



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

Worship Services

October 31, 2010

31st 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 will be in Classroom 5 this morning at 10:10 a.m.

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.

10:00 a.m. Silent Auction Preview Grace Hall

10:10 a.m. **Education for All Ages**

➤	Under Six Sunday School	Under Six Classrooms
➤	Sunshine Choir for K - 2 nd Grade	Classroom 7
➤	D.R.U.M. for Grades 3 - 6	Sanctuary
➤	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.

DEACON TEAM OF THE MONTH

Steve Stallone, Melissa Stabler, Kim Carrick and Eric Etshman

Later Today

12:00 p.m.	Harvest Festival	Church Lawn
1:00 p.m.	180° Rehearsal~Set Design	Grace Hall
4:30 p.m.	Living with Loss	Ruth Christie Room
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 honor of Wilma Tull's birthday from Bob and Sue Scofield and Peter Rittenhouse.

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.

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:** James Corner, Jerry Gillette, Ed Hagopian, Arney Henke, Emmet Jacobs, Nancy McFadden, Sandie Reinicker.
- ❖ **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: Anne Burrough #308 and Virginia Mentzer #309, both of Gilpin Hall, 1101 Gilpin Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19806.
- ❖ **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 Afghanistan: Shawn Galbraith
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Chief Warrant Officer Matthew Wagstaff, age 34, of Orem, Utah
Petty Officer 3rd Class SEAL Denis Miranda, age 24, of Toms River, New Jersey
Petty Officer 2nd Class SEAL Adam Smith, age 26, of Hurland, Missouri
Senior Chief Petty Officer David McLendon, age 30, of Thomasville, Georgia
Lieutenant SEAL Brendan Looney, age 29, of Owings, Maryland
Lance Corporal Anthony Rosa, age 20, of Swanton, Vermont
Private 1st Class Clinton Springer, II, age 21, of Sanford, Maine
Private 1st Class William Dawson, age 20, of Tunica, Mississippi
Private 1st Class Jaysine Petree, age 19, of Yigo, Guam
- 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

Eternal Friend, grant me an ease to breathe deeply of this moment, this light, this miracle of now. Make me attentive still to good news, to small occasions, and the grace of what is possible for me to be, to do, to give, to receive.

Adapted from *Guerillas of Grace*, by Ted Loder

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Tocatta in D minor

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today salvation has come to this house!

God's Spirit abides with us even now.

In Christ, God has drawn close and melted our hardened hearts.

Today salvation has come to this house!

*HYMN No. 461

“God Is Here!”
Verses 1 & 4

ABBOT'S LEIGH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, forgive us:

In our words,

we are tempted to speak truth in whispered tones.

In our work,

we are tempted to serve you with halfhearted energy.

In our worship,

we are tempted to thank you with leftover gifts.

As you forgive and make us whole again, give us, we pray,

a gentle boldness, a fresh challenge, and a new spirit within us.

We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM (from *The Creation*)

F. J. Haydn

Achieved is the glorious work; the Lord beholds it, and is well pleas'd. In lofty strains let us rejoice; our song let be the praise of God.

Westminster Choir

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

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

TELLING OF THE SCRIPTURE STORY

Luke 19:1-10
Mary-beth Howard and Shelley Gnade, storytellers
Westminster By Heart

SERMON

“Lost Cause”

Anne Ledbetter

*HYMN NO. 372

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

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

“Create In Me a Clean Heart”

Layton James

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew the spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of thy salvation; uphold me with a willing spirit. Then will I teach transgressors of thy ways, and sinners will return to thee.

*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. 428

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”
Verses 1 - 4

SCHUMANN

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Fugue in D minor

J. S. Bach

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.*

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Mary Beth Davis, Director of Music for Children, Youth and Handbells
Sandie Reinicker, Director of Sunshine Choir
Section Leader/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
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Nicole Hughes, Director of Communication and Database Management
Jerry Reed, Facilities Manager
Sextons: Roger W. Atkins, Robert King, Kevin Krick, Joan Truitt

WORLDWIDE MINISTRY

Vashon Island, Washington State – Emily Bercaw, AmeriCorps
Guatemala – Roger and Gloria Mariott, Cedepca, Karla Koll and the Mam Presbytery
Congo – Timothee Kalonji Matadi, Cecilé de Sweemer, MD, Pastor Jean-Marc Katujudi Nkuna and
Members of the Kamulumba-Ditalala Parish
Kenya-Rev. Dr. Lyle and Terry Dykstra, PCUSA Mission Volunteers

SESSION

Liz Bacon, John Bowman, Martha Carper, Ron Carrick, Jim Carter, Clark Collins, Josh Cox, Charlie Depfer,
Karen Dietz, Ellie Furry, Mark Gerstenschlager, Ross Getty, Shelley Gnade, Dick Haden, Trina Hogan,
Mary-beth Howard, Fred Iobst, Don Kuespert, Sue Linderman, Nancy Rochford,
Jan Patrick, Bruce Petrovick, Margo Reign, Jerry Spilecki, Frank Waldburger

BOARD OF DEACONS

Beth Bowersock, Marcia Carle, Kim Carrick, Peggy Carroll, Ginnie Chagnon, Craig Checkel,
Eadie Churchill, Jack Coleman, Bob Cox, Tammy Daley, Kris DeMesse, Cathy Edge, Eric Etshman,
George Evans, Barbara Fedeler, Todd Gray, Carol Noggle Harris, Carol Hopkins, Bill Kaye, Carla Krupanski,
Ralph Lewis, David Mathé, Carol Mosher, Ruth Nace, Donna Nelson, Sonja Pfautz, Patti Ridout, Robin Rosser,
Ann Shaddock, Cora Sparling, Melissa Stabler, Steve Stallone, Julia Stone, Sally Thomas

TRUSTEES

Bob Chagnon, Don Furry, Sara Geuder, John Johnston, George Krupanski, Lynn Kielhorn,
Bob McKeown, Stephen Poole, Christine Schiltz, Philip Timon, Helen Walker



Adult Education Classes This Morning

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

Today through November 7, in the Meeting Room

“Cultivating Contentment”

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.”

Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church

DVD class and group discussion

Today through December 19, in the Daughtry House Classroom (next to WPC parking lot)

(no class on November 14 or 28)

Based on the book by N. T. Wright, this six session video series looks at a major question we face as humans: “What happens after I die?” Author N. T. Wright outlines the present confusion about a Christian's future hope and shows how it is deeply intertwined with how we live today. Wright, contemporary Biblical scholar, asserts that Christianity's most distinctive idea is bodily resurrection. He convincingly argues that what we believe about life after death directly affects what we believe about life before death. If God intends to renew the whole creation – and if this has already begun in Jesus's resurrection – the church cannot stop at “saving souls” but must anticipate the eventual renewal by working for God's kingdom in the wider world, bringing healing and hope in the present life. Lively and accessible, this series will surprise and excite all who are interested in the meaning of life, not only after death but before it.

ORDER OF WORSHIP AT 11:15 A.M.

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship

“Funga Alafia”

D.R.U.M. Ensemble

Devoting Rhythms, Uniting Melodies (D.R.U.M.) is a creative approach to choir and to Christian Education for children in grades 3 – 6. Designed as an interactive musical experience, children are continually engaged in activities that teach bible stories and scripture, promote worship leadership and develop cultural awareness. D.R.U.M. meets at 10:TEN on Sunday mornings.

This morning’s song, “Funga Alafia,” has many interactive parts, including movement, drumming and singing, which teach hospitality, Christian love, peace and cultural awareness.

Procession of God’s Light and Word

Acolyte: Ryan Fischer

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

*Hymn No. 11

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

The Sacrament of Baptism

Grace Songer Wermus

Presentation of the Parents and Child

Elder: Josh Cox

Song

“Come be Baptized”

Musical score for the song "Come be Baptized". The score is written in 3/4 time and consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are: "Come, be bap-tized in the name of the Fa-ther. Come, be bap-tized in the name of the Son. Come, be bap-tized in the name of the Spir-it. Come, be bap-tized in love." The score includes a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The score ends with a double bar line.

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Opening Words

Baptism is the sign and seal through which we are joined to Christ.

In baptism God claims us and shows that we belong to God.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

Like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

God envelopes us with unconditional and steadfast love.

Questions for the Parents and Congregation

Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? **We do.**

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and to teach that faith to your child? **We do.**

Will we, the people of the church, promise to nurture and support Grace and her parents, and will we encourage her to become a follower of Christ? **We will.**

Question for the Children

Do you promise to be a friend to Grace by playing with her and helping her? **Yes, we do.**

*Affirmation of Faith

In baptism we acknowledge that God has claimed us.

We are not our own, we belong to God.

We are the people of the resurrection.

We are the people of the covenant.

We are the body of Christ.

We live our lives in commitment.

We live in mutual love and support.

**We live as a family with all girls and boys,
men and women everywhere.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water

The Act of Baptism

Prayer Following Baptism

Gracious God, giver of life, you have called us by name, and you pledge to each of us your faithful love. We pray today for your blessing on Grace. Watch over her and guide her as she grows in faith. Give her parents your wisdom and let them love with your love. Remind us of the promises we have made, and help us teach Grace what it means to follow Christ. Mold us all into your family of faith that we may embody the justice and compassion of Christ in our daily lives. Amen.

Children's Time

Telling of the Scripture Story

Luke 19:1-10

Mary-beth Howard and Shelley Gnade, storytellers

Westminster By Heart

Sermon

"Lost Cause"

Anne Ledbetter

Offering

"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

William H. Doane

Vocal Ensemble

Prayers of the People

Prayer Refrain

“Ubi Caritas”

U - bi car-i - tas, et a ——— mor, u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
 Live in char-i - ty and stead-fast love, live in char-i - ty; God will dwell in you.

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

*Closing Song

“Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet”

1. Praise the Lord with the sound of trum-pet, praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
 2. Praise the Lord with the crash-ing cym bal, praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
 5 praise the Lord with the gen - tle - sound - ing flute.
 praise the Lord with the joy - ful songs you sing.
 9 Praise the Lord in the field and for - est, praise the Lord in the cit - y square,
 Praise the Lord on a week-day morn-ing, praise the Lord on a Sun-day noon,
 13 praise the Lord an - y - time and an - y - where.
 praise the Lord by the light of sun__ or moon.
 17 Praise the Lord in the wind and sun-shine, praise the Lord in the dark of night,
 Praise the Lord in the time of sor - row, praise the Lord in the time of joy,
 21 praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morn - ing light.
 praise the Lord ev - ery mo - ment; noth - ing let your praise de - stroy.
 25 Praise the Lord in the deep - est val - ley, praise the Lord on the high - est hill,
 Praise the Lord in the peace and qui - et, praise the Lord in your work or play,
 29 praise the Lord; nev - er let your voice__ be still.
 praise the Lord ev - ery - where in ev - ery way.

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*Benediction

*Response

“We Are Singing”

We are sing - ing for the Lord is our light, we are singing for the Lord is our light.

We are sing-ing for the Lord is our light. We are sing-ing,

Oh We are sing - ing for the Lord is our light.

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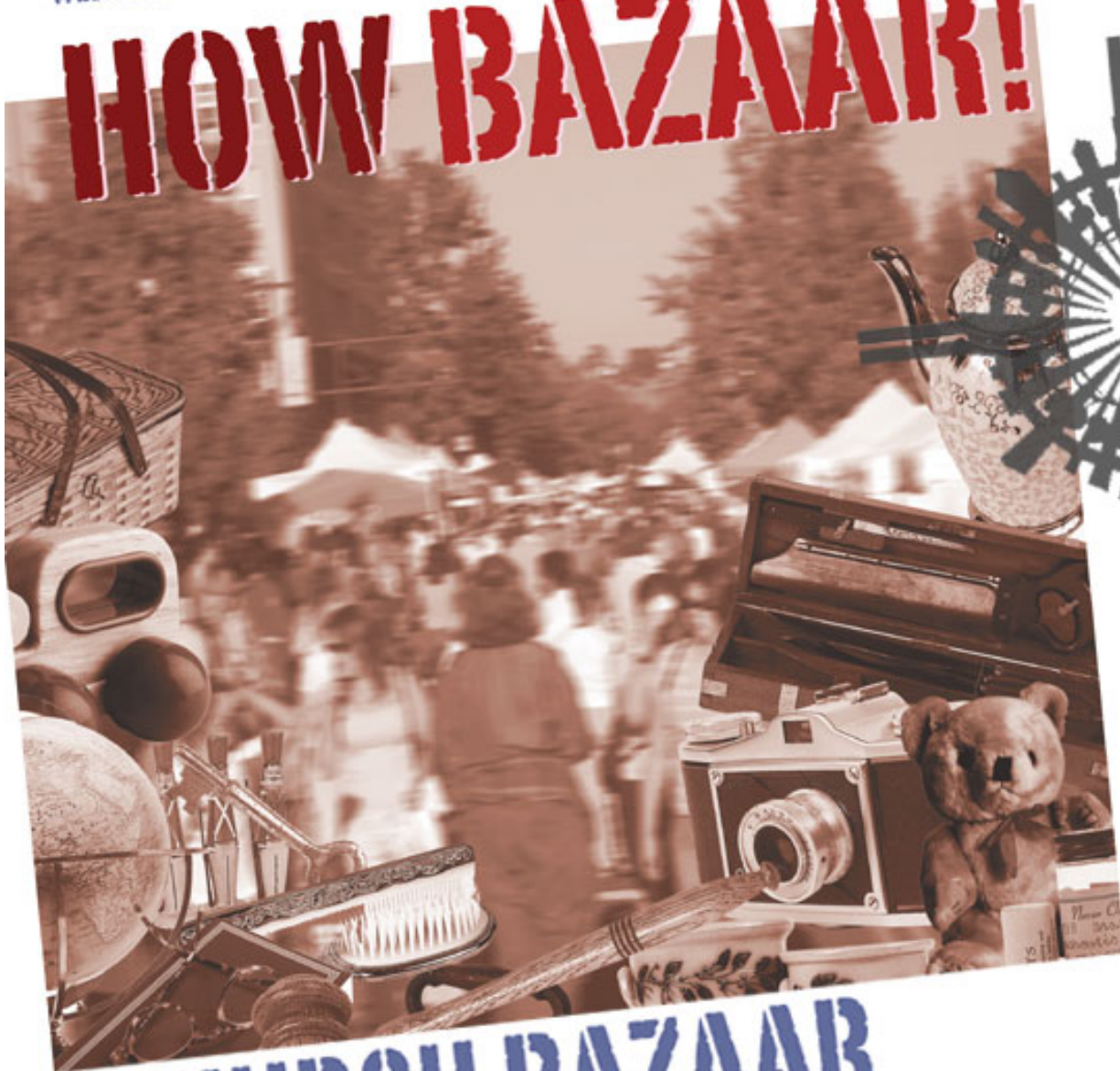
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WESMINSTER'S ANNUAL EVENT

HOW BAZAAR!



CHURCH BAZAAR

Friday, November 5 & Saturday, November 6
1 - 8 p.m. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

People of all ages in our church and community are invited!