



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Services of Worship
17th Sunday after Pentecost
October 9, 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
Anne R. Ledbetter, Associate Pastor
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, Susan Rheingans,
Justin Gonzalez, Raymond Sambolin

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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 Mathé, Keith Pierce, Marcia Carle

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 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
	➤ 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

10:45 a.m. Presbytery Commission in Rowell Conference Room

11:15 a.m. – noon Worship and Ordination Service. 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.	Evans McGowan Ordination Reception	Rodney Chapel/Meeting Room
4:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	Youth Music Room
5:00 p.m.	180° Dinner and Rehearsal	Community Hall, Cl. 6 and Grace Hall
6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room

WORSHIP NOTES

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 in honor of the 70th wedding anniversary of Jessie and Cerd Marsh by their family.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Family of Eleanor Thompson Pease** who died on October 5.
- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Helen DeBlieu.
- ❖ **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 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 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:
Master Chief Petty Officer Louis Langlais, age 44, of Quebec City, Québec
Petty Officer 1st Class Christopher Campbell, age 36, of Jacksonville, North Carolina
Master-at-Arms Petty Officer 1st Class Johnny Douangdara, age 26, of South Sioux City, Nebraska
Petty Officer 1st Class Darrik Benson, age 29, of Angwin, California
Chief Petty Officer Heath Robinson, age 34, of Petoskey, Michigan
Petty Officer 1st Class Jesse Pittman, age 27, of Ukiah, California
Petty Officer 1st Class Jared Day, age 28, of Taylorsville, Utah
Senior Chief Petty Officer Kraig Vickers, age 36, of Kokomo, Hawaii
Sergeant Patrick Hamburger, age 30, of Lincoln, Nebraska
Specialist Spencer Duncan, age 21, of Olathe, Kansas
- 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

Living Christ, your earthly ministry was full of struggle, as well as joy; yet you were faithful in following God's will. Breathe your Spirit into our lives, that we may never fall back from the way of justice or the effort of loving. Grant that we may find true joy and peace as we accept the cost of faithful discipleship. Amen.

Ruth C. Duck, *Bread for the Journey: Resources for Worship*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude

William H. Harris
(1883-1973)

CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world of half truths, we need a time of truth telling.

In a world of many gods, we need to encounter the one true God.

In a world that makes many demands for our time,
we need to be confronted by the ultimate claim on our lives.

In the name of God, we gather for worship today.

*HYMN NO. 142

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

CORONATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

We open ourselves to God's transforming power when we admit we have lost our way.

Let us confess our confusion of priorities.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we have not always lived for you.

You have invited us into new life,

yet we have closed our eyes and ears to your invitation.

You have challenged us to step out of well-worn ruts,

yet we hesitate to venture onto a new path.

Enter our lives and renew our spirits,

so that we will muster the courage

to make overdue changes in our lives.

We ask this in the name of Christ,

who brings us hope for new life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

ANTHEM

“O Clap Your Hands Together, All Ye People”
Westminster Choir

Martin Shaw
(1875-1958)

O clap your hands together all ye people: sing unto God with the voice of melody. For the Lord is high and to be feared: he is the great King upon all the earth. He shall choose out an heritage for us: even the worship of Jacob whom he loved. God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trump. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding. Sing unto God.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Susan Moseley

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 22:1-14

New Testament, page 21
David Mathé, Lay Liturgist

SERMON

“Everyone is Invited”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 302

“I Danced in the Morning”

SIMPLE GIFTS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom.
Jesus announced the coming of God’s kingdom
and its hidden presence in the midst of the world’s kingdoms.
He taught his disciples to seek God’s kingdom first.
We are in the world, but not of the world.
Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people
do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world,
but in the coming and hidden presence of God’s kingdom.
Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom;
to serve as he has served us;
to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;
and to hope for what we have not seen.** *A Declaration of Faith*

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

“Hear My Prayer”

Moses Hogan
(1957-2003)

O Lord, please hear my prayer, In the morning; when I rise. It’s Your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer. Keep me safe within Your arms. When my work on earth is done, And You come to take me home. Just to know I’m bound for glory. And to hear You say well done. Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy.

*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. 155

"Rejoice, The Lord is King"

DARWALL'S 148TH

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION


ORGAN POSTLUDE

Marche Champêtre

Andrew J. Boex
(1908)

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.

	REPLENISH RENEW REJOICE	Did you know that more than 30 children are participating in the Sunshine Choir program on Sunday mornings and 23 youth are in the Confirmation Class? Your financial support helps us touch the next generation by making church a warm and welcoming place and sharing our Christian values. Please pledge your support for 2012 today so we can continue to share the good news with the next generation.
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Cold Weather Clothing Drive

This morning and next Sunday, October 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 and 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."



Adult Education Classes This Morning

POLO (Parents of Little Ones) - Today in the Ruth Christie Room

Each Sunday this class gathers and enjoys discussion sparked by a YouTube video, an article, a book, or a guest. Topics range from nurturing faith development in our children to carving out family time in today's world. On the first Sunday (October – March) of each month we host local parenting consultant Yvonne Nass.

Questions and Answers about Our Faith Today in the Daughtry House Classroom

Round table discussions facilitated by Pam Bailey

This morning – What is the purpose of life?

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: Greg Jones and Bob Stoddard will facilitate our study 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 Rodney Chapel

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 Rodney Chapel. 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!

A Matter of Faith: Earth Care, Stewardship and Sustainability – Today 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP AT 11:15 A.M.

This morning's worship service will include the Ordination of Evans Ledbetter McGowan, the son of Anne Ledbetter and Keith McGowan, who grew up at Westminster and has been candidate for ministry under care of this congregation for the past four years. Evans has accepted a call to First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he is serving as a two-year pastoral resident. We are delighted that he requested to be ordained in his home church.

The presbytery is the governing body that ordains candidates for ministry. Today's Commission of New Castle Presbytery includes:

*Fritz Ackerman, Pastor, Concord Presbyterian
Jean Bostwick, Elder, Trinity Presbyterian
Clark Collins, Elder, Westminster
George Hall, Elder, Community Presbyterian (New Castle)
Dede Johnston, Elder, Westminster
Greg Jones, Pastor, Westminster
Anne Ledbetter, Pastor, Westminster
Barbara Price-Martin, Pastor, Trinity
Charlie Reinhardt, Elder, Westminster
Tom Stout, Pastor, Vice-Moderator of New Castle Presbytery*

GATHERING

Announcements

Greg Jones

Introit

Call to Worship

George Hall

As many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.**

In his baptism, Evans was clothed with Christ,
so that Christ might dwell and live in him.

Evans is now called by God through the voice of the church
to enter upon ministry of Word and Sacrament.

**We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ,
and we celebrate God's particular call to our brother Evans.**

*Hymn

“At the Font We Start Our Journey”



1. At the font we start our jour - ney, in the Eas - ter faith bap - tized;
 2. At the pul - pit we are fash - ioned by the Eas - ter tale re - told
 3. At the door we are com - mis - sioned, now the Eas - ter vic - tory's won,



10 doubts and fears no long - er blind us, by the light of Christ sur - prised. Al - le -
 in - to wit - nes - ses and proph - ets, by the power of Christ made bold. Al - le -
 to re - store a world di - vid - ed to the peace of Christ as one. Al - le -



19 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hope held out and re - al - ized.
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Faith pro - claimed, yet still un - told.
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter's work must still be done.

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Confession

Anne Ledbetter

**Mighty and merciful God,
 You have called us to be your people
 and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ.
 We confess that we have not lived up to our calling.
 We have been timid and frightened disciples,
 forgetful of your powerful presence
 and the strength of your Spirit among us.
 O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways.
 As you have called us and claimed us in our baptism,
 strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world.
 Grant us your Holy Spirit that each of us
 may know and use the gifts you have given
 for the cause of love, freedom, and truth,
 as we seek to join the work of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing of Christ's Peace

Children's Time

Susan Moseley

PROCLAIMING

Prayer for Illumination

Dede Johnston

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:27-31

Song of Response

“On Eagle’s Wings”
Verse: Solo
Refrain: All

"And I will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
5 make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 4:5-18

Clark Collins

Sermon

“Treasure in Clay Jars”

Fritz Ackerman

RESPONDING

Offering of Gifts

Offertory Anthem

ORDINATION OF EVANS LEDBETTER MCGOWAN

Litany of Gifts

Tom Stout, Moderator

There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

**Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually, members of Christ’s body.**

Statement on Ordination

Moderator: We are called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit.

This is our common calling to be disciples and servants of our Lord.

Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, as ruling elders, and as teaching elders.

Recognizing the importance of each office, the church ordains in order to assure the fulfillment of the primary responsibilities:

Of preaching the Word and administering the sacraments,

ordering the governance of the church, and providing for ministries of care and compassion in all the world.

Representing the one holy, catholic and apostolic church, the Presbytery of New Castle, by means of this commission, now ordains Evans Ledbetter McGowan to the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

*Affirmation of Faith

**In life and death we belong to God
and trust in Jesus the Christ.**

**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.**

**The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of 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.**

adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith, 1991 PC(USA)

Constitutional Questions

Prayer for Ordination

Anne Ledbetter

Declaration and Welcome

Tom Stout

Charge to the Newly Ordained

Greg Jones

Presentation of Stole

Anne Ledbetter

SENDING

*Hymn No. 525

“Here I Am, Lord”

Verses: Ensemble

Refrain: All

*Charge and Benediction

Evans L. McGowan

*Response

“Be Now My Vision”

**Be now my vision Creator of all;
Spirit of Heaven you hear when I call.
I praise you always by day and by night;
waking or sleeping your presence my light.**

**Riches I seek not, nor vain empty praise.
You're my inheritance, now and always.
Reign in my heart, let joy fill my soul.
Mold me and shape me till I become whole.**



REPLENISH

RENEW

REJOICE

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COMING TO WESTMINSTER:

Rami Khouri

Internationally Syndicated Political Columnist

Sunday, October 16

10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Community Hall



See page 4 of the October *Chimes* for more information on Rami's life, work and accomplishments.

You Are Invited to Attend!

125th Anniversary Congregational Dinner

Friday, November 11, at 6:00 p.m.

Wilmington Country Club
4825 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807
(Across from Methodist Country House)
Coat and tie are required for gentlemen at WCC.

WPC@125
WESTMINSTER CELEBRATES

Enjoy a presentation of Westminster Presbyterian Church history. Seating is limited, so we advise early reservations. \$40 per person, cash bar.

Name(s): _____

Number of People Attending: _____

Make check payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church. Please enclose your check with this form in an envelope and drop in the 125th Dinner box on the receptionist's desk at church, or mail to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1502 W. 13th Street, Wilmington, DE 19806, attn: Henry R. Tatnall Jr.

No tickets will be sent. Check in at the door. Do you need a ride? If so, call Martha Tatnall (302-654-8015).