



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

Worship Services

October 17, 2010

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Community Hall, offers free coffee and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar per item. Table Talk is in Classroom 5 today.

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 ages 5-7 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 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

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| ➤ Under Six Sunday School | Under Six Classrooms |
| ➤ Creation Station for grades K - 6 | Grace Hall |
| ➤ 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 with hymns, songs and creative liturgy. 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.	Family Promise	Downstairs Classrooms
4:30 p.m.	Living with Loss	Ruth Christie Room
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir	Youth Music Room
6:00 p.m.	180° Dinner~Rehearsal~Set Design	Community Hall, Classroom 6 and Kitchen
6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
6:30 p.m.	Adult Ed: Parents of Teens	Classroom 5
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room

WORSHIP NOTES

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by the Spilecki family in loving memory of Jay, born October 15, 1978.

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. The next available date is December 5.

Are you wearing a nametag? Whether you are a long-time 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. You will find nametags and markers in baskets at all major entrances.

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:** Wayne Casey, Jerry Gillette, Ed Hagopian, Nancy McFadden, Marjorie Snave.
- ❖ **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: Betty Kelley, Forwood Manor, Apt. 134, 1912 Marsh Road, Wilmington, DE 19810 and Ed Bloom, Granite Farms Estate, Cherry Blossom Lane #307A, 1343 W. Baltimore Pike, Media, PA 19063.
- ❖ **Our brothers and sisters** in worldwide ministry.

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 Afghanistan: Shawn Galbraith
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Senior Airman James Hansen, age 25, of Athens, Michigan
Specialist Timothy Johnson, age 24, of Randolph, New York
Sergeant Aaron Kramer, age 22, of Salt Lake City, Utah
Senior Airman Daniel Sanchez, age 23, of El Paso, Texas
Sergeant John Burner, III, age 32, of Baltimore, Maryland
Staff Sergeant Jaime Newman, age 27, of Richmond, Virginia
Lieutenant Scott Fleming, age 24, of Marietta, Georgia
Specialist Deangelo Snow, age 22, of Saginaw, Michigan
Private 1st Class Barbara Vieyra, age 22, of Mesa, Arizona
- 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

O God, our Guide and Guardian, you have led me apart from the frantic world into the serenity of your house. May I be attentive to your presence and alert to your nudges that challenge me to live as Christ lived and to love as Christ loved. May I worship you not only with my words, but with my deeds each day of my life. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Meditation

Gabriel Dupont

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called from the ends of the earth.

We are called from the center of our lives.

God's Spirit calls us to be persistent in prayer.

We are called to pray for justice and peace.

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. 145

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

MARION

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

Living Lord, in this world where goodness and evil continue to clash with each other,
instill in us, and in all your people:

**discernment to see what is right,
determination to pray for what is right,
and courage to do what is right.**

Keep us aware of the subtlety of sin,

and preserve us body, mind and soul through the power of your Spirit.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

“God Was In Jesus”
Westminster Choir

Johannes Herbst

God was in Jesus and He reconciled the world to Himself. Thousand times to thee, dearest
Lord we offer thanks.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 18:1-8

New Testament, page 70
David Mathé, Lay Liturgist

SERMON

“Persistent Prayer”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 251

“Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure”

WINCHESTER NEW

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.
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.** *A Brief Statement 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 ANTHEM

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”
(Text: Hymn #267)

John Rutter

*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**

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks to God for the blessings of this life.
Especially we are grateful for the gift of food,
and for the opportunity we have to feed the hungry in God's name.

We are grateful for the blessing of shelter,
and for the challenge before us to care for the homeless.

We are grateful for the love of friends and family,
and for God's call to love those who are lonely.

We are grateful for the fellowship of the church,
and for the presence of Christ in the lives of the needy.

We give thanks to God for the precious gift of life.
may we honor God's wonderful gift with grateful hearts.

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

*HYMN NO. 489

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

UNSER HERRSCHER

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Toccata in D minor

Max Reger

GOING FORTH

*If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to meet today's ambassadors,
Fred and Julie Schmitt, 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.*

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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, Ruth Bailis, Justin Gonzalez, Brian Carter

DEACON TEAM OF THE MONTH

Steve Stallone, Melissa Stabler, Kim Carrick and Eric Etschman



Adult Education Classes This Morning

The Search for Peace in Israel-Palestine, Facilitated by Greg Jones and Bob Stoddard
Today through October 24, in Classroom 6

“A Palestinian Perspective” – Dr. Rob Abel and Ms. Mike Abel

Rosita Michael Abel (“Mike”) is a Palestinian -American whose family has deep roots in the West Bank. Her father was born in Ramallah and educated by the Quaker Friends School. Her mother’s parents were born in the Christian village of Beit Jala. Mike has traveled to the Middle East four times, twice on peace missions to Israel, the West Bank and Gaza.

Mike’s husband, Rob Abel, is a Jewish-American ophthalmologist who has worked in both Israel and the Arab world. He worked as a medical student in Israel and taught cataract and cornea surgery in Amman, Jordan and Tunisia. Rob is the author of six books, an international lecturer, and participated in a diplomatic mission to five Middle Eastern countries, Gaza and the West Bank, in May 2009.

Pioneers of the Spirit: DVD Class and group discussion

Today through October 24, in the Daughtry House Classroom

Teresa of Avila is one of the most colorful mystics of the Medieval Period. A Carmelite nun, she struggled in prayer for nearly twenty years before she experienced a profound conversion. Reflecting a remarkable determination in her quest for God, Teresa speaks across the centuries to those yearnings for transcendence amid the distractions of modern life. Saint Teresa (born March 28, 1515, died October 4, 1582 at Alba de Tormes, Salamanca, Spain) was a prominent Spanish mystic and writer of the Counter Reformation. A reformer of the Carmelite Order, she became the first female to be named a Doctor of the Church in 1970.

Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity - DVD discussion facilitated by Sally and Rick Thomas

Today through November 7, in the Meeting Room

“When Dreams Become Nightmares”

Change your life by changing your relationship with money. You're invited to rediscover the Bible's wisdom on prudent financial practices. Find the keys to experiencing contentment, overcoming fear, and discovering joy through simplicity and generosity. Methodist pastor Adam Hamilton offers a simple series reviewing the role of money in connection with one’s life purpose. Amid a culture of greed and conspicuous consumption, Hamilton calls us to a biblical joy of having the faith to say “enough is enough.”

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Welcome and Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship

*Songs of Celebration

*Hymn No. 421

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”
Verses 1 – 3

WAREHAM

“Praise You”

Praise you, praise you; let my life praise you. Praise
you, praise you; let my life, O Lord, praise you. Praise you. Let my
life, O Lord, praise you.

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

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Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Children's Time

Song for Illumination

“Into My Heart”

1. In - to my heart, in - to my heart, come in - to my heart, Lord
 2. Out of my heart, out of my heart, shine out of my heart, Lord

7 Je - sus; come in to - day, come in to stay; come
 Je - sus; shine out to - day, shine out al - way; shine

13 in - to my heart, Lord Je - - - sus.
 out of my heart, Lord Je - - - sus.

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Scripture Lesson

Luke 18:1-8

New Testament, page 70
Dick Jolly, Lay Liturgist

Sermon

“Persistent Prayer”

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Offering

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Offertory Anthem

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”
(Text: Hymn #267)
Vocal Ensemble

John Rutter

Call to Prayer

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, _____ Lord, send your

6 Spir - it in this place; _____ Lord, lis ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, _____

12 _____ send us love, send us power, send us grace. _____

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Litany of Thanksgiving

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

*Closing Song

"Pray for a World"

Tune: *CANONBURY*

**Pray for a world where ev'ry child
finds welcome in a sheltered place,
where love is tender, undefiled,
and firmness intertwines with grace.**

**Pray for a nation just and fair
that seeks the welfare of us all,
where leaders guide with prudent care
to nurture life for great and small.**

*Benediction

May the love of the faithful Creator,
the peace of the wounded Healer,
and the joy of the challenging Spirit,
surround and encourage us this day and forever.

* Response (next page)

*Response

“Sent Out in Jesus’ Name”

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some dotted rhythms. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with measure numbers 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 indicated on the left side of the staff.

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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Celebrate the arrival of fall with a special church-wide picnic.

Westminster's Fall *Harvest Festival!*

**Sunday, October 31st
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Church Lawn**

(or Community Hall in case of rain)

**LUNCH, PIÑATAS, APPLE-BOBBING,
ARTS & CRAFTS, AND MORE!**

**Cost is \$5 per person (children in costume eat free!).
Includes hot dogs, baked beans, apple cider, and lots of treats.**

