



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
Worship Services

May 9, 2010
6th Sunday of Easter

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 – Large print hymnals and hearing devices may be obtained from any usher. *Kids' Notes* and worship bags for children are also available from the ushers. *Kids' Notes* emphasize *listening* and *seeing* during worship.

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

- 8:45 – Noon Child Care for Cribbery (birth – toddler)
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Westminster 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 the **Under Six Classrooms A & B.***
 - ❖ *Godly Play — Children in kindergarten through second 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 — Worship education for children in grades 3 and 4. You may pick up your children in **Under Six Classroom C.***
- 10:10 a.m. Prime Time Sunday School Classes for All Ages
- Under Six Sunday School – Under Six Classrooms
 - Workshop Rotation for Grades 1 thru 5 – Classrooms 1-4
 - Prime Time for Grades 6 thru 8 – Classroom 7
 - Senior High Gathering – Library
 - Confirmation Class – Classroom 8 and Grace Hall
 - Adult Education Classes – Page 6
- 11:15 a.m. Worship with Communion, old hymns, new songs and creative liturgy. Children are always welcome in worship, however, childcare is available in Under Six for ages 2 – Grade 2.
- 11:15 a.m. Recognition of Confirmands

Hospitality and Fellowship

The Holy Toast Café, located in **Community Hall**, is open from 8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Coffee, tea and fellowship are free. Breakfast foods are available for one dollar per item.

Deacon Team of the Month: Melissa Stabler, Donna Nelson, Carol Hopkins and Jack Coleman

Later Today

5:30 p.m.	Concert: University of Delaware Chorale	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Concert Reception	Rodney Chapel & Meeting Rm.

Community Meetings

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP AT 9:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Eternal God, in my time of gloom, you send your light. When I am weary and discouraged, lift me up. Open my eyes to the joy of discovery so that I may catch a glimpse of the possibilities you put before me. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Sonata no. 11 in D minor
II. Cantilene

Josef Rheinberger

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called from the ends of the earth.

We are called from the center of our lives.

We are called into God's love.

To yearn for justice and to pray for peace.

*HYMN NO. 555

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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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

**Great God of the universe,
who like a father promises us a wondrous inheritance
and like a mother loves us unconditionally,
we give thanks for the abundance of your grace,
revealed to us throughout your creation,
and made explicit to us in Christ.
In him we have seen your glory,
and have come to know the depth and breadth of your love.
Such love summons us to respond in love;
yet, we confess, we have not loved you with our whole heart,
nor have we forgiven others as you have forgiven us.
By your Spirit, strengthen us to honor you
with heartfelt worship and faithful service,
as we strive to follow the way of Christ. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

God liberates those who turn to the way of Christ.

We are set free to walk the path that leads to abundant life.

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

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Susan Moseley

ANTHEM

“Bow Down Thine Ear, O Lord”
Westminster Choir

Anton Arensky

Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, and hear me, for I am poor and in misery. Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I do put my trust in Thee. For Thou, O Lord, art good and gracious, Of great mercy unto all that call upon Thee in truth.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Barbara Hoover, Lay Liturgist

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 5:1-9a

New Testament, page 83

SERMON

“No Thanks”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 434

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

KINGSFOLD

Verse 1: All

Verse 2: Women

Verse 3: Men

Verse 4: All

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In forming his people and sending them into the world

Jesus called individuals to be disciples.

They were to share the joy of his companionship,

to understand and obey his teachings,

and to follow him in life and death.

We Christians today are called to discipleship.

Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ

is God’s undeserved gift to each of us.

It is also God’s demand on each of us,

never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.

Forgiven by God and supported by fellow believers,

we strive to become more faithful and effective

in our daily practice of the Christian life.

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

“Great Day”
Westminster Choir
Justin Gonzalez, soloist

arr. Moses Hogan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*HYMN No. 369

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

I’M GONNA LIVE

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Sonata no. 11
III. Intermezzo

Rheinberger

GOING FORTH

If you are visiting with us for the first time, 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.

Adult Education Classes

This Morning, 10:10 – 11:00 a.m.

Steadfast Hope – Classroom 6 – through May 16, Greg Jones

We will examine the struggle for peace in Israel/Palestine using a documentary produced by the Israel/Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Over the past four decades, the U.S. has provided unwavering support for Israel. Recently, our government has signaled that to find a just peace, new policies must be put in place to answer Palestinian grievances along with Israel's need for security.

The Presbyterian Church has had a presence in the Middle East since the early 1800s and has continually sought peace and justice in the region. This summer the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) will receive the report of the Middle East Study Committee. The committee's mandate was "to prepare a comprehensive study, with recommendation, that is focused on Israel/Palestine within the complex context of the Middle East."

***The Stages of Faith; the Psychology of Human Development* – Rodney Chapel – ends today** Session 4 - **The Path to Faith/Spiritual Maturity**

This final session will focus on the final two stages which are achieved by only a small percentage of the population. It will become apparent how the perspective of individuals at these stages differs significantly from those of early stages. The session will conclude with the implications of these varying stages for a church.

The Power of Forgiveness – Daughtry House Conference Room – through May 16

This class explores recent research into the psychological and physical effects of forgiveness on individuals and communities in a variety of conditions. Using a contemporary documentary for National Public Television, we will look at world events and interviews with renowned teachers and authors. This film also explores the role of forgiveness in various faith traditions, and provides an honest look at the intensity of human emotions. Through character-driven stories the film shows the role forgiveness can play in alleviating anger and grief. Join us as we consider the physical, mental and spiritual benefits which come from practicing forgiveness.

Parenting – Ruth Christie Room – through May 16

Participant led, with Yvonne Nass, Parenting Consultant, leading the first Sunday of each month

Westminster By Heart – Meeting Room – through May 16

Led by Biblical Storytellers Mary-beth Howard and Shelley Gnade

Thursday Evening Class

Exploring Isaiah I, II, and III – Rowell Conference Room, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m., May 13 and 27

Engaging the Old and New Testaments as we explore the depths of ancient prophecy

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PROCESSION OF GOD'S LIGHT AND WORD

Acolyte: Ben Fischer

As the acolyte lights the candle, we remember that Christ is the Light of the world.

*HYMN No. 469

"Morning Has Broken"

BUNESSAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

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RESPONSE

“Change My Heart, O God”

Change my heart, O God, _____ make it ev-er true. _____

5 Change my heart, O God, _____ may I be like you. _____ You are the

10 Pot - ter, I am the clay. _____ Mold me and make me, this is what I

16 pray. Change my heart, O God, _____ make it ev-er true. _____

21 Change my heart, O God, _____ may I be like you. _____

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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? Do you?

CHARGE TO CONFIRMANDS

Elder: Josh Cox

QUESTIONS FOR CONFIRMANDS

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

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

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?

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

PRAYER

WELCOME BY THE COMMUNITY

Class Teacher: Chip Pfleegor

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.

HYMN NO. 400

"When We Are Living"

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING SONG (next page)

* CLOSING SONG

“Sent Out in Jesus’ Name”

Sent out in Je - sus' name, our hands are rea - dy now to
5 make the earth the place in which the king - dom comes. Sent out in Je - sus'
10 name, our hands are rea - dy now to make the earth the place in
15 which the king - dom comes. The an - gels can - not change a world of hurt and
20 pain in - to a world of love, of jus - tice and of peace. The
25 task is ours to do, to set it real - ly free. O help us to o -
30 bey and car - ry out your will.

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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.

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 May 30, June 27, July 4, 11, 18 and 25.

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. Nametags and markers are 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 available on the literature tables and at www.wpc.org.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Helen Kingshill and Shyla Shah.
- ❖ **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 Ed Bloom, Granite Farms Estate, Cherry Blossom Lane #307A, 1343 W. Baltimore Pike, Media, PA 19063, Anne Burrough #308 and Virginia Mentzer #309, both of Gilpin Hall, 1101 Gilpin Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19806.
- ❖ **Our brothers and sisters** in worldwide ministry, especially members of our sister church in Congo who have suffered a number of deaths recently due to illness. Pastor Katujudi and his wife lost brothers and many members are seriously ill.

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.

This week we pray for

- Those known to the WPC Community presently serving in the Middle East:
Afghanistan: Edward Maloney and Daniel Reinsenberger
Iraq: Brian Crawford
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died most recently:
Sergeant Major John Laborde, age 53
Staff Sergeant Christopher Worrell, age 35
Sergeant Ronald Kubik, age 21
Sergeant Jason Santora, age 25
- Those who have returned from service, possibly suffering from wounds or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

*In Concert at Westminster
Today at 5:30 p.m.*



*The University of Delaware Chorale
Dr. Paul Head, Conductor*



**A RED Celebration for Pentecost
Sunday, May 23rd**

The Christian Education Committee will host an
Intergenerational Pentecost Party during the
Education Hour in Community Hall.

On Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of God's Holy Spirit, as described in Acts 2. Our **tradition** is that everyone wears RED on Pentecost, because it reminds us of the Spirit descending on the believers as tongues of fire. Pentecost is also celebrated as the birthday of the Church.

Imagine a room filled with RED. We will have creative learning stations for children of every age and birthday cake for the Christian Church.

Mark your calendars now to attend our Pentecost Party and.....

REMEMBER TO WEAR RED!!!