



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

September 26, 2010
26th 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.

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,” reliving 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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Under Six Sunday School ➤ Sunshine Choir for K - 2nd Grade ➤ D.R.U.M. for Grades 3 - 6 ➤ Middle Schoolers on the Move - Grades 6 - 8 ➤ Confirmation Class for 9th Graders ➤ Senior High Gathering ➤ Membership Exploration Class ➤ Adult Education Classes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under Six Classrooms Classroom 7 Youth Music Room Classroom 1 Classroom 8 Classroom 3 Classroom 5 See page 7 |
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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

Until 4:00 p.m.	180° Fall Retreat	Offsite Location
12:15 p.m.	Acolyte Training	Sanctuary
1:30 p.m.	AIDS Walk	Rockford Park
4:30 p.m.	Grief Share - 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 loving memory of Teddy Bedrossian from Ned Bedrossian 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 3, 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.

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.

“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, Natalie Krause, Richard May.
- ❖ **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: 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.

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:
 - Second Lieutenant Mark Noziska, age 24, of Papillon, Nebraska
 - Staff Sergeant Casey Grochowiak, age 34, of Lompoc, California
 - Lance Corporal Cody Roberts, age 22, of Boise, Idaho
 - Sergeant Joseph Bovia, age 24, of Kenner, Louisiana
 - Staff Sergeant Vinson Adkinson, III, age 26, of Harper, Kansas
 - Sergeant Raymond Alcaraz, age 20, of Redlands, California
 - Private 1st Class Matthew George, age 22, of Gransboro, North Carolina
- 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, whose love restores the brokenhearted of this world, pour out your love upon those who suffer. Give them strength to meet the days ahead, courage to form new life-giving relationships and hope in your transforming power. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude in G minor

Johannes Brahms

CALL TO WORSHIP

The world belongs to the Lord, the earth and all its people.

How good and how lovely it is to live together in unity.

Love and faith come together.

Justice and peace join hands.

Lord, open our lips

and our mouths shall proclaim your praise!

PROCESSION OF GOD'S LIGHT AND WORD

Acolyte: Jake Prein

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

*HYMN NO. 477

“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

HANOVER

CALL TO CONFESSION

God calls us to follow the way of Christ, yet we often pursue other paths.

Let us confess our need to redirect our lives.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of justice and mercy,
you have loved us unconditionally
and have commanded us to love one another as you love us.
But we confess that we have often faltered.
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Forgive our smallness of heart
that prompts us to love only when it serves our own interests.
Open our hearts and fill us with your compassion
so that we may love others as freely as you love us.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

ANTHEM

“And the Father Will Dance”
Westminster Choir

Mark Hayes

And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom He loves. Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God? No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song! And He will joy over you in song! My soul will make its boast in God, For He has answered all my cries. His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day. Awake my soul, and sing! Let my spirit rejoice in God! Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart! Cast away fear for you have been restored! Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day. Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song. God rejoices over you in song!

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

TELLING OF THE SCRIPTURE STORY

Isaiah 5:1-7
Shelley Gnade, Mary-beth Howard, storytellers
Westminster By Heart

Old Testament, page 594

SERMON

“A Love Song?”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 452

“O Day of God, Draw Nigh”
Vs. 1: Choir
Vs. 2: All
Vs. 3: Women
Vs. 4: Men
Vs. 5: All

ST. MICHAEL

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God has reached out to those who suffer injustice
and defended the excluded, the poor, and the hungry.**

**The Lord is moving toward the time
when justice will roll down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

**We are persuaded that God is at work here and now
when people deal fairly with each other
and labor to change customs and structures
that enslave and oppress human beings.** *A Declaration 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

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings; Shall I come before Him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give Him my first-born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

*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. 432

"Song of Hope"

ARGENTINA

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Poco Vivace

Hermann Schroeder

GOING FORTH

*If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to meet today's ambassadors,
Ellie and Don Furry, 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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Adult Education Classes This Morning

Called to Serve: Weekly guest speakers serving Christ locally in specialized outreach
September 26 and October 3, in Rodney Chapel

Jean Warren, Executive Director, Lutheran Community Services (LCS)

Jean Warren, a member of the Lutheran Deaconess Conference and Licensed Clinical Social Worker, has spent her entire career helping families in crisis. As a young woman, she felt a call to this ministry that has never diminished. At LCS she manages a staff of 12 who provide emergency food, housing and other services for over 70,000 people a year.

Pioneers of the Spirit: DVD Class and group discussion

Today through October 24, in the Daughtry House Classroom

The poet Dante Alighieri (1265-1321) was born in Florence, Italy, the son of a notary. Dante first saw Beatrice in 1274 when he was nine years old, and she became the inspiration for his later poetic works. Her death in 1290 was a profound shock to Dante. He was a soldier for a while and entered politics, siding with the enemies of Pope Boniface VIII. Eventually banished from Florence, Dante is best known for his work *The Divine Comedy*—in which he imagines the journey to hell and purgatory.

Reducing Stress at Home for Parents

Yvonne Nass, Parenting Consultant - September 26 and October 3, 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.

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

Today through October 24, in Classroom 6

Kara Francis - "Palestinian Identity: Fractured and Fragmented"

Checkpoints, restrictions on movement, economic strangulation, settlements, and the Separation Wall are a daily reality for Palestinians living in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Less familiar is the discrimination and the Palestinians' struggle for equal rights within greater Israel. A large percentage of Palestinians are refugees who were forced to leave their villages during the 1948 War. Kara will discuss the Palestinian struggle for identity. Her commentary will show how different, and challenging, "occupation" is for Palestinians living in Hebron, in Gaza, and those in exile in Lebanon.

Membership Exploration Class - Today, in Classroom 5

Anne Ledbetter will host a Membership Exploration class for anyone interested in being a member of Westminster. We'll meet in Classroom 5 (across from Community Hall). Grab a cup of coffee and join us! Session will receive new members at 10:50 a.m.

Westminster By Heart - Today, in the Ruth Christie Room

Westminster By Heart provides a unique opportunity to study scripture, foster a deeper personal connection to the stories of the Bible, and develop skills for telling Scripture on a regular basis in worship. Even if you're not sure that you're ready to tell but you are fascinated by the process, you are welcome to join! Learning to tell a story is one of the deepest ways to really connect to the Bible.

ORDER OF WORSHIP AT 11:15 A.M.

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

Opening Words

*Songs of Celebration

"Honor and Praise"

1st Time: Ensemble

2nd Time: All

Musical score for the song "Honor and Praise". The score is written on a single staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Righ - teous and ho - ly in all of your ways; we come be - fore_ you with hon - or and praise. Here to a - dore you for all of our days, we come be - fore_ you with hon - or and praise_ Lord of the heav - ens, how faith - ful you are. Shine down up - on us, O_ bright Morn - ing Star. Righ - teous and ho - ly in all of your ways; we come be - fore_ you with hon - or and praise." The score includes measure numbers 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, and 31.

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"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" (Hymn No. 142)

**All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all!**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

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Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Response

"We Sing of Your Glory"



1. We sing of your glo - ry, we praise you a - gain,
 2. We sing of your pow - er and hon - or a - gain,
 3. "Glo - ry in the high - est, on earth," sing a - gain.



5 for you are e - ter - nal. A - men. A - men.
 for you are e - ter - nal. A - men. A - men.
 Glo - ry, al - le - lu - ia. A - men. A - men.

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Children's Time

Telling of the Scripture Story

Isaiah 5:1-7 Old Testament, page 594
 Shelley Gnade, Mary-beth Howard, storytellers
Westminster By Heart

Sermon

"A Love Song?"

Greg Jones

*Response

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

Leader: _____ All: _____

1. You are the salt for the earth, O people: Salt for the King-dom of God!
2. You are the light on the hill, O peo-ple: Light for the Cit - y of God!
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: Bring forth the King-dom of God!
4. We are the blest and a pil - grim peo-ple: Bound for the King dom of God!

Leader: _____ All: _____

- 5 Share the fla-vor of life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
- Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
- Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the King-dom of God!
- Love our jour-ney and love our home-land; Love is the King-dom of God!

Refrain:

Bring forth the Kingdom of mer - cy, bring forth the Kingdom of peace;

bring forth the Kingdom of jus - tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God!

Offering

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Vocal Ensemble

Prayers of the People

During the Prayer Refrain, all who wish may come forward to light a candle on the communion table. This is a tangible way of remembering someone in need, asking God for strength, praying for peace...the possibilities are endless. Whatever is on your heart today, express it to God. Lighting a candle is a visual representation of your prayer.

Prayer Refrain

“The Kingdom of God”

The king-dom of God is jus-tice and peace and joy in the Ho ly Spi - rit.
5 Come, Lord and o - pen to us the gates of your king - dom. The

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

*Benediction

*Response

“Song of Hope” (Hymn No. 432)

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

Refrain:

**Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

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The Arts at Westminster

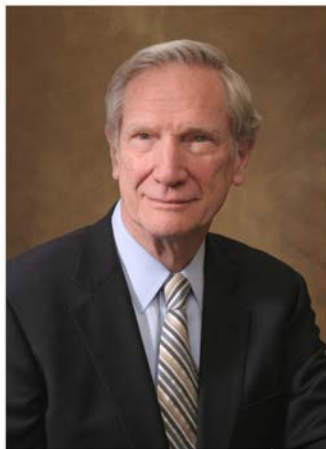
Friday, October 1st

6:30 p.m. - Art Exhibit Opening
paintings by Sandi Evans

8:00 p.m. - Concert
by the Philadelphia
Handbell Ensemble



GUEST SPEAKER



Sunday, October 3

Warren Clark, the Executive Director of Churches for Middle East Peace in Washington, D.C. will preach at both of our morning worship services on Sunday, October 3.

Also, Ambassador Clark will address the adult class, "The Search for Peace in Israel-Palestine" during the Christian education hour. He is a graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary and chaired the Commission on Peace for the Episcopal Diocese of Washington.