



*Happy Thanksgiving*



# Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church

**9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Celebration**

**November 20, 2011**

**Worship Focus:** *Time is telling us to be thankful and  
pay our gratitude forward!*

## 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

## THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN, 1863

**PRELUDE:** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*                      McFadden/Rinker  
Westminster Handbell Choir

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for strength of arm to win our daily bread;  
And that beyond our need is food, to share with friends unfed.

**People: We thank you much for bread to live;  
We thank you more for bread to give.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for sheltered home, a port in cold and storm;  
And that beyond our need is room enough for friends forlorn.

**People: We thank you much for place to rest; but more for shelter for our guests.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for lavish love, in grace on us bestowed;  
Enough to share with loveless folks to ease their heavy load.

**People: You love to us, Creator God, never could we spare;  
Yet dearer still is Jesus' love, that now is ours to share.**

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

## Westminster Presbyterian Church FYI

Whether you're visiting Munster, looking for a church "home," exploring the Christian faith, or worshipping as part of our church family, we're glad you're here! To get better acquainted with our guests, we offer a Visitor Information Center in the main hallway. Please stop at the table to pick up information about our ministries.

There are registration pads at the end of each pew which we hope you will use, along with our Westminster Presbyterian Church members.

- Our Fellowship Time is held after each worship service in Fellowship Hall which is outside the sanctuary. Please join us this morning.
- Infant and toddler care (ages 2 and under) is provided during worship in Room 208.
- The preschoolers (age 3 and 4) meet in Room 202.
- Sunday School (WPC Kids) for grades Kindergarten through 5th is held at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. in Room 303.
- Trained youth mentors are available on Sunday morning upon request for any child with special needs.
- Sunday School for Middlers and High School Age Youth is held at 9:00 a.m. in Room 305 which is at the south end of the building.
- Sunday Adult Enrichment groups meet at 9:00 a.m. in Room 106A and 10:30 a.m. in Room 209. All are invited to attend.
- Communion in our church is ordinarily held on the first Sunday of the month and is open to any believer.
- Restrooms are located on the East Side of Fellowship Hall.

~Call the church office (838-3131) for more information~

**This Week at Westminster**

<b>Today, Nov. 20</b>	9:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Celebration, Sanctuary
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Education, 106A. <i>A Little of the Majors and Some of the Minors</i> —Leader: Cindy Merit
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Education, 209. <i>The Sacred Art of Listening</i> -Presenter: Mary Colosimo
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Celebration, Sanctuary
	4:30 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper, South Hall
<b>Monday, Nov.21</b>	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
	7:00 p.m.	Westminster’s Green Group, 209
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 22</b>	8:00 a.m.	Preschool Thanksgiving Feasts, South Hall
	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 <i>Beatitudes from the Back Side</i> , 106A
	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team Practice, Sanctuary
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 23</b>	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast Bible Study, 209
	8:00 a.m.	Preschool Thanksgiving Feasts, South Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Joyful Strains, 109
	7:00 p.m.	First Christian Church Volleyball Practice, South Hall
	7:00 p.m.	N.A. Meeting, 305
<b>Thursday, Nov. 24</b>		HAPPY THANKSGIVING! (Church Office Closed)
<b>Friday, Nov. 25</b>		Church Office Closed
<b>Saturday, Nov. 26</b>	8:00 a.m.	A.A. Group Meeting, 305

**\* HYMN:** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* **NO. 551**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Almighty God: in love You spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve. We confess that we always want more; that we never share as freely as You give. We are jealous of our neighbors and misuse what You intend for joy. God, forgive our greed, and our destructiveness. In mercy, help us to take such pleasure in the shower of your goodness and grace upon us that we will always be thanking you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel – in Christ Jesus we are forgiven and set free!

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** **NO. 579**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**A DAILY PSALM OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for you are good

**People: Your love is everlasting!**

Leader: You perform great marvels, You made the heavens and the great lights of sun and moon and stars.

**People: Your love is creative and creating.**

Leader: You provide on the paths of our lives mentors, encouragers and examples: pastors and teachers, nurses and doctors, mothers and fathers, painters and musicians, farmers and laborers, employers and clerks.

**People: Your love comes through relationships.**

Leader: You give us opportunities to love and serve others as Christ did.

**People: Your love is shown in Jesus and through us.**

Leader: You provide, food, shelter and a future for all living things, if we will but share.

**People: Your love is from sea to shining sea and far beyond.**

Leader: You oversee our lives with patient attention to detail and you overwhelm us with grace that knows no bounds and mercy which prevails over the darkest of sins.

**People: Your love is personal, powerful and perfect.**

Leader: You teach us to tell time and remind us what time is telling us.

**People: Your love is the same: yesterday, today and tomorrow.**

Leader: With our lips and our lives, with our time and our tithes, let us continually praise you, Lord, the One who is truly good.

**People: Your love is everlasting!**

**ALL: Amen!**

**HYMN:** *Hymn of Promise* (See page 8)

**John F. Kennedy's Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1963 (18 days before his death)**

### 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:** *Zion's Wall*

Westminster Chorale

Mark Hayes

*Come, fathers and mothers, Come sisters and brothers,*

*Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.*

*O fathers, don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion?*

*We'll shout and go 'round, we'll shout and go 'round,*

*We'll shout and go 'round the walls of Zion.*

*Come, fathers and mothers, Come, sisters and brothers*

*Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.*

*O fathers, don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion?*

*We'll shout and go 'round, we'll shout and go 'round,*

*We'll shout and go 'round the walls of Zion.*

*Come join us, sing the praises, the praises.*

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

DEATH AND ETERNAL LIFE

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## Hymn of Promise

*Unison*

1. In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;  
2. There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o - dy;  
3. In our end is our be - gin-ning; in our time, in-fin - i - ty;

in co-coons, a hid-den prom-ise: but-ter - flies will soon be free!  
there's a dawn in ev-ery dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me.  
in our doubt there is be - liev-ing; in our life, e-ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win-ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
From the past will come the fu-ture; what it holds, a mys-ter - y,  
In our death, a res-ur - rec-tion; at the last, a vic-to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some-thing God a-lone can see.

## 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	Karen Comstock

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  
Moirra 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).*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 105: 1-5 (Old Testament, page 556 -Large print, page 683)  
1 Peter 4: 7-11 (New Testament, page 235–Large print, page 285)  
(Pew Bibles are located alongside the hymnals on the shelves under the pew.)

**MESSAGE:** *A Mountain Railway, A Box of Chocolates and A Bowl of Cherries*  
Rev. Bruce E. Haapalainen, D.D.

## THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY:** *Thanksgiving!* John Ness Beck  
Westminster Chorale

*For seed-time and harvest and the good will of men. We give thanks to God.  
The Father once again; for shelter in winter, for the thaw in the spring.  
Our praise and thanksgiving to the Lord now we bring.  
For those we have loved who have gone on before  
Through that shining bright celestial door;  
For all who shall follow in their place, We implore Thy continuing saving grace.  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

**\*DOXOLOGY** NO. 592

**\*HYMN:** *Now Thank We All Our God* NO. 555

**1st Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1623 – by “William Bradford, Ye Governor of Ye Colony”**

**POSTLUDE:** *Nun Danket Alle Gott* Virgil Fox

**\*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:** Wally Richardson

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Christine Cangiano

**DEACONS SERVING COFFEE:** Jim Blue; Anne Severa

**THE FLOWERS IN OUR WORSHIP AREA** are given by Sandy and Steve Coxhead in memory of Dick Read.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### ADULT ENRICHMENT

Today at 10:30 a.m. – *The Sacred Art of Listening* – Presenter: Mary Colosimo (209)

Next Sunday at 9:00 a.m. – *Christmas: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly* –

Leaders: (106A) Chris Morfas and Joe Van Bokkelen

Next Sunday at 10:30 a.m. – *The Mission of the Sojourner Truth House* –

Presenter: Sr. Peg Spindler (209)

The **Westminster Green Group** will meet **Monday, November 21st**, in room 209 at 7:00 P.M. Come join us for a discussion of environmental concerns.

**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.

**Wednesday, November 30** from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. **Informational Gathering** in Fellowship Hall. Join the pastor and campaign chairs to learn about renovation plans for Westminster. Coffee and dessert will be served.

**Adopt-A-Family:** This year the WPC Deacons are once again reaching out to needy families. We are in need of a microwave and lawn mower (new or gently used). Please contact Barb Grevengoed at [goedb@yahoo.com](mailto:goedb@yahoo.com) or telephone her at 708-913-4355.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – continued

**Prayer Vigil** will be held in the Narthex on Friday, **December 2**, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, **December 3**, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Prayer Time for ourselves, our church, and our future.

The **WPC kids** will be making centerpieces for the **Bethlehem Marketplace** during Sunday School on **December 11th**. We are in need of vases, clippings from evergreens from your yards, pinecones, and other "fillers" that you might be able to donate to this craft project. The arrangements will be sold to earn money for mission donation. If you can help with donated materials, please contact Susan Radovich: 322-3757 or [dsmrad@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dsmrad@sbcglobal.net)

**Outdoor Living Nativity & Holiday Artisan Shops** will again be held **December 11<sup>th</sup>** from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. Inside will be our Holiday Marketplace and Soup Supper. Outside will be the living nativity on our south lawn with live animals and cast. Performances: 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**"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!

Help welcome our guests on Sunday mornings. More greeters are needed! Please stop at the **"Welcoming Hands"** table and sign up to host an entrance or hallway. Children and youth are also encouraged to participate to direct new families to classrooms. Please wear your nametags and bring your smiles!

Look for the **Westminster Women's** chocolate dipped pretzel table between services. They are the perfect snack or Thanksgiving hostess gift. Proceeds will support building repairs. Cost: \$3/bag or 2bags/\$5.