Andrew Carter
(1992)

God be in my head and in my understanding,
God be in mine eyes and in my looking,
God be in my mouth and in my speaking,
God be in my heart and in my thinking,
God be at mine end and at my departing.

- text from Sarum Primer, 1558

GOING FORTH

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to meet today’s ambassadors, Don and Ellie Furry, 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.

This Morning’s Table Talk at 10:10 a.m.

Questions or Comments About Greg Jones’ Sabbatical? – today and next Sunday, 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.



Adult Education Classes This Morning

The Four Acts of Prayer - Led by Class Members, today and next Sunday, 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, today and next Sunday, in the Meeting Room

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

Membership Exploration Class - Led by our pastors, today and next Sunday, in Classroom 5

Interested in knowing more about Westminster – our ministry and programs? Interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church? In two consecutive sessions, today and next Sunday, we are offering a membership exploration class. Grab a cup of coffee or tea in the Holy Toast Café and join us. We will conclude both classes 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 am next Sunday, May 15.

ORDER OF WORSHIP AT 11:15 A.M.

Preparation for Worship

Mighty God, you hold the heavens in your hands and all the stars rejoice in your glory. You come in the sunrise and the song of morn and bless the splendor of the noonday. The stars in their courses magnify you, day and night tell of your glory. Your peace blows over the earth and the breath of your mouth fills all space. Your voice comes in the thunder of the storm and the song of the wind whispers of your majesty. You satisfy all things living with your abundance and my life resides in you. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship

Peace be with you in the name of Jesus Christ,
who has conquered death and shown us how to live.

**We need the gift of peace for our harried days;
and we need it for our troubled world.**

God gives us counsel and instruction and is always with us.

Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice; we shall not be moved.

In hope and confidence we come to praise God
for the heritage and opportunity given to us.

We rejoice in the presence of Christ whose ways we seek to follow.

*Opening Songs

“Christ the Lord is Risen”

1. Christ the Lord___ is risen! Christ the Lord___ is risen! Ye - su. ___

⁴ Christ the Lord___ is risen! Christ the Lord___ is risen! Ye - su. ___

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "1. Christ the Lord___ is risen! Christ the Lord___ is risen! Ye - su. ___". The second staff is a piano accompaniment line with lyrics: "⁴ Christ the Lord___ is risen! Christ the Lord___ is risen! Ye - su. ___".

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*Hymn No. 151

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” Verses 1-3

DIADEMATA

Children's Time

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

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Presentation of the Parents and Child

Elder: Anne Gunn

Opening Words

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The disciples tried to turn them away, but Jesus said:

**“Let the little children come to me, do not stop them,
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”**

And Jesus took the children in his arms, laid his hands on them and blessed them.

Promises of Commitment

Parents' Promise

Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? **We do.**

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and to teach that faith to your child? **We do.**

Congregation's Promise

Will we, the people of the church, promise to nurture and support Wyatt and his parents, and will we encourage him to become a faithful Christian? **We will.**

Children's Promise

Do you promise to be a friend to Wyatt by playing with him and helping him?

*Affirmation of Faith

**We believe that in baptism
the Spirit demonstrates and confirms God's promise
to include us, and our children, in the divine covenant,
cleansing us from sin, and giving us newness of life,
as participants in Christ's death and resurrection.
Baptism sets us in the invisible community of Christ's people
and joins us to all other believers by a powerful bond.**

A Declaration of Faith

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water

The Act of Baptism

Prayer Following Baptism

Response

“Water, River, Spirit, Grace”

1st time: Ensemble

2nd time: All

Wa - ter, Riv - er, Spir - it, Grace, sweep o-ver me,
sweep o-ver me! Re - carve the depths your fin-gers traced in
sculpt - ing me in sculpt - ing me.

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff is in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. The second and third staves are in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines and some words followed by a blank line for a breath or continuation.

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Music: O. I. Cricket Harrison

Scripture Lesson

John 20:19-31

New Testament, page 101
John Gavenonis, Lay Liturgist

Sermon

“Doubt and Faith”

Greg Jones

Offertory

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Offertory Anthem

Litany

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (Hymn No. 316)

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.**

As you breathed the Spirit upon the early disciples, so breathe the Spirit upon us today.

**Like Abraham and Sarah before us, we have accepted your call to journey
into unknown territory. Breathe your Spirit upon us as guidance and
strength.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
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**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.**

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We wait with longing hearts. Spirit of God, come quickly to fill us with life anew, that we may love with your love and live to your will.

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.**

*Benediction

*Hymn No. 368

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Sunday Schedule

Today and next Sunday, 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 6 to August 29

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.