



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Services of Worship
World Communion Sunday
October 2, 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
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Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Mary Beth Davis, Director of Music for Children, Youth and Handbells
Section Leaders/Soloists: Diana Milburn, Susan Rheingans,
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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.

Deacon Team of the Month

Mike Enderle, Steve Stallone, Dave Mathe, Keith Pierce

8:45 a.m. – noon Child Care for Cribbery (birth – toddler)

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. Worship with communion, 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**.
- ❖ **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**.
- ❖ **Treasure Seekers** – Children in grades 4 and 5 will begin with the story of Jesus’ baptism and continue with stories of Jesus’ ministry of teaching and healing. 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
- Sunshine Choir for Grades K – 2 Classroom 7
- D.R.U.M. for Grades 3 – 6 Youth Music Room
- Adult Education Classes See page 7

11:15 a.m. – noon

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

Later Today

1:00 p.m. Homebound Communion Rowell Conference Room

6:00 p.m. Clean But Not Straight – NA Club Room

8:00 p.m. AA Club Room

WORSHIP NOTES

The Lord's Supper is celebrated this morning at both services.

NEW: All children at the 9:00 service (Godly Care, Godly Play, Hebrew Scouts, and Treasure Seekers) and the 11:15 service (Childcare) who leave the sanctuary after *Time with Children*, MUST have a completed yellow security label on their back. This new policy is for your child's protection. Thank you for your help.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Art and Barbara Morrow Gorman in loving memory of their parents.

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.

The upcoming Sunday Bulletin is available online at www.wpc.org/communications each Friday at 12:00 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Eleanor Thompson Pease.
- ❖ **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 Edie Lennox, Wesley Wing 3969 and Grace Austin, Apt. 3613, 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.

This week we pray for

- Those known to the WPC Community presently serving in Afghanistan:
Richard Barnet, Leonard Kosicki, Ann Exline Starr, Russell Lee Thomas
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Chief Petty Officer Thomas Ratzlaff, age 34, of Green Forest, Arkansas
Chief Petty Officer Robert Reeves, age 32, of Shreveport, Louisiana
Chief Petty Officer John Faas, age 31, of Minneapolis, Minnesota
Chief Petty Officer Brian Bill, age 31, of Stamford, Connecticut
Petty Officer 1st Class Jason Workman, age 32, of Blanding, Utah
Petty Officer 1st Class Jon Tumilson, age 35, of Rockford, Iowa
Petty Officer 2nd Class Nicholas Spehar, age 24, of Duluth, Minnesota
Chief Warrant Officer Bryan Nichols, age 31, of Hays, Kansas
Chief Petty Officer Matthew Mason, age 37, of Kansas City, Missouri
- 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 of abundance, you feed us every day.
Rise in us now, make us into your bread,
That we may share your gifts with a hungry world,
And join in love with all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Sara Miles, Take This Bread

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE

Festival Voluntary

Flor Peeters
(1903-1986)

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of our busy lives,
God calls us to community.
In the rush of work, family, and our friends,
God calls us to community.
With those who are lovely and those who are difficult,
God calls us to community.
With those who are known and with those who are strangers.
God calls us to community.
With people all around the world,
God calls us to community.

*HYMN NO. 461

“God Is Here!”
(Verses 1-3)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, you prepare a table for us, and we want to assign seats.
You offer a banquet and we want to review the guest list.
You provide enough, but we want more than enough and watch others lack enough.
We consume but fail to give thanks.
We consume but fail to share the bounty.
We set our own tables that you rightly overturn.
Forgive us our table manners. Turn our consumption into communion.
Turn our table fare into justice. Make us the body of Christ given to the world. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

While we are a people with incomplete love, a people with selective compassion.
**Christ is always ready to take the fragments of our love
and use them to make the world whole.**
Receive God's abundant grace and live in the strength of God's love.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Greg Jones

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world
that he gave the only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but may have eternal life.
For God sent the Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him
the world might be saved.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Anne Ledbetter

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

“Shall We Now Gather?”

Kinley Lange
(b. 1950)

Shall we now gather as one; shall we now join the world in community? Shall we now join ourselves in festivity? Shall not the ear and eye, the hand and foot join with the heart and voice to become one flesh united and strong in our Lord, Jesus Christ. Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. This is my body broken for you; this is my blood that was shed for you. Take and eat and do this in remembrance of me.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*HYMN NO. 515

“Now to Your Table Spread”

LOVE UNKNOWN

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Eternal God...

LORD’S PRAYER (page 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, using “debts” and “debtors”)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

For anyone allergic to wheat, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Arabesque

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Living God, we thank you that in this sacrament you make yourself known to us.
From now on, whenever we walk in strange places,
we shall find your footprints there;
Whenever we meet with unknown faces, we shall see your image;
Whenever we face frightful circumstances, we shall hear your “Fear not;”
Whenever we encounter unexpected joy, we shall feel your heartbeat.
Wherever we go, we start from here;
May we go in the peace of Christ. Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN No. 439

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

ST. PETER

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

A Blessing
 (“The Lord bless you and keep you...”)

Eleanor Daley
(b. 1955)

GOING FORTH

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



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RENEW
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Adult Education Classes This Morning

A Matter of Faith: Earth Care, Stewardship and Sustainability – Today and October 9 in Classroom 5

Led by Anne Ledbetter, Patrick Martin and Jack Coleman

Environmentalism is not a fad but a movement whose roots are deeply embedded in faith and culture. Moreover, current talk of sustainability is directly related to stewardship – for Christians anyway. Discover why Earth Care is nothing new to Christians and other people of faith. We will reflect on what becoming a PCUSA Earth Care congregation may mean for our mission and ministry, and explore ideas for growing in our efforts to care for God's creation.

POLO (Parents of Little Ones) - Sundays, in the Meeting Room

Today we will enjoy Yvonne Nass, local parenting consultant.

Questions and Answers about Our Faith

Round table discussions facilitated by Pam Bailey

Today and October 9 in the Daughtry House Classroom (next to WPC parking lot)

This morning – Where was Jesus before He came to Earth?

Sometimes we have questions about faith and its application to our lives as Christians. A series of three round table discussions explores faith questions from your point of view first, and secondly, from the Presbyterian point of view. This study is based on the book, *Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers*, by seminary professor Dr. Donald McKim whose answers refer to scripture and reflect an interpretation from the Reformed (Christian) tradition.

Christians in the Holy Land Today - Today through October 23, in Classroom 6

Class Facilitators: Greg Jones and Bob Stoddard

Today, the Reverend Bob Stoddard will address the conditions in Israel/Palestine that led to the writing of *Kairos Palestine: A Moment of Truth*, a contemporary, ecumenical confession of faith and call to action written by Christian Palestinians.

Westminster By Heart – Today in the Ruth Christie Room

Westminster By Heart, a group of lay members committed to learning the scripture by heart and bringing it to our congregation throughout the year in our worship services will meet today in the Ruth Christie Room. Whether you see yourself as a teller or a listener, the process of learning scripture by heart can be a powerful process for understanding and connecting to the stories of our faith. Join us through October 23 and explore your inner storyteller!

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Words

Songs of Celebration

“Come All You People”

Musical score for the hymn "Come All You People". The score is written in treble clef, key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Come, all you peo-ple, come and praise your Mak-er. Come, all you peo-ple, come and praise your Mak-er. Come, all you peo-ple, come and praise your Mak-er. Come now and wor-ship the Lord." The score includes a 4-measure rest at the beginning of the second line and a 7-measure rest at the beginning of the third line. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' above it in the third line.

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Hymn No. 439

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Children’s Time

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Scripture Lesson

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Offering

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Offertory Anthem

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Sung)

“As Grain on Scattered Hillsides”

1. As grain on scat - tered hill - sides, when gath - ered, makes one bread, God,
 2. A grain of wheat is fruit - less un - til in earth it lies; then,
 3. Like yeast that brings new fer - ment so life - less dough my rise, your
 4. O Christ, our ris - en Sav - ior; O Spir - it, ho - ly dove, come

5
 gath - er all your peo - ple as one in Christ our head. We
 dy - ing to its old life, it bears and mul - ti - plies. So
 Spir - it is the leav - en of life that sat - is - fies. As
 now and move a - mong us; make us a sign of love. Come,

9
 come from man - y plac - es and we are not the same, yet
 may we die to ha - tred, to all our thur - ful ways, re -
 salt en - hanc - es flav - or, en - rich - es, and pre - serves, may
 knead and blend each tex - ture with strong and gen - tle hands, that

13
 your strong love has called us to meet in Je - sus' name.
 born to com - mon liv - ing, to love, to work, to praise.
 earth re - joice to sa - vor a church that heals and serves.
 we may be one bod - y, one loaf in man - y lands.

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 Music: Hal Hopson

Lord's Prayer

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

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Prayer Following Communion

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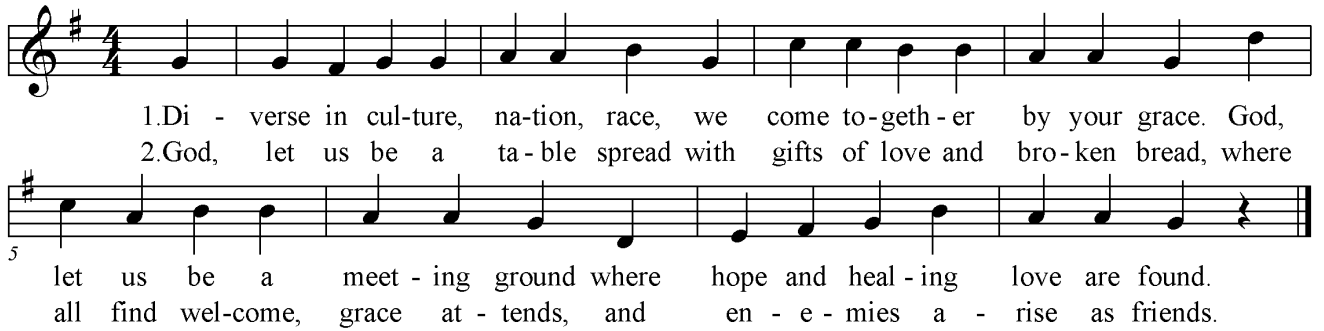
*Passing of the Peace

Benediction

Song (see next page)

Song

“Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race”



1. Di - verse in cul-ture, na-tion, race, we come to-geth - er by your grace. God,
2. God, let us be a ta - ble spread with gifts of love and bro - ken bread, where

5 let us be a meet - ing ground where hope and heal - ing love are found.
all find wel-come, grace at - tends, and en - e - mies a - rise as friends.

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Music at Westminster presents

Pipes & Strings IN CONCERT

FEATURING

Paul Fleckenstein, organ

Timothy Schwarz, violin

Julie Nishimura, piano



Friday, October 7, at 8:00 p.m.

Our first concert for the 2011-2012 season showcases the Austin pipe organ, the Steinway grand piano, and a Testore violin made in 1741. Two of the region's most prominent instrumental musicians join organist Paul Fleckenstein in a "blockbuster" program of musical delights right here in our own sanctuary. Admission is free, and an offering will be received. Be sure to invite your friends; this is one you'll all enjoy!

Cold Weather Clothing Drive

On **Sundays, October 9 and 16**, our 180° Youth Ministry will hold a cold weather clothing drive to benefit the Clothing Bank of Delaware and Midnight Run of New York City. All items for men, women and children will be accepted; however, the following **men's** items are especially needed:

- Durable pants (blue jeans preferred)
- Sweatshirts
- Long-sleeved shirts
- T-shirts
- Hats
- Shoes
- Belts

Also needed are backpacks, heavy duty carry bags and coats for men, women and children. Clothing can be placed in Grace Hall in the area marked "Clothing Drive."

