



1st Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2010
Worship Service
9:00 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.

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.

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 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

- Under Six Sunday School Under Six Classrooms
- Intergenerational Event: Drum Circle See page 7

11:15 a.m. – noon

Worship with hymns, songs and creative liturgy – in Community Hall today. Children are always welcome in worship, however, childcare is available in Under Six for ages 2 through Grade 2.

Deacon Team of the Month

Carol Harris, Craig Checkel, Marcia Carle and Peggy Carroll

Later Today

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| 12:00 p.m. | Drum Class | Community Hall |
| 4:30 p.m. | Living with Loss | Ruth Christie Room |
| 4:30 p.m. | Youth Choir | Youth Music Room |
| 5:30 p.m. | 180° Dinner~Rehearsal~Set Design | Community Hall, Classroom 6 |
| 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 Janet and Phillip Twitchell from their son Douglas Twitchell.

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.

World AIDS Day Service and Candlelight Vigil - Wednesday, December 1, at 6:00 p.m. in our sanctuary AIDS Delaware sponsors this ecumenical worship service and candlelight vigil to honor the memory of those who have died as a result of HIV/AIDS and to show our support to those living with the disease. Everyone is invited to attend this service for the Wilmington community.

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:

- ❖ **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: Rocchina Leoncavallo, 1724 Shadybrook Road, Wilmington, DE 19803 and Frieda Tice, 1170 W. Main Street, Apt. 29, Stroudsburg, PA 18360.
- ❖ **Our brothers and sisters** in worldwide ministry in Guatemala, Kenya, Congo and 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 in Iraq or Afghanistan:
Iraq: Chase James and Susan Harcke Afghanistan: Shawn Galbraith
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Lance Corporal Joseph Rodewald, age 21, of Albany, Oregon
Private 1st Class Victor Dew, age 20, of Granite Bay, California
Private 1st Class Jordan Byrd, age 19, of Grantsville, Utah
Lance Corporal Raymon Johnson, age 22, of Midland, Georgia
Lance Corporal Alec Catherwood, age 19, of Byron, Illinois
Sergeant Carlos Benitez, age 24, of Carrollton, Texas
Specialist Rafael Martinez, Jr., age 36, of Spring Valley, California
Private 1st Class Tramaine Billingsley, age 20, of Portsmouth, Virginia
Lance Corporal Joseph Lopez, age 26, of Rosamond, California
- 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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Advent is a time of joyful anticipation of the coming of Christ into our lives. During the four weeks prior to Christmas, we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the birth of Christ – a time to remember the event that occurred 2,000 years ago changing history forever, and a time to welcome Christ anew into our lives.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Meditation on *Conditor Alme Siderum*
(Tune: Hymn #4)

John G. Barr

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is the true light coming into the World.

As a sign of Christ's coming, we light candles on the four Sundays before Christmas.

Christ is continuously coming, always entering wounded hearts and a troubled world.

As we light the first candle, we remember that the coming of Christ gives us hope.

Procession of God's Light

Acolyte: Shelly Sprague

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

*HYMN NO. 1

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

STUTTGART

CALL TO CONFESSION

The image of God is at the core of our being,
but we often forget our true nature.

Let us confess the ways we have surrendered to shallow ways of living.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess that our sense of anticipation has been dulled.

We have ceased to expect any wonders from your hand.

We do not see the marvels around us in the people and events we view as commonplace.

We are not alert to your presence in the world.

Awaken us, O God, lest we become dull to your activity in our midst.

Send your light that it may shine through us into a needy world.

In Christ's name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Anne Ledbetter

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

ANTHEM

Expectans, Expectavi
Westminster Choir

Charles Wood

This sanctuary of my soul,
Unwitting I keep pure and whole,
Unlatch'd and lit, if Thou should'st care
To enter or to tarry there.
With parted lips and outstretch'd hands
And list'ning ears Thy servant stands.
Call Thou early, call Thou late,
To Thy great service dedicate.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 24:36-44

New Testament, page 24
Suzie Hurlock, Lay Liturgist

SERMON

“Keep Awake!”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 15

“Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”

LLANGLOFFAN

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God sent his Son

**to proclaim release to those who are bound,
to announce that God's promised kingdom is at hand,
to urge everyone to repent and believe the good news.**

We testify that God is at work here and now

**when we obey Christ's commission
to witness to him and make disciples of all nations,
when we spread the good news by our words
and when we embody it in our lives.**

A Declaration of Faith

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

The Voice in the Wilderness
Ruth Bailis, mezzo-soprano

John Prindle Scott

The voice of one, crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
The voice said "Cry!" And, he said, "What shall I cry?"
Behold all flesh is as the grass,
and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field,
The grass it withereth and the flower it fadeth,
because the Spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it.
But the word of our God endureth forever.

*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. 8

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

TRURO

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

"Soon and Very Soon"

Andraé Crouch

GOING FORTH

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to meet today's ambassador, Charlene Weaver, 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.

WESTMINSTER STAFF

PASTORAL STAFF:

Gregory K. Jones, Head of Staff
Anne R. Ledbetter, Associate Pastor
Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR:

Debbie Brown

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

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM:

Susan Moseley, Mary Beth Davis and Mike Gnade

SUPPORT STAFF:

Susan Alexander, Receptionist
Colleen Falasco, Operations Assistant
Jerry Hunter, Financial Assistant
Suzie Hurlock, Administrative Secretary
Nicole Hughes, Director of Communication and Database Management
Jerry Reed, Facilities Manager
Sextons: Roger W. Atkins, Robert King, Kevin Krick, Joan Truitt



Drum Circle

TODAY

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.



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



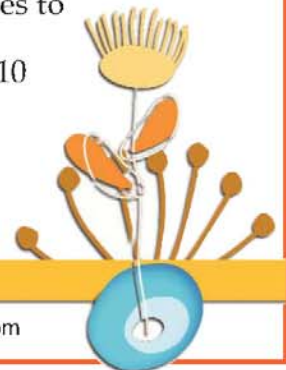
What about 10:TEN? A Drum Circle is an intergenerational event for everyone, toddlers through grandparents, so no other 10:TEN classes are scheduled! Remember, no musical ability is needed and instruments will be provided for all participants.



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 FunDrumRhythm Circles to learn some basic hand drumming techniques and culturally specific rhythms. The cost is \$10 per person.




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Facilitator: Jonathan Murray, FunDrum
Rhythm Circles. Sponsored by: www.fundrumrhythmcircles.com



CHRISTMAS 2010 MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

You are invited to place poinsettias in our Sanctuary for services on Christmas Eve in memory of loved ones or to honor someone. Each plant costs \$20. Please complete the form below, make checks payable to *Westminster Presbyterian Church*, and return to Susan Alexander at the front desk by Tuesday, December 14.

In Memory Of: _____
Deceased Name

In Honor Of: _____

Given By: _____
Donor's Name and Telephone Number

Number of Plants _____ x \$20.00 each

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

_____ Please deliver my poinsettia to a homebound member.



CHRISTMAS BOXES FOOD DRIVE

No more canned Sweet Potatoes! Thanks to the congregation and our Westminster Choir, we are overflowing with Sweet Potatoes! Here's what we need by December 12th:

- Beans -- received 172 cans – goal: 286 cans
- Corn – received 120 cans – goal: 251 cans
- Fruit – received 111 cans – goal: 251 cans
- Stuffing – received 73 boxes or bags – goal: 154 boxes or bags
- Cranberry Sauce -- 63 cans – goal: 154 cans



We need 154 boxes of cereal; we have 10. Please donate a couple of boxes of cereal for the food drive.

