WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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

Worship Services

October 3, 2010
27th 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.

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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. 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 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 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**

Under Six Sunday School	Under Six Classrooms
Sunshine Choir for K - 2nd Grade	Classroom 7
D.R.U.M. for Grades 3 - 6	Youth Music Room
Middle Schoolers on the Move - Grades 6 - 8	Classroom 1
Confirmation Class for 9th Graders	Classroom 8
Senior High Gathering	Classroom 3
Adult Education Classes	See page 7

11:15 a.m. – noon Worship with Communion, 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

11:00 a.m.	125th Anniversary Committee	Meeting Room
12:00 p.m.	CMEP Luncheon	Classroom 6
12:15 p.m.	Acolyte Training	Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	Homebound Communion	Rowell Conference Room
4:30 p.m.	Grief Share - 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
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room

WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome to our pulpit, Warren Clark, the Executive Director of Churches for Middle East Peace in Washington, D.C. A graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary, Ambassador Clark formerly represented the United States on Middle East and African issues in the United Nations Security Council and was a career U.S. Foreign Service officer in the Department of State.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Taylor from Jeanne and Bob Checkel and family.

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 following dates are available for flowers: October 10, 17, 24, 31 and November 7, 14 and 28.

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.

"Westminster to Go" Audio tapes and DVD's of recent Westminster worship services are available at the front desk. Printed sermons are on the literature tables and at www.wpc.org.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- **Those recently hospitalized:** Jerry Gillette, Jim Gkonos, Dot Hunter.
- **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.

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.

<u>This week we pray for</u>

- 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:
  Private 1st Class James Page, age 23, of Titusville, Florida
  Lance Corporal Christopher Rodgers, age 20, of Griffin, Georgia
  Private 1st Class Diego Montoya, age 20, of San Antonio, Texas
  Lance Corporal Joshua Twigg, age 21, of Indiana, Pennsylvania
  Lance Corporal Ross Carver, age 21, of Rocky Point, North Carolina
  Sergeant Jesse Balthaser, age 23, of Columbus, Ohio
- Those who have returned from service, possibly suffering from wounds or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may by deep and long-lasting.

ORDER OF WORSHIP AT 9:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Adventurous God, you are constantly healing wounds and restoring broken relationships. Help us to be reconciled with one another, so that we might become your partners in building a better world. Inspire us to radiate compassion and multiply justice so that our world may thrive in peace. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE — Praise the Lord with the Drums and Cymbals — Sigfrid Karg-Elert

CALL TO WORSHIP

A new day has dawned; a day ripe with possibilities.
Now is the time for new beginnings, a time to encounter God anew.
God calls us to new commitments and new actions.
We pray that we may be faithful to God's calling.

PROCESSION OF GOD'S LIGHT AND WORD — Acolyte: Jan van Amerongen

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

*HYMN NO. 442 — "The Church's One Foundation" — *AURELIA*

Verses 1 and 4

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that our faith is often small
and we fail to trust your promise to be our strength and deliverer.
We have doubted your assurance that you never leave or forsake us,
and we have been anxious and despairing when life becomes difficult.
Whenever darkness envelops our lives,
grant us the awareness of your loving presence.
Heal us and make us whole
in order that we may once again enjoy the blessings of life
and gratefully acknowledge your steadfast love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN — Greg Jones

SCRIPTURE — Luke 17:1-10 — New Testament, page 69
Fred Iobst, Lay Liturgist

SERMON — "Faith in Tough Times" — Warren Clark

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

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 "I Waited for the Lord" Felix Mendelssohn

Westminster Choir
Diana Milburn, soprano
Ruth Bailis, mezzo-soprano

I waited for the Lord, He inclined unto me, He heard my complaint. O bless'd are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

They will come from east and west, and from north and south and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

*HYMN NO. 440 "In Christ There Is No East or West" *MCKEE*

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 (New Zealand form)

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 there is heaven.
The hallowed of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!
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 test, 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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

We are using a variety of breads in communion to remind us of the many ways that the Lord's Supper is celebrated around our planet and of the many different people within the family of God.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

(Organ)	Communion	Louis Vierne
(Choral)	"Ave Verum Corpus"	W. A. Mozart

Ave verum Corpus, natum de Maria Virgine: Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: Cujus latus perforatum, unda fluxit sanguine: Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.	*Hail, true Body,* *born of the Virgin Mary,* *Who has truly suffered,* *was sacrificed on the cross for mortals,* *Whose side was pierced,* *whence flowed water and blood:* *Be for us a foretaste (of heaven)* *during our final examining.*

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 450	"O Day of Peace"	*JERUSALEM*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE	"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"	William G. Tomer

GOING FORTH

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

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Steve Stallone, Melissa Stabler, Kim Carrick and Eric Etshman

10:TEN
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL

Adult Education Classes This Morning

Pioneers of the Spirit: DVD Class and group discussion

Today through October 24, in the Daughtry House Classroom

Julian of Norwich is recognized as one of 14th century England's most compelling mystics. A contemporary of Chaucer and survivor of the Black Plague, Julian received sixteen startling images of the crucified Christ that forever changed her life. Her descriptions of her visions in Revelations of Divine Love have given birth to enduring images of God's nurturing and familial love that continue to inspire seekers today.

Reducing Stress at Home for Parents

Yvonne Nass, Parenting Consultant - Today, in the Meeting Room

For several years, Westminster's Parenting Class has enjoyed monthly meetings with local parenting guru Yvonne Nass. We are kicking off the Parenting Class this fall with a three-week course in which Yvonne will focus on reducing stress in the home. Come and explore how to turn your home into a place to relax and reenergize. Yvonne will offer techniques on how to set limits, communicate effectively, operate as a team and share responsibilities. Take advantage of this opportunity with Yvonne to address a timely topic in more depth.

Called to Serve: Weekly guest speakers serving Christ locally in specialized outreach

Today, in Rodney Chapel

Marcy Perkins, Women's Ministry, Friendship House
Marcy Perkins, Director of Women's Ministry and Housing for Friendship House (FH), will be our featured speaker. FH is a non-profit Christian corporation committed to making a difference in the lives of homeless people of New Castle County through the traditional spiritual ministries of hospitality, education, empowerment, and community. FH has an extensive transitional housing program for men and women interested in rebuilding their lives after being homeless and/or being in recovery programs.

The Search for Peace in Israel-Palestine, Facilitated by Greg Jones and Bob Stoddard

Today through October 24, in Classroom 6

"Ending Conflict in the Holy Land"
Warren Clark, the Executive Director of Churches for Middle East Peace in Washington, D.C., will speak to the class about the efforts of Churches for Middle East Peace and the current negotiations. Ambassador Clark, who met with President Obama in July regarding the current situation in Israel-Palestine, formerly represented the United States on Middle East and African issues in the United Nations Security Council and was a career U.S. Foreign Service officer in the Department of State.

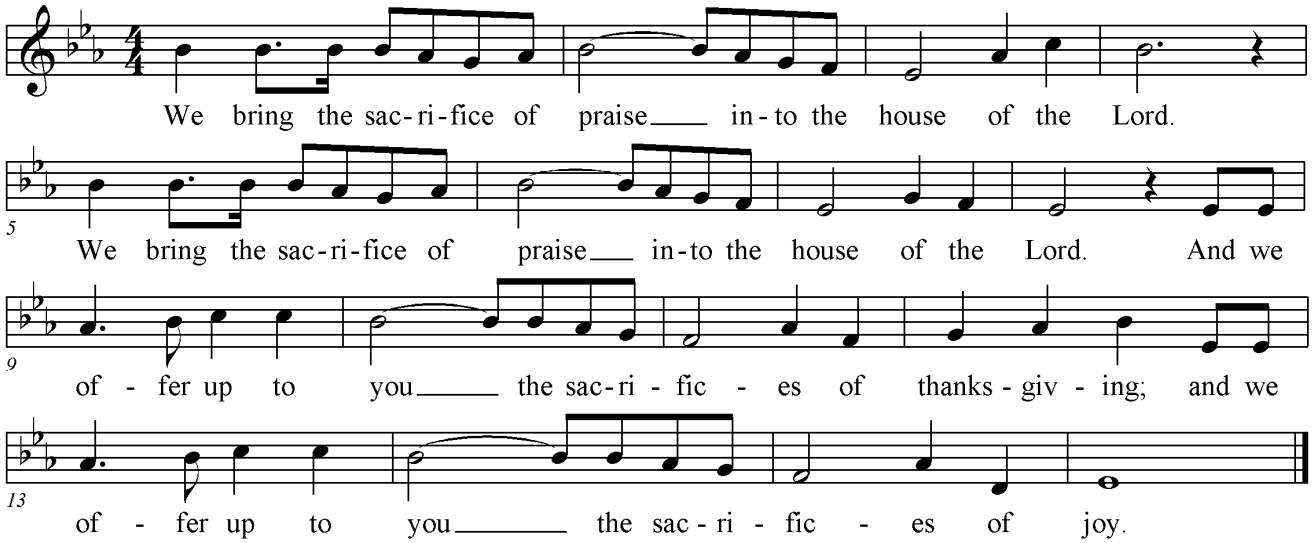
ORDER OF WORSHIP AT 11:15 A.M.

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship — "I Come with Joy"
Vocal Ensemble

*Songs of Celebration — "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"



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"In Christ There is No East or West" (Hymn No. 439) *ST. PETER*

Verse 1. In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

Verse 3. Join hands, disciples of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
Are surely kin to me.

Prayer

Creator of the cosmos, of eternity and time, be with us in this time.
Savior of the world, healer of the nations, be with us in this place.
Breath of all that lives, of people near and far, stir within our lives.
Maker-Spirit, Son, God of here and now, be present in our worship,
that we may find new ways to be present in your world. Amen.

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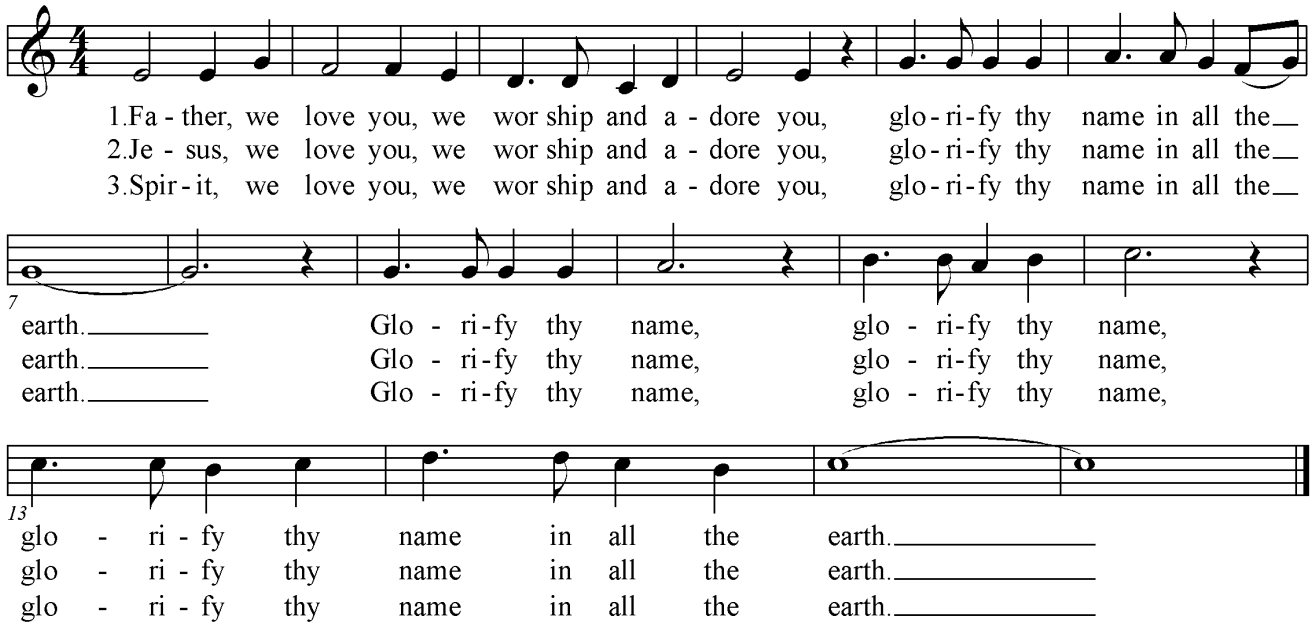
Children's Time — Greg Jones

Song — "Glorify Thy Name"



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Scripture — Luke 17:1-10 — New Testament, page 69
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Sermon — "Faith in Tough Times" — Warren Clark

Offering

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Offertory Anthem

Celebration Of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

They will come from east and west, and from north and south and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

Upon direction, please come forward and gather around the communion table.
You may also feel free to sit on the front pew.

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 (New Zealand form)

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 there is heaven.
The hallowed of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!
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 test, 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

Communion of the People

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Prayer following Communion

*Closing Song "As a Fire is Meant for Burning" *BEACH SPRING*

As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.

As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness 'mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.

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*Benediction and Response (next page)

*Benediction

*Response "I Come with Joy" (Hymn No. 507) *DOVE OF PEACE*
Verse 5

Verse 5. Together met, together bound,
We'll go our different ways,
And as His people in the world,
We'll live and speak His praise,
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YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM:	Susan Moseley, Mary Beth Davis and Mike Gnade
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Wonderful Wednesdays!

An Intergenerational Event for All

October 6 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Pizza and Salad Dinner ($5/person or $15 family)

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. A Hands-On Service Activity for Everyone!

Bring donations of "gently worn" shoes of any size. Children's shoes will be sold at the Bazaar and all others will be donated to children at Meeting Ground. Kids will be taught how the Bazaar supports mission beyond Westminster. In addition, learn more about Meeting Ground's ministry to the homeless and the specific opportunities for WPC individuals and families to build relationships with Meeting Ground individuals and families.

What makes *these* Wednesdays so wonderful?

- Opportunity to participate together in a service project and share learnings on mission education.
- Opportunity to connect with children and their families.
- A great way to involve a friend or neighbor in a meaningful WPC event.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 5 at Noon to the church receptionist at 302-654-5214 or Susan Moseley at susanmoseley@wpc.org.