



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:00 a.m.

**Worship Service**

**November 21, 2010**

**Reign of Christ Sunday**

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for companions at work who share our burdens and daily tasks,  
for strangers who welcome us into their midst,  
for people from other lands who call us to grow in understanding,  
for children who lighten our moments with delight.  
For these, and all blessings, we give you thanks, loving God, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## PRELUDE

'Tis a Gift to be Simple  
*Reverberations Handbell Choir*

arr. Anna Laura Page

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ has passed through the door of death and opened the way to new life.

**Because Christ has conquered death, we can truly live.**

His presence penetrates our fears and lifts us from despair.

**Let us give thanks to God for new beginnings.**

### \*HYMN NO. 559

“We Gather Together”

*KREMSER*

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

**Loving God,  
our baskets overflow with the bounty you have provided  
and our hearts are filled with gratitude for your good gifts.  
We are eager to encounter you here,  
to learn from you,  
to be changed by you,  
to become more fully the people you intend for us to be.  
Show us how to do the work you have planned for us,  
and encourage us to be your faithful stewards.  
With grateful hearts, we pray...**

*In silence, give thanks to God for the blessings of your life*

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

The God of peace is with us always,  
**seeking to transform our lives.**

May our thoughts focus on what is honorable, just and loving;  
**and God's grace will be abundant.**

## TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Anne Ledbetter

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

Jubilate Deo; O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord is God; It is He that hath made us and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; Be thankful to Him and speak good of His name. For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father; glory be to the Son; Glory be to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 23:33-43

New Testament, page 77  
Jen Barrington, Lay Liturgist

## SERMON

"Giving Thanks"

Greg Jones

## \*HYMN NO. 555

"Now Thank We All Our God"

*NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT*

## OFFERTORY

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

A. W. Lansing

(Text: Hymn #281)

*Justin Gonzalez, tenor**Brian Carter, baritone*

*During the offering, please sign your name and pass the red folders down each row.  
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## LITANY OF THANKS

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**God's love is everlasting.**

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

**Let us come to God with thanksgiving.**

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**For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome,  
for seen and unseen splendors;**

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for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying.

**For work to do and strength to work; for camaraderie of labor and the exchanges of ideas,  
for humor and encouragement;**

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**For your help in times of doubt and sorrow, for healing our diseases,  
for preserving us in times of trial and despair;**

For justice which repairs the devastations of poverty;

**For liberty which extends to the captives of violence;**

For healing which binds up the broken bodied and the broken hearted;

**For good news of love which is stronger than death;**

For bread broken for all the hungry of the earth;

**And for peace for all to know your steadfast love and not be afraid.**

We thank you for your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love;  
**who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship.**

Above all, O God, we thank you for your Word Incarnate, Jesus the Christ,  
**who came that we might have new and abundant life.**

We praise you for Christ who is our light and our life and who taught his followers to pray saying....

LORD'S PRAYER (page 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, using "debts" and "debtors")

\*HYMN NO. 552

"Give Thanks, O Christian People"

*ES FLOG EIN ...*

*Verse 1: All*

*Verse 2: Men*

*Verse 3: Women*

*Verse 4: All*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

Choral Fanfare for Christ the King

H. Hamilton Smith

He shall rule from sea to sea. And from the river to the ends of the earth. All kings shall pay him homage. All nations shall serve him. Alleluia. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, that shall not be taken away, And His kingdom shall not be destroyed. Alleluia.

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.*



## **Adult Education Classes This Morning**

### **Called to Serve**

Guest speakers serving globally  
Today in the Rodney Chapel

Ralph Lewis and Bill Moore will give first hand testimony from their experiences in Congo this year. See film clips and photos chronicling life in our sister church of Kamulumba-Ditalala.

### **Membership Exploration Class**

Today, in Classroom 5

Greg Jones will host a Membership Exploration class for anyone interested in learning more about Westminster. We will meet in Classroom 5 (across from Community Hall). Grab a cup of coffee and join us!

### **Parenting Class**

Today in the Ruth Christie Room

Yvonne Nass, parenting consultant, leads today's discussion.

### **Single in Today's World**

Led by Margo Reign

Today through December 19 in Classroom 6 (no class on November 28)

In today's society being single is often like being a dill pickle in a fruit salad – you just don't fit in – and being single can be especially hard during the holidays. In this four-week program we will discuss being single in today's culture and in the Church. This series will be based in part on the input received from the October 10<sup>th</sup> Table Talk.

### **Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church**

DVD class and group discussion

Through December 19, in the Daughtry House Classroom (next to WPC parking lot)  
(no class on November 28)

Based on the book by N. T. Wright, this six session video series looks at a major question: "What happens after I die?" Wright outlines the present confusion about a Christian's future hope and shows how it is deeply intertwined with how we live today. Wright, a contemporary Biblical scholar, asserts that Christianity's most distinctive idea is bodily resurrection. He convincingly argues that what we believe about life after death directly affects what we believe about life before death. If God intends to renew the whole creation – and if this has already begun in Jesus' resurrection – the church cannot stop at "saving souls" but must anticipate the eventual renewal by working for God's kingdom in the wider world, bringing healing and hope in the present life.

# Drum Circle

Sunday, November 28

10:10 - 11:00 a.m. in Community Hall

## 11:15: Experiencing God's Heartbeat:

Through drumming, singing, and storytelling, discover the hidden presence of the Holy in us, in our world, and in each other.



## Drum Class for Youth & Adults 12:00 - 1:15 p.m. - Lunch is provided!

All youth ages 12 and up and adults are invited to work with Jonathan Murray from FunDrum-Rhythm Circles to learn some basic hand drumming techniques and culturally specific rhythms. The cost is \$10 per person.



### Register by email to:

marybethdavis@wpc.org or by calling  
302-654-5214 x122.

**What is a drum circle?** A drum circle is a fun, colorful, musical expression of collective joy!

**What about 10:TEN ?** A Drum Circle is an intergenerational event for everyone, toddlers through grandparents, so no other 10:TEN classes are scheduled! Remember, no musical ability is needed and instruments will be provided for all participants.



Facilitator: Jonathan Murray, FunDrum Rhythm Circles. Sponsored by: [www.fundrumrhythmcircles.com](http://www.fundrumrhythmcircles.com)

# "Operation Christ Child"

Westminster's Annual Dinner Theatre

Saturday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m.    Sunday, December 5 at 12:15 p.m.  
In Community Hall

## Ticket Information:

\$20 if purchased before November 29

\$25 if purchased at the door or after  
November 29 (if available)

Ticket price includes a catered dinner and performance. Seating is limited, so plan ahead. Go to [www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org) or call 302-654-5214. All profits benefit the Chad Miller Youth Mission Fund.



Plan to join us for a "behind the clouds" look at the planning of the first Christmas!





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Prelude

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\*Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship

Procession of God's Light and Word

Acolyte: Denny Hubbard

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

Songs of Celebration

*"All Hail King Jesus"*

The musical score is written for a single voice in 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "All hail King Je - sus! All hail Em - man - u - el, King of kings, Lord of". The second staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "lords, bright Morn ing Star. And through - out e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing your". The third staff continues with the lyrics: "prais - es; and I'll reign with you through - out e - ter - ni - ty." There are measure numbers 7 and 12 indicated at the start of the second and third staves, respectively. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' above it in the second staff.

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\*Hymn No. 142

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"  
Verses 1 and 2*

CORONATION

PRAYER OF PRAISE

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Bless the Lord  
**The Lord's name be praised.**

Children's Time

Anne Ledbetter

Scripture Lesson

Luke 23:33-43

New Testament, page 77  
John Gavenonis, Lay Liturgist

Response

Je - sus, re - mem ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

5 Je - sus, re - mem ber me when You come in - to Your king-dom.

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Sermon

“Giving Thanks”

Greg Jones

\*Hymn No. 554

“Let All Things Now Living”

ASH GROVE

Offering

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Offertory Anthem

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## Refrain

### “Thank You, Jesus”

Thank you, Je - sus, a - men! Thank you, Je - sus, a - men! Thank you,  
Je - sus, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

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*Worship continues on next page*

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart,— give thanks to the Ho-ly One,— give  
5 thanks— be-cause he's giv en Je - sus Christ his Son. Give thanks with a  
10 grate-ful heart,— give thanks to the Ho - ly One,— give thanks— be-cause he's  
14 giv en Je - sus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am  
19 strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for  
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35 — give thanks.\_\_\_\_\_

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Next Sunday's 11:15 worship service will be held in Community Hall.  
We hope you will join us there to experience worship through  
drums, storytelling and singing.

# Drum Circle

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## 11:15: Experiencing God's Heartbeat:

Through drumming, singing, and storytelling, discover the hidden presence of the Holy in us, in our world, and in each other.



## Drum Class for Youth & Adults 12:00 - 1:15 p.m. - Lunch is provided!

All youth ages 12 and up and adults are invited to work with Jonathan Murray from FunDrum Rhythm Circles to learn some basic hand drumming techniques and culturally specific rhythms. The cost is \$10 per person.



### Register by email to:

marybethdavis@wpc.org or by calling  
302-654-5214 x122.

**What is a drum circle?** A drum circle is a fun, colorful, musical expression of collective joy!

**What about 10:TEN ?** A Drum Circle is an intergenerational event for everyone, toddlers through grandparents, so no other 10:TEN classes are scheduled! Remember, no musical ability is needed and instruments will be provided for all participants.



Facilitator: Jonathan Murray, FunDrum Rhythm Circles. Sponsored by: [www.fundrumrhythmcircles.com](http://www.fundrumrhythmcircles.com)

# "Operation Christ Child"

Westminster's Annual Dinner Theatre

Saturday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, December 5 at 12:15 p.m.

In Community Hall

## Ticket Information:

\$20 if purchased before November 29

\$25 if purchased at the door or after  
November 29 (if available)

Ticket price includes a catered dinner and performance. Seating is limited, so plan ahead. Go to [www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org) or call 302-654-5214. All profits benefit the Chad Miller Youth Mission Fund.



Plan to join us for a "behind the clouds" look at the planning of the first Christmas!

