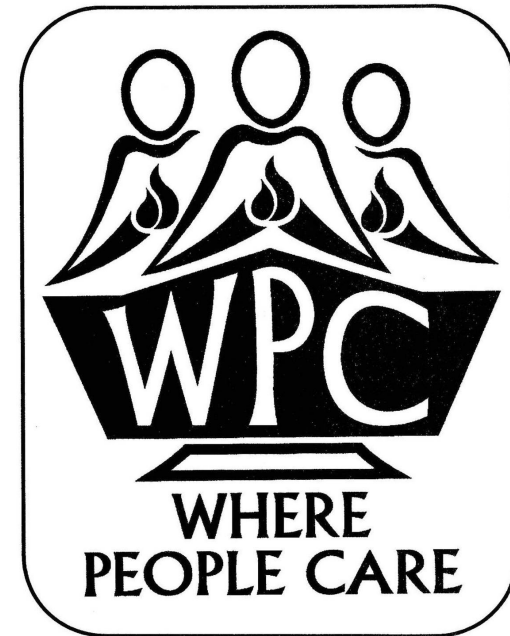


Welcome to  
**Westminster Presbyterian Church**



**September 11, 2011**  
**9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Celebration**

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
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## **Worship Focus: O God Our Help In Ages Past – Our Hope For Years To Come**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Please sign the Friendship Pad in your pew)

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A LARGE PRINT BULLETIN OR A HEARING  
DEVICE, PLEASE ASK AN USHER**

**PRELUDE:** *Pastorale on “St. Anne”*

Paul Manz

### **We Light A Candle: A Litany of Remembrance, Penitence and Hope**

*Liturgy by Rev. Eileen W. Lindner and Rev. Marcel A. Welty, National Council of Churches*

Leader: When we remember the stockbrokers, office workers, maintenance workers,  
bystanders, window-washers and all the others who worked together so  
valiantly to help each other, we can say together,

**People: We remember great courage.**

Leader: When we recall the firefighters who rushed upstairs as most everyone else was  
racing out, we can say together

**People: We remember selfless service.**

Leader: When we recall the police officers who stood to protect and defend the people  
and performed their duties until the towers came crashing down on top of  
them, we can say together,

**People: We remember selfless sacrifice for the safety of others.**

Leader: When we recall the thousands of workers, women and men, old and young,  
single and married, American-born and those born in countries around the world  
who did not escape the buildings, we can say together,

**People: We remember the loss of human life.**

Leader: When we recall those citizens who rushed to help, did all they could to help, we  
can say together,

**People: We remember and give thanks for dutiful commitment to those in distress.**

Leader: When we recall the people who stood in line at the nation's blood banks to make  
living donations from their very bodies, we can say together,

**People: We give thanks for those who live on to pass on life and love.**

## This Week at Westminster

<b>Today, Sept. 11</b>	9:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Celebration, Sanctuary
	9:00 a.m.	WPC Kids, 303
	9:00 a.m.	Middlers' Class & High School, 305
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Enrichment, 106A <i>Ten Years Later... Repercussions, lessons and hope for loving our Muslim neighbors post 9/11</i> Leader: Jay Moses
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Enrichment, 209 <i>Ten Years Later... Repercussions, lessons and hope for loving our Muslim neighbors post 9/11</i> Leader: Jay Moses
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Celebration, Sanctuary After Children's Chat WPC Kids, 303
	2:00 p.m.	New Member Gathering, 209
<b>Monday, Sept. 12</b>	8:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Loving Hands Knitters & Crocheters,
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 13</b>	9:30 a.m.	Mom's Group
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 14</b>	7:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Bible Study, 209
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters' Group, 301
	11:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study (bring sack lunch), 106A
	6:30 p.m.	Joyful Strains, 109
	7:00 p.m.	Awakening Meetings, 201, 202, South Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team, Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, Sept. 15</b>	7:00 a.m.	Acorns, 101
	9:00 a.m.	Mom's Time Out, 208/210
	9:15 a.m.	Bruce's Bible Study, 209
	6:30 p.m.	Westminster Handbell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Westminster Chorale
<b>Saturday, Sept. 17</b>	8:30 a.m.	Linking Faith & Daily Life, 106A

Leader: When we remember the millions of Americans who gave so generously of their life and labor to endow funds to help the survivors and their families recover from their losses, we can say together,

**People: We are grateful for generosity.**

**One Voice:** Remembrance begins with deep, personal identification. It begins with remembering the affliction of our brothers and sisters, and marking their pain as our own. Remembrance is a sacred moment when we raise up and hold to the light of the eternal moment, the good who have passed. We light a candle, in penitence, recognizing that we have not done enough to address the sources of anger, hate, dehumanization, rage and indignation that lead to acts of violence

Leader: In our sadness, horror and shock we acknowledge that our own fears turned murderous and we have sought revenge, sometimes against even the innocent.

**People: We confess and regret our own anger and recognize its dangers to our spirits, our health, our community, and others.**

Leader: In the midst of the aftermath of the events of September 11th, 2001 we have been tempted to seek only our own good, hear only our own truth, acknowledge only our own suffering

**People: We know that peace will come to us and to our children only when the concerns of justice anywhere become the subject of political and social will everywhere, and that no justice leads to no peace**

Leader: In striving for national security and domestic peace we run the risk of confusing might for right and participating in the very behaviors we condemn

**People: Guard and guide our country that in our search for security we may not trample the rights of the innocent nor disregard the rule of law. Let us not confuse leadership within the global community as the voice for the whole community.**

**One Voice:** Repentance means to turn away from wrong deeds. Repentance means choosing instead deeds which require moral restraint, and are more beneficial to all persons who suffer. We light a candle to light the way to a better world for our children and our children's children, and all the children of God.

Leader: We recall with joy the unity we felt in the outpouring of help, kindness, thoughtful words and deeds from at home and around the world.

**People: We must hold firmly to our unity, borne forward now not of tragedy but of loving kindness.**

Leader: We place fresh confidence in international organizations and conversations that bring the diverse gifts of the world to the problems of poverty, injustice, terror and strife

**People: We long for wise policies that forego short term gain for long term stability, justice and peace.**

Leader: In a year filled with tragedy we dare to hope for an era yet to come in which the slaughter of innocents, greed, the ambitions of power, and cultural, racial and religious bigotries are but memories of a dim and unenlightened past.

**ALL: God of the ages, before your eyes all empires rise and fall yet you are changeless. Be near us in this age of terror and in these moments of remembrance. Uphold those who work and watch and wait and weep and love. By your Spirit give rise in us to broad sympathy for all the peoples of your earth. Strengthen us to comfort those who mourn and work in large ways and small for those things that make for peace. Bless the people and leaders of this nation and all nations so that warfare, like slavery before it, may become only a historic memory. We pray in the strong name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

\* **HYMN:** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

**NO. 210**

\***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**God of Mercy, amidst the remembered sounds of crashing buildings and the echoed silence of a city that is never silent, we make our confession. We confess our fears.**

(silence)

**We confess the deep fear that evil might win, and that Love could be vanquished.  
We confess felt needs to punish and hurt and hate those who have hurt us so deeply.  
We confess the desire to escape and even ignore the hurts of so very many in this world as the calendar reminds again of what had occurred.  
Forgive us God.  
Forgive us...and help us to forgive. Through the healing power of Christ we pray. Amen.**

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Prayer is a way that we show concern, and we invite God to be a part of our concern.  
Please take time to pray for these individuals and families.*

Damian Santay	Dave Gott	Morgan Sidenbender
Jill Meyers	Pat Warot	Moira Lukas
Bud Vance	Beverly Hughes	James Daum
Karen Comstock	Jan Lund	Robbie Osterman, serving Iraq
Jim Jaracz	Gail Dixon	The work of the Stephen Ministers
Promela Mehta	Kim Karlen	Karen Galocy

Barbara Dartoszuk, friend of Karen Comstock	Aldridge Family
Sharon Meyer, mother/Tiffany Perez	Amelia Oliver, friend/Sally Resch
Baby Eli, great grandson of the Lansdownes	Mary Benoit, friend/Therese Morfas
Therese Niemiec, sister/Jean Dixon	Nathan Pawlicki, nephew/Mike Pawlicki
Margaret Chastain, mother/Craig Chastain	Virginia Briseno, mother/Diane Karlen

*If you have prayer requests please contact the church office at 838-3131. These names will appear on the printed list. Please call again when the situation or person has improved and may be removed from the list. Prayer concerns will be left on for one month. They will be renewed if requested. Some people are in need of prayers, but do not want their names to appear on the printed list. If this is the case, please contact the prayer chain leaders, John Karcher (923-803) or Clara Hanus (836-5727).*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**PICNIC IN THE PARK** –Monday, September 12 – Centennial Park in Munster at 5 p.m. Meet at the shelter and bring a picnic for your family and a dish or snacks to share if you wish. Come for fellowship, exercise and fresh air. Bring a neighbor or new friend!

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY** begin September 13 – 6:30-8:00 p.m. *Beatitudes from the Back Side* – Leaders: Nancy Stamper & Sally Van Bokkelen

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP AND CARE GIVING MINISTRY** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month beginning September 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

**RALLY SUNDAY – September 18** – 9 & 10:30 a.m. Join us as we kick off the Fall Curriculum for the children – *Better Together*-Children will begin in worship and then exit to Room 301 for a celebration.

**DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS** as well as learn to appreciate the spiritual gifts of others. The next classes will meet on Mondays, September 19th and 26th, and October 3rd and 10th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in room 209. To reserve your spot please sign up in Fellowship Hall, or call the church at 838-3131, or e-mail Lesly Casper at [leslycasper@sbcglobal.net](mailto:leslycasper@sbcglobal.net).

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - beginning September 21 every Third Wednesday 6:30 p.m. in WPC room 302/303 – an interactive Biblical experience for women of all ages. Contact Jean Dixon if you have any questions at 219-789-6004.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ, God knows and receives us as we are. Give thanks to God! And live in the amazing grace of God.

**People: We give thanks and live in the amazing grace of our Lord. Amen!**

### \*GLORIA PATRI

**NO. 579**

### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### A TIME FOR REMEMBERING AND LOOKING FORWARD

### A TIME FOR SINGING

#### **Kum Ba Yah**

**NO. 338**

(sing all verses then repeat the 1<sup>st</sup> verse)

#### **This Little Light of Mine**

“This Little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine (sing 3 times)

Let it shine, shine, shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, No! I’m gonna let it shine (sing 3 times)

Let it shine, shine, shine, let it shine.

Don’t let Satan blow it out, I’m gonna let it shine (sing 3 times)

Let it shine, shine, shine, let it shine.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. ~Amen.**

**ANTHEM:** *Thanks Be To God* by Marty Haugen

Westminster Chorale and Youth

*Thanks be to God when people care, thanks be for friends and loved ones.*

*Thanks be to God, thanks be to God forever and ever.*

*Thanks be to God for food and home, thanks be for health and laughter,*

*Thanks be to God, thanks be to God forever and ever.*

*Thanks be to God when hatred ends, thanks be for peace and safety,*

*Thanks be to God, thanks be to God forever and ever.*

*Teach us the way of your peace, kindle your fire within us, give us a vision  
of a world where people care for each other*

*Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe that we shall overcome someday.*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 103: 1-5; 15-19 (Old Testament, page 554 -Large print, 681 page)

Luke 19: 37-42 (New Testament, page 83 -Large print, page 101)

(Pew Bibles are located alongside the hymnals on the shelves under the pew.)

**MESSAGE:** *What Things REALLY Make for Peace?* Rev. Bruce E. Haapalainen, D.D.

### THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY:** *O Store Gud* by Robert Hobby

**\*DOXOLOGY** NO. 592

**\*HYMN:** *How Great Thou Art* NO. 467

### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE:** *Fantasia in G Major* by J. S. Bach

**\*Please rise in body or in spirit**

### WORSHIP NOTES:

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Verdeen Strain

**ASSISTANT ORGANIST:** Don Hill

**PIANIST:** Nat Stasinski

**ELDER HOST:** Jean Van Keppel

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Lesly Casper

**DEACONS SERVING COFFEE:** Patty Dawes, Frank Berzinis, Kim Karlen

**THE FLOWERS IN OUR WORSHIP AREA** are given by Dave Dawes in celebration of Patty Dawe's birthday

Thank you for sharing a part of your weekend with us.  
Westminster Presbyterian Church is a place Where People Care!