



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

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

**September 12, 2010**  
**24<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

## **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. Christian Education Open House for all ages in Community Hall

10:10 a.m. 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting – Meeting Room

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**

6:30 p.m. 180° Orientation, Details and Dessert

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

8:00 p.m. AA Club Room

### **Beginning Next Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:10 a.m.**

- Under Six Sunday School
- Sunshine Choir for K - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- D.R.U.M. for Grades 3 - 6
- Middle Schoolers on the Move - Grades 6 - 8
- Confirmation Class for 9<sup>th</sup> Graders
- Senior High Gathering
- Adult Education Classes

### **Education for All Ages**

Under Six Classrooms  
Classroom 7  
Youth Music Room  
Classroom 1  
Classroom 8  
Classroom 3

## WORSHIP NOTES

**The chancel flowers** are in celebration of Ian Shay's life in Christ as he is baptized this morning from Lisa, Malcolm, and Ella Stoddard.

**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](mailto: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.

**“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](http://www.wpc.org).

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

**Please remember in your prayers:**

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Robert Churchill, Jim Corner, 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: Jean Fuller HC1012 and Jack Remsen HC3844, 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](mailto: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 most recently:
  - Private 1st Class Justin Shoecraft, age 28, of Elkhart, Indiana
  - Master Sergeant Daniel Fedder, age 34, of Pine City, Minnesota
  - Private 1st Class Chad Coleman, age 20, of Moreland, Georgia
  - Private Adam Novak, age 20, of Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin
  - Petty Officer 3rd Class James Swink, age 20, of Yucca Valley, California
  - Specialist Andrew Castro, age 20, of Westlake Village, California
  - Sergeant Patrick Durham, age 24, of Chattanooga, Tennessee
  - Specialist James Robinson, age 27, of Lebanon, Ohio
- 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

*How great is your love, Lord God, how wide is your mercy! Never let me board up the narrow gate that leads to life with rules or doctrines that you dismiss; but give me a Spirit to welcome all people with affection, so that your church may never exclude your children who are included in the love of Jesus Christ, who came to save us all. Amen.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## ORGAN PRELUDE

In dir ist Freude  
(In Thee is Gladness)

J. S. Bach

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here as God's people gathered for worship.

**We have come to praise God and seek God's strength for our lives.**

Let us celebrate the gift of life that God has given us.

**Let us affirm the love and hope of people who follow Jesus Christ.**

### \*HYMN NO. 430

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

*DARWALL'S 148TH*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we confess that we stray from your path  
when we live only for ourselves,  
when we turn from our neighbors and refuse to share their burdens,  
when we ignore the pain of the world and neglect the poor and the ill.  
Free us from selfishness and inspire us to follow your way of justice and mercy  
so that we may experience the abundant lives you want us to live.**

## SILENT PRAYER

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

## TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ian Shay Stoddard

Assisting with the baptism is the Reverend Robert Stoddard, Ian's grandfather.

*The congregation is asked to please refrain from taking photographs  
or video recording during the worship service.*

## PRESENTATION OF THE PARENTS AND CHILD

Elder: Karen Dietz

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

## OPENING WORDS

Baptism is one of God's marvelous blessings.

**As children of the living God,**

**we give thanks that Ian is becoming a part of the world-wide Christian Church.**

In baptism, we begin a new life in Christ,

we unite with the people of God,

we are cleansed from sin,

**and we are given hope in the resurrection to everlasting life.**

## PROMISES OF COMMITMENT

### PARENTS

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 children? **We do.**

### CONGREGATION

Will we, the people of the church, promise to nurture and support Ian and his parents, and will we encourage him to become a faithful Christian? **We will.**

### CHILDREN

Do you promise to be a friend to Ian by playing with him and helping him?

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that in baptism**

**the Spirit demonstrates and confirms God's promise**

**to include us, and our children, in the divine covenant,**

**cleansing us from sin, and giving us newness of life,**

**as participants in Christ's death and resurrection.**

**Baptism sets us in the invisible community of Christ's people**

**and joins us to all other believers by a powerful bond.** *A Declaration of Faith*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

### THE ACT OF BAPTISM

### PRAYER FOLLOWING BAPTISM

Eternal God, through the water of the sea  
you led your people Israel out of slavery and into freedom.

**In the water of the Jordan,**

**Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.**

Bless this child who is cleansed and marked by this water.

**Drench him in your Spirit,**

**and help us nurture him in Christ's love.**

To you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be all praise and glory forever.

**Amen.**

ANTHEM

“Christ Is Our Corner-stone”  
*Westminster Choir*

Noel Rawsthorne

Christ is our corner-stone  
on him alone we build;  
with his true saints alone  
the courts of heav’n are filled;  
on his great love  
our hopes we place  
of present grace  
and joy above.

Here, gracious God, do thou  
for evermore draw nigh;  
accept each faithful vow,  
and mark each suppliant sigh;  
in copious show’r  
on all who pray  
each holy day  
thy blessings pour.

O then with hymns of praise  
these hallow’d courts shall ring;  
our voices will we raise  
the Three in One to sing;  
and thus proclaim  
in joyful song,  
both loud and long  
that glorious name.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

New Testament, page 104  
Jen Barrington, Lay Liturgist

SERMON

“Why Church?”

Greg Jones

\*HYMN NO. 438

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

DENNIS

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

“I Give to You a New Commandment”

Peter Nardone

I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Ubi caritas et amor,  
Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.  
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.  
et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

*Where there is charity and love,  
God is there.  
The love of Christ has gathered us together.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Let us revere and love the living God.  
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.*

\*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. 421

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

WAREHAM

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Impromptu

Louis Vierne

GOING FORTH

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

### WESTMINSTER STAFF

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

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: Debbie Brown

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

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM: Susan Moseley, Mary Beth Davis and Mike Gnade

SUPPORT STAFF: Susan Alexander, Receptionist  
Colleen Falasco, Operations Assistant  
Jerry Hunter, Financial Assistant  
Suzie Hurlock, Administrative Secretary  
Nicole Hughes, Director of Communication and Database Management  
Jerry Reed, Facilities Manager  
Sextons: Roger W. Atkins, Robert King, Kevin Krick, Joan Truitt

### DEACON TEAM OF THE MONTH

Bill Kaye, Cathy Edge, Kim Carrick and Robin Rosser

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP AT 11:15 A.M.**

Prior to worship, you may want to ponder this prayer:

*How great is your love, Lord God, how wide is your mercy! Never let me board up the narrow gate that leads to life with rules or doctrines that you dismiss; but give me a Spirit to welcome all people with affection, so that your church may never exclude your children who are included in the love of Jesus Christ, who came to save us all. Amen.*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Passing of the Peace

Opening Words

Procession of God's Light and Word

Acolyte: Jan van Amerongen

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

\*Songs of Celebration

"Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN

**1. Baptized in water,  
Sealed by the Spirit,  
Healed by the love of Christ, our King;  
Heirs of salvation,  
Trusting the promise,  
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

**2. Baptized in water,  
Sealed by the Spirit,  
Dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;  
One with His rising,  
Freed and forgiven,  
Thankfully now God's praises we sing.**

**3. Baptized in water,  
Sealed by the Spirit,  
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
Born of the Spirit,  
We are God's children,  
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

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"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" (Hymn No. 430)

**Come sing, O church, in joy!  
Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

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Children's Time

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

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or video recording during the worship service.*

Presentation of the Parents and Child

Elder: Nancy Rochford

Opening Words

Baptism is one of God's marvelous blessings.

**As children of the living God,  
we give thanks that Dominic is becoming a part of the  
world-wide Christian Church.**

In baptism, we begin a new life in Christ,  
we unite with the people of God,  
we are cleansed from sin,

**and we are given hope in the resurrection to everlasting life.**

Promises of Commitment

Parents

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.**

Congregation

Will we, the people of the church, promise to nurture and support Dominic and his  
parents, and will we encourage him to become a faithful Christian? **We will.**

Children

Do you promise to be a friend to Dominic by playing with him and helping him?

\*Affirmation of Faith

**We believe that in baptism  
the Spirit demonstrates and confirms God's promise  
to include us, and our children, in the divine covenant,  
cleansing us from sin, and giving us newness of life,  
as participants in Christ's death and resurrection.  
Baptism sets us in the invisible community of Christ's people  
and joins us to all other believers by a powerful bond.**

*A Declaration of Faith*

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water

The Act of Baptism

Prayer Following Baptism

Response

“Water, River, Spirit, Grace”

Wa - ter, Riv - er, Spir - it, Grace, sweep o-ver me,  
 7 sweep o-ver me! Re - carve the depths your fin-gers traced in—  
 13 sculpt - ing me in sculpt - ing me.

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 Music: O. I. Cricket Harrison

Scripture Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

New Testament, page 104  
Barbara Jobe, Lay Liturgist

Sermon

“Why Church?”

Greg Jones

Offering

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Offertory Anthem

Prayers of the People

Prayer Refrain

“Make Us One”

Make us one, Lord, make us one; Ho-ly Spir-it, make us one. Let your  
 5 love flow so the world will know we are one in you.

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

**We rejoice to be God's chosen  
 not through virtue, work or skill,  
 but because God's love is generous,  
 unconformed to human will.  
 And because God's love is restless,  
 like the surging of the sea,  
 we are pulled by heaven's dynamic  
 to become, not just to be.**

**We rejoice to be God's chosen,  
 to align with heaven's intent,  
 to await where we are summoned  
 and accept where we are sent.  
 We rejoice to be God's chosen  
 and, amidst all that we see,  
 to anticipate with wonder  
 that the best is yet to be.**

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\*Benediction

\*Response

“We Are One in Christ Jesus”

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We are one in Christ Je - sus, all one bod - y, all one spir - it, all to - geth - er. We are geth - er. We share one God, one might - y Lord, one a - bid - ing faith, one bind - ing love, one sin - gle bap - ti - sm, one Ho - ly Com - fort - er, the Ho - ly Spir - it, u - nit - ing all." The score includes first and second endings for the phrase "We are geth - er." and a final cadence.

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPEN HOUSE

THIS MORNING, 10:10 – 11:00 A.M. IN COMMUNITY HALL



COME EXPLORE, ASK QUESTIONS, AND SIGN UP FOR SPECIFIC OFFERINGS.

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*See page 14 of the Fall 2010 Christian Education Booklet for more details.*