

This Week at Westminster

Today, Nov. 13

- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Celebration, Sanctuary
9:00 a.m. Adult Education, 106A. *A Little of the Majors and Some of the Minors*—Leader: Cindy Merit
10:30 a.m. Adult Education, 209 *Beyond Bible Bashing and Bible-Phobia* – Presenter: Frank Yamada
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Celebration, Sanctuary
2:00 p.m. New Member Gathering, 209
3:00 p.m. Bears/Lions Tailgate Party, Fellowship Hall

Monday, Nov.14

- 8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, 106A
9:00 a.m. Mom's Time Out, 208/210
1:00 p.m. Loving Hands Knitters & Crocheters, Lounge
5:30 p.m. Illiana Artist, 305
6:00 p.m. Fair Meadow Volleyball Practice, South Hall

Tuesday, Nov. 15

- 9:15 a.m. Religions of the World Bible Study, 106A
9:30 a.m. Moms Group, 209/210
4:30 p.m. Middlers – Pizza With A Purpose, South Hall
5:30 p.m. Youth Volleyball practice
6:30 p.m. Bible Study *Beatitudes from the Back Side*, 106A
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts, 303
6:30 p.m. Hospice Memorial Service, Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice, Sanctuary

Wednesday, Nov.16

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study, 209
1:00 p.m. Ladies Playing Cards, 209
6:30 p.m. Joyful Strains, 109
6:30 p.m. Mission Meeting, 106A
6:30 p.m. Women of the Tent Bible Study, 302
7:00 p.m. First Christian Volleyball Practice, South Hall
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, 101
7:00 p.m. N.A. Meeting, 305

Thursday, Nov.17

- 7:00 a.m. Acorns, 101
9:00 a.m. Mom's Time Out, 208/210
9:00 a.m. Samaritan Center Meeting, 301
9:15 a.m. Bruce's Bible Study, 209
5:30 p.m. High School Volleyball practice
6:15 p.m. Westminster Handbell Choir
7:00 p.m. High School Thursday Night Jazz, South Hall
7:30 p.m. Westminster Chorale
7:30 p.m. A.A. Group Meeting, 305

Friday, Nov. 18

- 9:00 a.m. Samaritan Center Meeting, 209

Saturday, Nov. 19

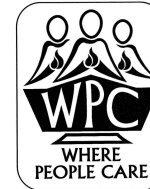
- 8:00 a.m. A.A. Group Meeting, 305
2:00 p.m. Wedding, Sanctuary

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church



November 13, 2011

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Celebration



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Worship Focus: TELLING TIME – Into the Hands of the Future

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: *Gather Us In*

Mark Sedio

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hear us, O Shepherd of lost people;

People: Shine your light in the darkness of our wanderings.

Leader: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

People: Let your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: With full hearts and loud and clear voices, let us worship God!

* **HYMN:** *Gather Us In* (see page 6)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Faithful God, We confess our faithlessness.
Our hearts are fickle, and our eyes wander,
And we trick ourselves into serving false gods.
We speak lies, and accept lies, and live lies,
Destroying ourselves along the way.
Have mercy on us. Forgive our waywardness
And lead us back to you.
May your faithfulness embolden our trust in you,
And may your truth settle in our souls.
Amen.

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Gather Us In



1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing,
2. We are the young — our lives are a mys - t'ry,
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
we are the old — who yearn for your face,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
not in some heav - en, light - years a - way, but



see in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day. _____
called to be light to the whole hu - man race. _____
call us a - new to be salt for the earth. _____
now is the King - dom, now is the day. _____



Gath - er us in — the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in — the
Gath - er us in — the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in — the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in — all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name. _____
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song. _____
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. _____
fire of love in our flesh and our bone. _____


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
Jill Meyers	Pat Warot
Bud Vance	Beverly Hughes
Karen Comstock	Jan Lund
Jim Jaracz	Gail Dixon
Promela Mehta	Kim Karlen
Karen Galocy	The Mizwicki Family
Gordon Stamper	Kamlesh Gupta

The work of the Stephen Ministers
Robbie Osterman, serving in Iraq
Morgan Sidenbender, daughter/Wendy Borbely
Sharon Meyer, mother/Tiffany Perez
Amelia Oliver, friend/Sally Resch
James Daum, brother/Marianne Comstock
Moira Lukas, sister/Peggy Ogren
Therese Niemiec, sister/Jean Dixon
Nathan Pawlicki, nephew/Mike Pawlicki
Virginia Briseno, mother/Diane Karlen
Barbara Dartoszuk, friend of Karen Comstock
Donna (Brumm)Wright, friend of Wendy Borbely
Anne Sikora, friend/Christine Cangiano
Lisa Baltus, friend/Sue Guy
Richard Gardner, friend/Martha Wilke
Rich Risch, friend/Dan & Shari
Natalie Ross, daughter/Sonja Ross
Doug Topoloski, friend/Bobbie Platt

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 (923-8023) or Clara Hanus (836-5727).

 **Our deepest sympathy** goes out to Amy Han's family as her mother passed away recently.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ, God invites us to leave behind what is smudged or broken or dark in our lives.

People: And in Jesus we accept the cleanness, and the wholeness and the hope Christ has for us.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen!

*GLORIA PATRI

NO. 579

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision*

NO. 339

OUR PRAYER FOR OTHERS

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: *Write Your Blessed Name*

K. Lee Scott
(text: Thomas a' Kempis)
1380-1471

Westminster Chorale

*Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved
That no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever, ever move me from your love.*

*Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress
And a faithful Guide to the courts of heaven through the many temptations
And dangers of this life, of this life.*

O Jesus, my only Savior! Amen, amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 4: 10-14 (Old Testament, page 447 -Large print, page 552)

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

MESSAGE: *What Time Is Telling Us*

Rev. Bruce E. Haapalainen, D.D.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *Namaste*

Mark Hayes

(a greeting from the Indian subcontinent: “the spirit in me respects the spirit in you”).
The Choir closes our rehearsals on Thursday evening with this song.

*Nameste, Namaste. The divine in me blesses and honors the divine in you.
The beauty of God stands before me expressing uniquely as you.
The spirit of goodness within you shines forth in all that you do.*

*DOXOLOGY

NO. 592

*HYMN: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

NO. 276

POSTLUDE: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Dan Miller

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

***WESTMINSTER IS A COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES ARE
TRANSFORMED BY GOD’S LOVE TO SERVE AND GROW AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS***

Thank you for sharing a part of your weekend with us.

Westminster Presbyterian Church is a place Where People Care!

WORSHIP NOTES:

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Verdeen Strain

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Don Hill

PIANIST: Nat Stasinski

ELDER HOST: Chuck Lansdowne

WORSHIP LEADER: Ken Schoon

DEACONS SERVING COFFEE: Mike Pawlicki; Dan Gelarden; Tiffany Perez

THE FLOWERS IN OUR WORSHIP AREA are given by the Blue Family in memory of Shaun Blue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Today at 10:30 a.m. – *Beyond Bible Bashing and Bible-phobia: Thinking Biblically in the 21st Century* – room 209. Presenter: Frank Yamada, McCormick Theological Seminary
Next Sunday at 9:00 a.m. – *A Little of the Majors and Some of the Minors* – Who were these wise voices from God and what was in their message. Leader: Cindy Merrit (106A)
Next Sunday at 10:30 a.m.– *The Sacred Art of Listening* – Presenter: Mary Colosimo (209)

NEW MEMBER GATHERING will be held today from 2-4 p.m. in room 209. If you are interested in becoming a member of Westminster or would just like to find out more about us, please come. Child care will be available upon request. Please contact Pastor Bruce if you are interested or have any questions. Via email at revbruceh@sbcglobal.net or telephone 219-838-3131.

Family Ministry’s Tailgate Party is today at 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring your own Tailgate Snacks. We’ll have games for the kids to play and activities to make sure there’s family time. (Bean Bags, Checkers, Table Football, etc.).

The **Sunday Night Supper** is **November 20 at 4:30 p.m.** come with a friend or family member. Free tickets are required at the door and available Sunday mornings and through the church office until gone. Can you help? We need Cooks and Bakers (recipe is available for Pumpkin Bundt Cake), please sign up today or contact Mary Lomey at 219-923-9842.

The Presence of God Within (and other deep thoughts) meeting will be held on the fourth Monday this month, **November 28**. Call Carl Strain at 838-6251 if you have any questions.

Outdoor Living Nativity & Holiday Artisan Shops will again be held **December 11th** from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. Performances: 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. Outside will be the living nativity on our south lawn with live animals and cast. Inside will be our Holiday Marketplace and Soup Supper. Free admission for all! Artisans from near and far will have gifts for all ages. It is requested that “for profit” guest artisans make a donation to “Westminster Women.” Pick up a form for more details. Forms need to be returned by December 2nd.

“Bethlehem’s Light Shines around the World” is WPC’s Giving Tree theme.

Looking for the PERFECT gift for a friend or family member this Christmas? Come to Fellowship Hall for your solution. The tree will be available Sunday, November 27 through Friday, December 23. To take part, make a donation to one of WPC’s Missions, receive a card to send to your loved one and then place a “Duduza”(Comfort) doll on the Giving Tree. A doll will accompany a new pair of shoes for a child in Swaziland this coming summer. This project is sponsored by Heart for Africa’s support of AIDS orphans. If you’d like to help, request a pattern, from Peg Schoon. Help spread Bethlehem’s light to the world!