



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship
12th Sunday after Pentecost
September 4, 2011
10:00 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

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This Morning at Westminster

We welcome to our pulpit this morning The Rev. Thomas R. Stout, who retired from the Elsmere Church in October, 2010. Previously, he served churches in Pennsylvania and Ohio, coming to Elsmere in 2002. He is currently the Vice-Moderator of New Castle Presbytery and is a commissioner on the Speer Trust. He and his wife, Nancy, reside in Limestone Acres Addition in the Mill Creek area.

9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Child Care for Cribbery (birth – toddler)
10:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary Sunday School for Under Six in the Under Six Classrooms
11:00 a.m.	Summer tea and fellowship on the Church Lawn
11:30 a.m.	Flying Solo brunch at Catherine Rooney's

Deacon Team of the Month: Cathy Edge, Mike Enderle, Bill Kaye, Ann Shadduck

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

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

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane Kline from the Kline family.

The rosebud at the side of the pulpit this morning is in celebration of the birth of Eloise Marie Crawford, born August 17, daughter of Travis and Emily Iobst Crawford. She is the granddaughter of Fred and Jane Iobst. We welcome this child into the Westminster 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. Available date for flowers is October 30.

Worship Resources – You may obtain large print hymnals and hearing devices from any usher. We provide children's bulletins for ages 7-12 during the summer. *Kids' Notes* will resume in the fall. Worship bags for children ages 3-6 are available from the ushers.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Wally Johnson, Eleanor Pease, Linda Reinhardt, and Marti Staton.
- ❖ **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 Lois Rogers, 3102 Greenbriar Lane, West Grove, PA 19390 and Jack Remsen, Methodist Country House, 4830 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807.
- ❖ **Our brothers and sisters** in worldwide ministry in Guatemala, Kenya, Congo and Israel/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 Afghanistan:
Richard Barnett, Matt Burton, Leonard Kosicki, Ann Exline Starr
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Staff Sergeant Wyatt Goldsmith, age 28, of Colville, Washington
Specialist Frank Gross, age 25, of Oldsmar, Florida
Lance Corporal Jabari Thompson, age 22, of Brooklyn, New York
Sergeant 1st Class Kenneth Elwell, age 33, of Holland, Pennsylvania
Private 1st Class Tyler Springman, age 19, of Hartland, Maine
Sergeant Mark Cofield, age 25, of Colorado Springs, Colorado
Sergeant Omar Jones, age 28, of Crook, Colorado
- 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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Holy God, in this precious hour, we pause and gather to hear your word-
to so do, we break from our work responsibilities and from our play fantasies;
we move from our fears that overwhelm and from our ambitions that are too strong.
Free us in these moments from every distraction,
that we may focus to listen, that we may hear, that we may change. Amen.*

Walter Brueggemann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Suite Gothique
I: Introduction – Choral

Léon Boëllmann
(1862-1897)

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

God was.

Here and now, among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven.

God is.

In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfillment,

God will be.

Not denying the world, but delighting in it,
not condemning the world, but redeeming it,
through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

God was, and is, and ever shall be.

*HYMN NO. 481

“Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show”

LLANFAIR

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious 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 chore, and a new spirit within us.**

We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

There is no sin so terrible that God's love cannot forgive.

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

Live in the strength of God's grace.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Anne Ledbetter

*After Time with our Children, children up through 2nd Grade may leave for Summer Sunday School.
Older children remain in worship with their families.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

New Testament, page 17
Dick Armen, Lay Liturgist

SERMON

"Listening Ears"

Rev. Tom Stout

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.*

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Suite Gothique
II: Menuet gothique

Boëllmann

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*HYMN NO. 358

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

BARONITA

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

All who believe in Christ are welcome to take the Lord's Supper.

*Communion will be served by intinction. Please take a piece of bread, the symbol of Christ's body,
and dip it in the cup, representing the new covenant in Christ, before eating the bread.*

*The center sections and balcony will approach the front by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.
The side transepts will be served.*

*If you are unable to come to a communion station, please tell an usher so that you may be served.
For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Suite Gothique
III: Prière à Notre-Dame

Boëllmann

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people,

We give ourselves to you.

Take us out to live as changed people

Because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us,

Expect much from us,

Enable much by us,

Encourage many through us.

So, Lord may we live to your glory,

Both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of heaven. Amen.

*HYMN No. 293

“This Is My Father's World”

TERRA BEATA

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Suite Gothique
IV: Toccata

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

Please join us for tea and fellowship on the Church Lawn following the service.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

STARTING NEXT WEEK



September 11 – May 13[†]

9:00 a.m.	Worship*
9:00 – 9:55 a.m.	Godly Time
10:10 – 11:00 a.m.	10:10 Christian Education for All Ages
11:15 a.m.	Worship*

The *Holy Toast Café* is open in Community Hall throughout the morning. Stop in for refreshments and fellowship!

[†]Except for one-service Sundays, which are currently scheduled for December 25 (10:00 a.m.), January 1 (10:00 a.m.) and January 29 (9:00 a.m.).

**Kids' Notes* and *Worship Bags* are available at the sanctuary entrances before both the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. worship services.

LET'S BUILD TWO HOUSES ON OUR FRONT LAWN!

Habitat "Road Show Build" - Westminster's front lawn Saturday, September 24.

We will work in two-hour shifts, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to hammer together the framing sections for two homes for the Mathias and Baker families, recipients of homes from the June 2011 *Bike 2 Build* event in memory of Chad and Chris Miller.

Come be part of this terrific event, and remember to wear your red *Bike 2 Build* t-shirt or pick one up if you don't already have one. Volunteer sign-up forms are available on the main literature table at the church.

Pictured on right: Our last Habitat build on the church lawn back in 2007.

FAITH IN ACTION
making a difference



Christian Education Open House

Sunday, September 11
10:10 – 11:00 a.m.
Community Hall

All programs and educational ministries will be presented so you can explore, ask questions, and sign up for specific offerings.



Races 2 Run.com

Sunday, September 18, 2011
Wilmington, DE

FAMILY 5K Run/Walk

Honorary Chairs:
The Honorable and Mrs. Thomas R. Carper
The Honorable and Mrs. Michael N. Castle

Grab your running shoes as we celebrate WPC's 125th anniversary with a Family 5K Run/Walk! Our Honorary Chairs will be at the starting line at 1:00 p.m.! Registration forms are available online at www.wpc.org or on the main literature table by the front desk.

For questions or if you would like to volunteer on the day of the race, contact Cindy Love (LovesDE@comcast.net) or Sally McBride (sfmcbride@comcast.net).

Proceeds Benefit:



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