



**Services of Worship**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**November 27, 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.

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## 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**

Cathy Higgins, Carla Krupanski, Melissa Stabler, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**
- ❖ **Hebrew Scouts** – Children in grades 2 and 3 will become “Hebrew Scouts,” experiencing the stories of the Israelite people. You may pick up your children in **Under Six Classroom C.**

10:10 a.m.

### **Education for All Ages**

- Under Six Sunday School Under Six Classrooms
- Intergenerational Event: Advent Program Community Hall

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

6:00 p.m.

Clean But Not Straight – NA

Club Room

8:00 p.m.

AA

Club Room

## Blue for Advent

Different colors are used to highlight seasons of the church year and special religious holidays and you see them in the paraments (cloth hangings on the pulpit and lectern) and clergy stoles. A unified system of colors developed only gradually and there are still slight variances among different Christian traditions.

The Christian year begins with Advent and for years, Westminster, like many congregations, has used the color purple. However, in recent times the color blue has been making a comeback. It has been used in some traditions since the Middle Ages. We are changing to blue to distinguish Advent from the season of Lent, which is purple, and to place an emphasis on hope. Purple is the liturgical color for penitence (Lent is the season for personal soul-searching and repentance), while blue expresses hope and expectation. Advent is when we focus on our hope for God’s reign on earth with the coming of Christ, so when you see blue in worship, think HOPE!

## WORSHIP NOTES

**The beautiful brass Advent wreath and candle holder** is given by Suzie Hurlock in loving memory of her husband Fred, who always enjoyed the season of Advent.

**The flowers in the sanctuary today** are given to the glory of God by Ralph Lewis in honor and loving memory of his mother, grandmother and aunt.

**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](mailto:Lwatson@ycst.com).

**This morning** there will be NO Treasure Seekers at 9:00 a.m. Treasure Seekers will resume next Sunday, December 4th.

**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.

**Food Collection.** The first Sunday of each month, we collect food for the nearby food bank at Hanover Presbyterian Church. Jim Carter will be in his truck near the 1502 doors to collect your non-perishable food items. Also, there are collection barrels inside the 1502 doors (down the steps), the Community Hall doors and the glass doors on Pennsylvania Avenue.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

**Please remember in your prayers:**

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Larry McPheeters.
- ❖ **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 Carol Baker, Wesley Wing and Bob Baker, HC, both of Methodist Country House, 4830 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807.
- ❖ **Our brothers and sisters** in worldwide ministry in Guatemala, Kenya, Congo and Israel/Palestine.

**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](mailto:cfalasco@wpc.org).

### **This week we pray for**

- Those known to the WPC Community presently serving in Afghanistan:  
Richard Barnet, Edward Maloney, Ann Exline Starr, Russell Lee Thomas
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:  
Sergeant Timothy Sayne, age 31, of Reno, Nevada  
Specialist Chazray Clark, age 24, of Ecorse, Michigan  
Specialist Ryan Cook, age 29, of Fort Walton Beach, Florida  
Staff Sergeant Estevan Altamirano, age 30, of Edcouch, Texas
- 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

*Advent is a call to stop putting off our commitment to following Jesus. We don't need to wait for a better time to pray, to forgive, to help the disadvantaged and vulnerable. Our immediate task is to respond to the love that God has showered on us in Christ. Let us live in buoyant hope while we respond to our Savior's presence among us right now – in scripture, in prayer, in the love we bear toward one another, in the Church, in those in need.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ORGAN PRELUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme  
("Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us)

J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Rich, Stacie, Kate and Jack Immesberger

The church has always spoken of the coming of Christ because it speaks to a deep truth.

**Christ is coming.**

**Christ is always coming,**

**Christ is always entering a wounded heart, a troubled world.**

We light the first candle, the candle of hope,

**as we express our longing for healing, for justice and the well-being of all creation.**

### ADVENT PRAYER

**Loving God, as we enter this Advent season,  
we open all the dark places in our lives and memories  
to the healing light of Christ.**

**Show us the creative power of hope.**

**Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,  
that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

### \*HYMN NO. 6

"Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending"

HELMSLEY

### TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Telling of the Scripture Story

Mark 13:24-37

Robert Moore and Cathy Globber, storytellers

*Westminster By Heart*

### ANTHEM

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

*Westminster Choir*

Text: Hymn #1

Henry G. Ley  
(1887-1962)

### SERMON

"Keep Awake!"

Anne Ledbetter

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

\*HYMN No. 300

“Down to Earth, as a Dove”

PERSONET HODIE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,  
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

*from A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA*

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

“E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come”

Paul Manz  
(1919-2009)

Peace be to you and grace from him Who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed his blood  
That we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and is  
to come; Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, For Christ is  
coming soon! E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more; they need no light nor  
lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!

\*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

\*HYMN No. 8

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

TRURO

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION

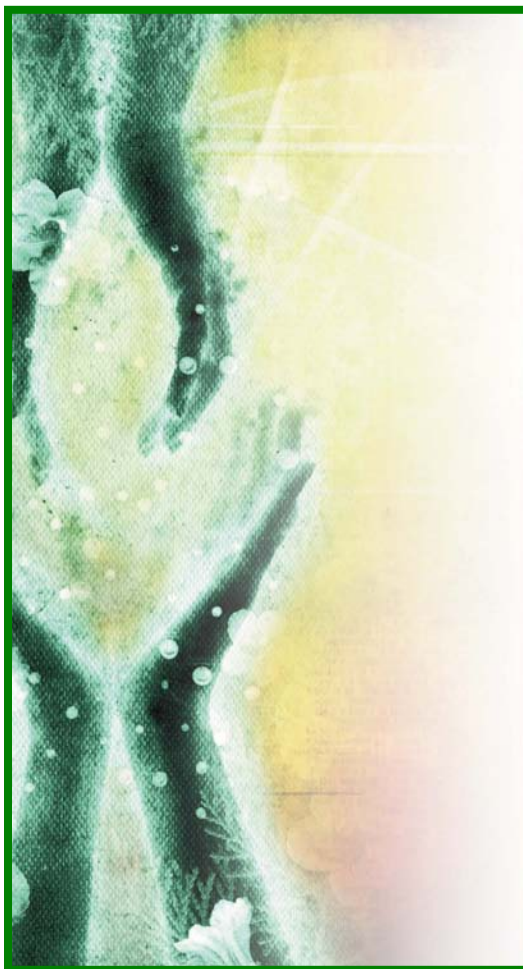
CHORAL POSTLUDE

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Eleanor Daley  
(b. 1955)

GOING FORTH

*If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to meet today’s ambassador, Elizabeth Poole, at the back of the sanctuary. She will have a gift for you, and can share information regarding our many ministries for children, youth and adults.*



Thank you to all who made a 2012 pledge!

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

*“All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.”  
(Deuteronomy 16:17)*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP AT 11:15 A.M.

## Preparation for Worship

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## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Passing of the Peace

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Marty Knepper and Barbara Stratton and their daughters, Alex and Emily

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and the well-being of all creation.**

## Response

### "Christ Be Our Light"

Christ, be our hope! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.

<sup>9</sup> Christ, be our hope! Shine in your church gath-ered to - day.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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## Advent Prayer

**Loving God, as we enter this Advent season,  
we open all the dark places in our lives and memories  
to the healing light of Christ.**

**Show us the creative power of hope.**

**Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,  
that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

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## Songs of Celebration

### “The King of Glory Comes”

The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es. *Fine*

5 O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.

9 1. Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?  
2. In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,  
3. Sing then of Dav - id's son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;

13 He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.  
he goes a - mong his peo - ple cur - ing their ill - ness.  
in all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er. *D.C. al Fine*

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Music: Trad. Israeli folk song

### “Jesus, Name Above All Names”

Je - sus, name a bove all names, beau ti ful Sav - ior, glo ri ous Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Em

5 man - u - el, God is with us, blessed Re - deem - er, liv - ing Word.

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## Children's Time

Telling of the Scripture Story  
Mark 13:24-37  
Jon McPheeters, storyteller  
*Westminster By Heart*

Response

“Open Our Eyes”

O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus, to  
 9 reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.  
 17 O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to lis - ten.  
 25 O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

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Sermon

“Keep Awake!”

Anne Ledbetter

Offering

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Offertory Anthem

Prayers of the People

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

\*Hymn No. 1

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

STUTTGART

\*Benediction

\*Response

Hymn No. 432

Song of Hope

ARGENTINA

**May the God of hope go with us every day,  
 Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
 May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
 Bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
 Praying, let us work for peace,  
 Singing, share our joy with all,  
 Working for a world that's new,  
 Faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

# 2011 *Advent* WORKSHOP

*An Alternative, Intergenerational Event for Creating a More CHRIST-Centered Holiday*

## This Morning

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

We have five Creative Stations to help prepare our hearts and homes for Christmas:

1. Advent Wreaths
2. Christmas Cards for Christmas Boxes
3. Creative Christmas Wrapping
4. Spiritual Symbols in Gold and Silver
5. Advent Chains to Count the Days

Regular Sunday school classes will not meet. Childcare is available in the Cribbery only.



## CHRISTMAS 2011 POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

You are invited to place poinsettias in our Sanctuary for services on Christmas Eve in memory of, or in honor of, loved ones. Please complete the form below, make checks payable to *Westminster Presbyterian Church* and return to Susan Alexander at the front desk by **Tuesday, December 13.**

Number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Deliver my poinsettia to a homebound member.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my poinsettia after the Christmas Eve service I attend.



In Memory Of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Deceased Name*

In Honor Of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Given By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Donor's Name and Telephone Number*

# WPC@125

WESTMINSTER CELEBRATES

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1886

*125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

2011

**Our year-long celebration culminates with special worship services!**

Sunday, December 4

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.



## Our Christmas Box Project Is In Full Swing!

Every year, Westminster fills over 125 boxes at Christmas with food and gifts for neighbors in need. It starts with hanging paper stars on Christmas trees (we call these our Star Trees) that contain the name, age and gender of individuals who will receive a box. Then it's up to you to help make Christmas Day feel special for those in need in our community! Here's what to do:

- Take one or more stars from the Star Trees.
- Buy and wrap the gifts with the stars taped to the outside of the package.
- Generously donate any of the following food items:
  - Cereal
  - Cranberry sauce
  - Stuffing mix
  - Canned green beans
  - Canned corn
  - Canned fruit
- Bring the wrapped gifts and donated food items to church by **Sunday, December 11** and place them in the specially decorated boxes scattered around the church.



If you prefer to have the Elves (our volunteers) buy the groceries, write a check to *Westminster Presbyterian Church* with "Christmas Boxes" on the memo line. You may mail your check or drop it in the Sunday offering. The Elves thank everyone who volunteered so far! Questions? Contact Sara Geuder (302-478-2210) or Marlys Kerr (302-654-2404).

### **Join Us for the Christmas Box Dinner and Packing Party on Friday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m.!**

Please bring: a dish to serve 10-12 (A-L main dishes, M-R side dishes or salads, S-Z desserts), a roll or two of holiday wrapping paper, scotch tape, and scissors (with your name on them). It's a great way to get into the spirit of Christmas!