



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

10:00 a.m.
Worship Service

September 5, 2010
23rd 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.

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.

PASTORAL STAFF: Gregory K. Jones, Head of Staff
Anne R. Ledbetter, Associate Pastor
Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

CHURCH EDUCATOR: Susan Moseley

MUSIC STAFF: Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Mary Beth Davis, Director of Music for Children, Youth and Handbells
Section Leaders/Soloists: Diana Milburn, Ruth Bailis, Justin Gonzalez, Brian Carter

This Morning at Westminster

9:45 – 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 on the front lawn

Deacon Team of the Month: Bill Kaye, Cathy Edge, Kim Carrick and Robin Rosser

Community Meetings

6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room

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.

Sunday Morning Schedule Beginning Next Sunday, September 12

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 the **Under Six Classrooms A & B**.
- ❖ **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. **September 12th** – Christian Education Open House for all ages in Community Hall

Beginning September 19th – 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
- Middlers on the Move for Grades 6 -8 Classroom 2
- Confirmation Class for 9th Graders Classroom 8
- Senior High Gathering Classroom 3
- Adult Education Classes

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.

Hospitality and Fellowship

The Holy Toast Café, located in **Community Hall**, is open from 8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship are free. A variety of breakfast foods is available for one dollar per item.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

In the faces of men and women I see God, and in my own face in the glass, I find letters from God dropped in the street, and every one is signed by God's name. And I leave them where they are, for I know that wherever I go, others will punctually come forever and ever. ~Walt Whitman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Suite liturgique
I. Entrée

Denis Bédard

CALL TO WORSHIP

May the peace of God rest upon our busy lives so that we may be quieted into prayer.

May the love of God flow through our worship so that we may be inspired for service.

May the grace of God touch our every need and may the restless gospel set our hearts afire.

*HYMN No. 466

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

AZMON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, like a loving parent you nurture
and encourage and challenge us to grow in grace.
As we sense your Spirit in our midst,
may we find strength to renew our commitment to you.
Forgive our failures and show us once again our possibilities.
Prepare us to be faithful servants of your will and daily epistles of your love.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

God’s love is the one constant in the universe.

**It is to the rock of this love that we can anchor our lives,
knowing that “in all things we are more than conquerors
through Christ who loves us” beyond all time and space.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Anne Ledbetter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dede Johnston, Lay Liturgist

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:1-3

New Testament, page 158

SERMON

“Letters from God”

Anne Ledbetter

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.*

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Suite liturgique
II. Offertoire

D. Bédard

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

HYMN NO. 364

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

GRAND ISLE

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Suite liturgique
III. Communion

D. Bédard

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Holy God, here in this place and at your table,
we have seen and touched and tasted the signs of your love for us.
Now send us forth, filled with our love for you and overflowing with your love
for those who are around us and who share our lives.
We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ who is our light and our life. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 307

"Fight the Good Fight"

DUKE STREET

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Suite liturgique
IV. Sortie

D. Bédard

GOING FORTH

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to meet today's ambassador, Anne Gunn, 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 front lawn following the service.*

WORSHIP NOTES

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Coker from her 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Robert Churchill, Jerry Gillette, Jim Gkonos, Debbie Heck, Ian McPheeters, Barbara Ross.
- ❖ **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.

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
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died most recently:
Specialist Christopher Wright, age 23, of Tollesboro, Kentucky
Sergeant Martin Lugo, age 24, of Tucson, Arizona
Chief Petty Officer Collin Thomas, age 33, of Morehead, Kentucky
Corporal Christopher Boyd, age 22, of Palatine, Illinois
Lance Corporal Cody Childers, age 19, of Chesapeake, Virginia
Private 1st Class Alexis Maldonado, age 20, of Wichita Falls, Texas
Lance Corporal Nathaniel Schultz, age 19, of Safety Harbor, Florida
Sergeant Brandon Maggart, age 24, of Kirksville, Missouri
Specialist Pedro Meletiche, age 20, of Elizabeth, New Jersey
Sergeant Jason Calo, age 23, of Lexington, Kentucky
Lance Corporal Robert Newton, age 21, of Creve Coeur, Illinois
Sergeant Ronald Rodriguez, age 26, of Falls Church, Virginia
Sergeant Steven Deluzio, age 25, of South Glastonbury, Connecticut
Specialist Tristan Southworth, age 21, of West Danville, Vermont
- Those who have returned from service, possibly suffering from wounds or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, September 12

10:10 - 11:00 a.m.

Community Hall

Look for the new
10:TEN symbol for
programs and events
happening between
worship services!



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