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Traditional Celebration

We ask that you remember to turn off cell phones and pagers (or put them on vibrate) when you enter the sanctuary. Thank you.

\*Please rise in body or in spirit

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

**Worship Focus: Jesus Walks with Us Through Our Real Lives**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Please sign the Friendship Pad in your pew.)

**PRELUDE:** on “*St. Denio*” by J. Bert Carlson

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let us gather to look to the Source and Course in our lives. Let us sing and speak the praises of our loving God.

**People: We come to be refreshed and made new.**

Leader: In this time together and then, as we go out to serve, may God’s Spirit direct our feet on God’s new pathway of peace.

**People: Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN NO. 263:** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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

Loving Creator, we confess that often we have refused to be servants of others:

**We have not done your will;**

**We have not accepted the newness to which you call us;**

**We have rebelled against your love;**

**We have failed to find you in our neighbors much less our enemies;**

**We have not always reached out to the needs of others.**

Forgive us, we pray. Make us new so we might serve in joyful obedience.

Through Jesus, in whose name we now come silently . . .

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: In the Spirit of newness, God forgives us and makes us new.

**People: Free to care, free to give, free to love!**

Leader: In Christ Jesus, forgiveness is for us.

**People: Thank you, Lord. Amen!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI NO. 579**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**\*LITANY PRAYER**

Leader: Loving God, we thank you for all the blessings of the year that is past,

**People: and we pray for your guidance as a new adventure in learning of your love is about to begin.**

Leader: Let this be a year of sharing and learning, O God!

**People: Deepen both our knowledge of, and joy in your Word among us.**

Leader: Let this be a year of sharing and worship, O God!

**People: Sharpen our skills and desires in prayer and love.**

Leader: Give us opportunity, tact and a sense of hospitality,

**People: In sharing how awesome you are with others.**

Leader: O God you have been our help in ages past.

**People: You alone are our hope for years to come.**

Leader: In our laughter, our loving and our learning,

**People: In our tears, our struggles and life's storms,**

**ALL: You are with us! Thank you, Lord. Amen!**

**ANTHEM** *Hear Us O Father* - a Norwegian folk tune arr. by Knut Nystedt  
(Westminster Chorale)

1. Hear us, O Father! We know thou wilt hear us:  
Nor need our voices ascend far away;  
Thou art about us, beside us, within us:  
Thou dost attend when we earnestly pray.  
Love us, O Father! We know thou wilt love us;  
We are thy children, we turn unto thee;  
For all about us, within us, above us,  
Proof of thine infinite kindness we see.
2. Help us, O Father! We know thou wilt help us;  
We are so feeble, and thou art so strong;  
Almighty Power that made us and keeps us,  
Thou dost protect us from danger and wrong.  
Hear us, O Father! And help us and love us,  
Till more and more of thyself we shall know;  
Hear us, O Father! And help us and love us,  
Till more and more of thyself we shall know.

**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.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**



**YOU CAN HELP US DECORATE THE SANCTUARY WITH BIRDS OF**

**PRAYER** - The worship focus for January and February is *Prayer*. Origami birds of all sizes and colors have been folded with prayers and are hanging from the rafters of the worship area. We can always use more birds and more prayers. Instructions and paper can be picked up from the card table in Fellowship Hall. Prayers are a wonderful way to begin the New Year. Pray for the church, pray for healing, pray for peace.

**ADULT ENRICHMENT TODAY at 10:30 a.m. in Room 209** - Ann Williams will be speaking about AIDS/HIV in Africa. Ann has made two trips to Swaziland with her family to help build orphanages through Heart for Africa.

**THE ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP** meets at 9 a.m. each Sunday in Room 106a. The topic next Sunday is *Servant or Sucker*. The DVD and discussion will explore what we might do when someone, who is obviously poor or homeless, approaches and asks for money. The leader is April Cafmeyer. All are welcome.

**THE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** meets at 1 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month in the Lounge. The next meeting will be this **Wednesday, January 13**. This is a great opportunity for fellow cancer survivors and their care givers to connect, share and support one another.

**DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS** with Pastor Bruce. Sessions will be held on **Mondays**, January 18, 25, February 1 and 8, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Wednesdays**, January 20, 27, February 3 & 10, 9 to 11 a.m.

**Saturdays**, February 6 and 13, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall. Fee for materials is \$16. Scholarships are available.

**SUNDAY NIGHT SUPPER** - The next Sunday Night Supper will be held on **Sunday, January 17 at 4:30 p.m.** in South Hall. The theme is *It's Comedy Night*. Free tickets are available during Fellowship Hour today or from the church office during the week.

Volunteers needed - pie makers, hosts and servers.

**GUILT - LOVE'S UNSEEN ENEMY** is the title of the Health & Healing/Stephen Ministry program on **Wednesday, January 20, 7 - 8:30 p.m. in Room 209**. Dr. Mark Killer will be the speaker. All are invited.

**A GREAT BANQUET GATHERING** will be held on **Saturday, January 23**, at the First Presbyterian Church of Crown Point. A light supper will be served at 6 p.m. followed by worship at 7 p.m.

**BIBLICAL STORYTELLER** Tracy Radocevich will be telling the Gospel of Mark at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago on **Wednesday, February 3 at 7 p.m.** We will leave Westminster at 6 p.m. If you would like to attend, please sign up in Fellowship Hall. The cost of \$20 includes transportation.

**TREAT YOURSELF TO A SPIRITUAL RETREAT - *Making Room for the Light of Christ in a Dark World***. Set aside **Saturday, February 13, 2010**. Rev. Marcia Smith-Wood, Presbyterian Spiritual Director, is coming to Westminster to facilitate God's restoration of our spirits through meditation, walking the labyrinth and heart-to-heart conversations. This will be a special day, set aside for **men, women and youth** who long for quiet, relational time with Christ. Cost of \$30 includes lunch. The **location is right here at WPC; time is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Scholarships are available. Contact Sally Van Bokkelen at 838-3131.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GREEN GROUP** will be Tuesday, January 26, at 7 p.m. in Room 209. Karen Lansdowne will discuss "green household cleaning products and what makes a produce "green." All interested in this topic are invited to attend.

**IF YOU ARE SCANDINAVIAN** and like to cook, please call Sally Van Bokkelen at 838-3131.

**COME WATCH OUR YOUTH PLAY VOLLEYBALL** on Saturday mornings. The high school teams are playing in South Hall this week at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. The middler teams will be playing at First Christian Church of Dyer, Route 30 west of Columbia Avenue, at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Admission is free.

## Prayer Requests

*Prayer doesn't mean that you have exhausted all help. It 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	Morgan Sidenbender/daughter/Wendy Borbely
Jan Lund	Jean Gloff
Dave Gott	Bud Vance
Betty Durling, mother/Linda Branson	Gail Dixon
Dana Wood	Chuck Weier
Kim Karlen	Patti Lamott
Loretta Barth	Jim Zaun
Jim Jaracz	Dawn Bogner, niece/Ruth Fauth
Nancy Lamantia, daughter/Sue & Ed Harrison	Mia Scola, friend/Mary Lou DiCostanzo
Jodi Carroll, cousin/Geiselmans	Carrie & baby Carter Adler/family/Sally Saculla
Sheri Stankorb-Geiselman	Ian Wilkinson, friend/Lu Ann Franklin
Danny Host	Cecilia Guziar, volunteer/Loaves & Fishes
Brenda Hall, friend/Sally Saculla	Gavin Ambrose, 4 year old friend/Gelardens
Darlene Narantil, friend/Cheryl Anderson	Karen LeMonnier, sister-in-law Dan
Bob Hart	Francis Viar, father/Bobbie Platt
Dave & Michelle VanKeppel & family	

*If you have prayer requests, please call John Karcher (923-8023), Clara Hanus (836-5727) or the church office (838-3131). 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.*

**Our sympathy to** Heather and Todd Loden. Their father, Lester Loden, died on Monday, January 4. A memorial service was held here yesterday. Please keep the Loden family in your prayers.

**FEELING OVERWHELMED BY WINTER?** Do you feel overwhelmed, unappreciated, just plain depressed? Do you want someone to listen? Stephen Ministers are always there to lend an ear, some comfort, a cup of cool water. They provide emotional and spiritual support for those going through tough times. To learn more about this program or to request the support of a Stephen Minister, please call Nancy Quinn at 219-680-9641 or the church office at 838-3131.

## This week at Westminster

Today, January 10	9:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
	9:00 a.m.	WPC Kids
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary
	after Children's chat	WPC Kids
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Enrichment, 209
	2:00 p.m.	New Member Gathering, 209
Monday, January 11	8:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting, 209
	9:15 a.m.	Disciple III, 101
	4:00 p.m.	Emotions Anonymous, 305
	7:00 p.m.	Knitting Group, Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Volleyball, South Hall
Tuesday, January 12	9:15 a.m.	Disciple II Bible Study, Camilla Higley's home
	4:30 p.m.	Pizza with a Purpose, South Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Disciple I Bible Study, 106a
	7:00 p.m.	Session Budget Meeting, 209
	7:00 p.m.	South Side Christian Board Meeting, 109
Wednesday, January 13	7:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, 209
	9:00 a.m.	MOM's Group, 209
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters' Group, 301
	6:30 p.m.	Joyful Strains, 109
	7:00 p.m.	Children's Ministry, 106a
	7:00 p.m.	Contemporary Music Team, Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting, 209
7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous, 305	

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Thursday, January 14	7:00 a.m.	Acorns, 207
	9:15 a.m.	Bruce's Bible Study, 209
	6:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir, 109
	7:30 p.m.	A.A. Meeting, 305
	7:30 p.m.	Westminster Chorale, 109
Saturday, January 16	7:00 a.m.	Volleyball, South Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Cooking for Sunday Night Supper, Kitchen
	11:30 a.m.	Youth Choir, 109
Next Sunday, January 17	9:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
	9:00 a.m.	WPC Kids
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Discussion, 206a
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary
	after Children's Chat	WPC Kids
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Enrichment, 209
	4:30 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper, South Hall