



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Services of Worship
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
November 13, 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, Susan Rheingans,
Justin Gonzalez, Raymond Sambolin

This Morning at Westminster

8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. The Holy Toast Café, in Classroom 6, offers free coffee and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar per item.

Deacon Team of the Month

Carla Krupanski, Melissa Stabler, Patty Rittenhouse, Pam Bailey, Ralph Lewis

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 stories, crafts, songs and prayers. Classes are in **Under Six Classrooms A and C.**
- ❖ **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.**

10:10 a.m.

Education for All Ages

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| ➤ Under Six Sunday School | Under Six Classrooms |
| ➤ Creation Station for Grades K – 2 | Grace Hall & Cl. 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. – noon

Worship. Children are always welcome in worship, however, childcare is available in Under Six for ages 2 through Grade 2.

Later Today

12:00 p.m.	Congregational Lunch	Classroom 6
4:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	Youth Music Room
5:00 p.m.	180° Dinner, Rehearsal and Set Design	Community Hall, Cl. 6 and Grace Hall
6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
6:30 p.m.	Muslim-Christian Dialogue	Rodney Chapel/Meeting Rm.
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 Arthur Butters from his wife Anna.

The two rosebuds next to the pulpit celebrate the birth of twins Neve Helena Funt and Talia Jane Funt, daughters of Carrie Spilecki and Jamie Funt, granddaughters of Jerry and Sue Spilecki, and great granddaughters of Bob Kline.

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.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Thomas Eliason.
- ❖ **Westminster's homebound family** who can no longer attend worship with us by sending a card, saying a prayer, or visiting. This week we ask you to remember Ed Bloom, Granite Farms Estate – Cherry Blossom Lane #307-A, 1343 W. Baltimore Pike, Media, PA 19063 and Betty Kelley, c/o Anne Kelley, 78 Laurel Crest Road, Madison, CT 06443.
- ❖ **Our brothers and sisters** in worldwide ministry in Guatemala, Kenya, Congo and Israel/Palestine.

Westminster has another team going to New Orleans this week, November 14-20, to build houses through Habitat for Humanity. We continue to partner with the RHINO mission project (Rebuilding Hope In New Orleans) begun by St. Charles Presbyterian Church following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Please keep in your prayers our mission volunteers: Liz Bacon, Jim Carter, Ralph Lewis, and Chris Waisanen.

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 Afghanistan:
Richard Barnet, Leonard Kosicki, Edward Maloney, Ann Exline Starr, Russell Lee Thomas
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Engineer James Coker, age 59, of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina
Private 1st Class Douglas Jeffries, Jr., age 20, of Springville, California
Specialist Koran Contreras, age 21, of Lawndale, California
Private 1st Class Brett Wood, age 19, of Spencer, Indiana
Sergeant Bret Isenhower, age 26, of Lamar, Oklahoma
Specialist Christopher Horton, age 26, of Collinsville, Oklahoma
Private 1st Class Tony Potter, Jr., age 20, of Okmulgee, Oklahoma
- 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

Thank you, God, for the glimpses of your glory, and the whispered words of your promise, which help me to continue from day to day. Help me press onward in the journey of faith, trusting your grace for today and tomorrow, accepting the cost and joy of following Christ, my faithful guide. Amen.

Ruth C. Duck, Flames of the Spirit

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Flute Tune

Thomas Arne
(1710-1778)

CALL TO WORSHIP

A new day has dawned; a day ripe with possibilities.

**Now is the time for new beginnings,
a time to encounter God anew.**

God calls us to new commitments and new actions.

We pray that we may be faithful to God's calling.

*HYMN No. 274

“O God of Earth and Space”

LEONI

CALL TO CONFESSION

God does not give us a spirit of cowardice,
but seeks to inspire in us courage, determination and hope.

Let us confess our reluctance to follow where Christ leads us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, when trials beset us it is natural to fear.
Called to be courageous, we find our faith lacking.
When asked to take risks, we confess our complacency.
By ignoring injustice, we hope that it will subside.
You have shown us how you are a God to be trusted.
Leading your people, you have stayed by their side.
Forgive our reluctance to believe in your guidance,
and grant us courage and strength in Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Susan Moseley

ANTHEM

“Know That God is Good”
D.R.U.M. Ensemble

Democratic Republic of Congo
Source: Unknown

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 25:14-30

New Testament, page 24
Barbara Hoover, Lay Liturgist

SERMON

“Take the Risk”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 343

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

BEECHER

*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 confess that 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 upon 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 living the Christian life.**

A Declaration of Faith

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

“I Sought the Lord”
Westminster Choir

Kenneth T. Kosche
(2005)

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew
He moved my soul to seek him, seeking me.
It was not I that found, O Savior true;
No, I was found of thee.

Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold;
I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea;
'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold
as thou, dear Lord, on me.

I find, I walk, I love, but oh, the whole
Of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee!
For thou wert long before-hand with my soul;
Always thou lovedst me.

*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. 430

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

DARWALL'S 148TH

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Priests' March (from *Athalia*)

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

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.



REPLENISH



RENEW



REJOICE

Thank you to all who made a 2012 pledge! A small appreciation gift from the Stewardship Committee, as well as pledge envelopes, will be available for pick up in Community Hall between worship services this morning.

If you have not yet made a 2012 pledge, please complete a card today to support continuing Westminster ministries in 2012.

*"Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in your love for us – we want you to excel also in this grace of giving."
(2 Corinthians 8:7)*



Adult Education Classes This Morning

Clayton Barbeau “Surviving Series” – Today in the Meeting Room

DVD class and discussion facilitated by Karen Beer and Bill Kaye

The “Surviving...” series of videos provides a unique approach to emotional self-help. Each program features popular lecturer, author and psychotherapist Clayton Barbeau doing what he considers his best work – individual counseling with you, the viewer, as the one seeking advice and affirmation.

Today: Surviving Loneliness. Barbeau examines loneliness as part of everyone's life, especially in today's competitive society. Barbeau relates the stories of three different “lonely” people and the steps they took to help themselves. Pointing out that loneliness often results from our looking to someone else to make us whole, he offers many concrete strategies to counteract loneliness.

POLO (Parents of Little Ones) - Today in Rodney Chapel

Each Sunday this class gathers and enjoys discussion sparked by a YouTube video, an article, a book, or a guest. Topics range from nurturing faith development in our children to carving out family time in today's world. On the first Sunday (October – March) of each month we host local parenting consultant Yvonne Nass.

A Clear View of Jesus' Birth - Today through December 4 in Classroom 5

DVD class and discussion with Dr. Kenneth Bailey

The contemporary understanding of the Christmas story is full of details that have developed gradually through the long history of Christmas celebrations. We think that there were three wise men, but no, the text speaks only of three kinds of gifts. We think that Jesus was born at night but no, the text tells only that the angels sang at night. This series of four video lessons tries to strip away the mythology that has grown up around Christmas and to set the Christmas story afresh in the light of Middle Eastern culture. Topics included: Why didn't Joseph have Mary stoned? Was Jesus really born in a stable? Was Joseph really so inept that he couldn't find a place to stay in his own family's village? What special message does Jesus' birth have for women? Where did the wise men come from and why was myrrh one of their gifts to baby Jesus?

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Welcome and Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

Opening Words

*Songs of Celebration

“From the Rising of the Sun”

From the ris-ing of the sun — to the go-ing down of the same, — the
5 name of the Lord shall be praised. — From the ris-ing of the sun
10 — to the go-ing down of the same, — the name of the Lord shall be
15 praised. — So — praise ye the Lord. —
20 — Praise — ye the Lord. — From the
25 ris-ing of the sun — to the go-ing down of the same, — the name of the
30 Lord shall be praised. —

Words: Anon. (Ps. 113:3) Music: Anon.

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

**Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.**

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Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Children's Time

Susan Moseley

Scripture Lesson

New Testament, page 24
Suzie Hurlock, Lay Liturgist

Sermon

“Take the Risk”

Greg Jones

Response Hymn No. 367

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”
Refrain: All
Verses: Ensemble

CHEREPONI

Offering

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As folders are returned to the center aisle, note the names of fellow worshippers on your pew.*

Offertory Anthem

Prayers of the People

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

*Closing Song

“God, the Sculptor of the Mountains”



1. God _____ the sculp - tor of the moun - tains, _____
2. God _____ the nui - sance of the Pha - raoh, _____
3. God _____ the dress - er of the vine - yard, _____
4. God _____ the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, _____



3 God _____ the mill - er of the sand, God _____ the jewel - er of the
God _____ the cleav - er of the sea, God _____ the pil - lar in the
God _____ the plant - er of the wheat, God _____ the reap - er of the
God _____ the calm de - ter - mined youth, God _____ the tab - ble - turn - ing



6 heav - ens, _____ God _____ the pot - ter of the land:
dark _____ ness, _____ God _____ the bea - con of the free:
har - vest, _____ God _____ the source of all we eat:
proph - et, _____ God _____ the re - sur - rect - ed truth:



9 You _____ are womb of all cre - a _____ tion, we _____ are form - less; shape us now.
You _____ are fount of all de - liv _____ rance, we _____ are sight - less; lead us now.
You _____ are host at ev - ery ta - ble, we _____ are hun - gry; feed us now.
You _____ are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment, we _____ are search - ing; meet us now.

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*Benediction

*Response Hymn No. 514

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

LINSTEAD

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— And So Is The Help!**

ome and join us as we take a trip back to the 50's for an evening of food, music and fun. Put on your Poodle Skirts and Leather Jackets and come ready to enjoy some classic diner food and an evening of entertainment unlike anything you've ever seen. So invite your friends and family and come on down to the hottest spot in town!



Dinner Theatre

A Play About God's Grace

Saturday, November 19, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 20, 12:15 p.m.

Tickets:

\$15/adults, \$10/children 12 & under

Visit www.wpc.org until November 13 to order your tickets!

WESTMINSTER MOVIE NIGHT



Friday, November 18

at 7:00 p.m.

in Rodney Chapel

Featuring:

Pray the Devil Back to Hell