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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!

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

PRELUDE: *on Nicea* by Piet Post

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are gathered to rejoice together; God is present with us. Let us sing praises to God.

People: **We come to be washed and cleansed; forgiven and freed.**

Leader: Let us renew our commitment to the One who calls us.

People: **We come to listen for God's word to us.**

We are here to find where God will send us.

We are ready to serve in Christ's name.

***HYMN NO. 138:** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Gracious God, you are present in all times and in all places. As we worship today, open our eyes to see the wonders of your loving guidance; open our ears to hear of your steadfast love and faithfulness; and open our hearts to care deeply about people in need. We confess that we have not fully invested the gifts you have entrusted to us. Call us back and heal our hearts, minds and souls. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Hear the good news! The Lord is merciful, granting us pardon.

People: **We rejoice and give thanks for what the Lord has done. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***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** (from a *Brief Statement of Faith*)

Leader: In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

People: **Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.**

Leader: Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Men: **Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,**

Women: **Like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home.**

Leader: God is faithful still!

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: *God Moves in a Mysterious Way* (tune from *Harmonia Sacra*) by Alice Parker
(Westminster Chorale)

God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea, And rides upon the storm.
Deep in unfathomable mines of never failing skill,
He treasures up his vast designs and works his sovereign will.
Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on your head.
Judge not the Lord by feeble sense. But trust His grace;
Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face.
His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding every hour;
The bud may leave a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flower.
Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plan. Amen.

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.**

***HYMN:** *Lord of All Hopefulness* (see back page of bulletin)

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 19

(The congregation may follow along in the Pew Bibles, Old Testament, p. 498; large print Bible, p. 613.)

Luke 4:14-21

(The congregation may follow along in the New Testament, p. 61; large print p. 74.)

MESSAGE “*‘Shema!’ . . . to Hear! . . . to Listen!*” Rev. Marcia Smith-Wood

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *O Rest in the Lord* by Mendelssohn (from the *Elijah*)
(John Higley)

***DOXOLOGY**

**“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”**

HYMN NO. 280: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE: *Fugue in G* by J.S. Bach

**Westminster is a community
where people of all ages
are transformed by God’s love
to serve and grow
as disciples of Jesus.**

Worship Notes and Announcements

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Verdeen Strain
ORGANIST: Verdeen Strain
ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Don Hill
PIANIST: Jorie Nowicki

WE WELCOME The Rev. Marcia Smith-Wood as our preacher this morning. Marcia is a Presbyterian minister and is now doing Validated Ministry of Spiritual Direction in Rensselaer, Indiana. She will be coming to Westminster again on February 13, 9 to 4 p.m. to lead a spiritual retreat titled *Make Room for the Light of Christ in a Dark World*. 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. Scholarships are available. Contact Sally Van Bokkelen at 838-3131.

WORSHIP LEADER Jim Vliek

USHERS: Darlene and Dave Shike, Jim Tufford, Kevin Rice

DEACONS SERVING COFFEE: Jo Ellen Tar, Hank Cook, Carol Fiegle

THE FLOWERS IN OUR WORSHIP AREA THIS MORNING are given by Sally Saculla in memory of Frank Saculla and Alyssa Wimmer.

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

WESTMINSTER IS HOSTING MANY EVENTS IN THE COMING WEEKS.

Everyone is invited to these activities, and we hope you'll attend. If you need more information or have questions, please call the contact numbers listed with each activity or the church office at 838-3131.

ADULT ENRICHMENT TODAY THRU FEBRUARY 14 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 209 - David Weber of Valparaiso University will be with us speaking about *The Problems of Christian Love*.

THE ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP meets at 9 a.m. each Sunday in Room 106a. The topic next Sunday through February 14 is *Attentiveness: Being Present Be Changed . . .* Therese Morfas and Laura Shields will lead the group as they watch a DVD and discuss the study of Christian character in community.

DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS with Pastor Bruce. Sessions will be held on **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.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held in Fellowship Hall next Sunday, January 31, at 5 p.m. The evening will begin with a pot luck supper. Please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share. The meeting will follow the meal. We will be celebrating 2009 and visioning for 2010. Officers will be elected. Annual reports are available on the table in Fellowship Hall or you may read the report on the web site at www.wpcmunster.org.

Those nominated for the office of **elder** are: Rob Adlard, Jean Dixon, Merit Lemke, Tom Ogren and Sara Sweeney; **youth elder** Andrew Covert. Nominated for the office of **deacon** are: Frank Berzinis, Wendy Borbely, Dan Gelarden, Stephanie Perlick, Barb Pickel, Christie Stricklin, Robin Webber and Katie Werner. Kim Karlen has been nominated to fill a one-year term as deacon.

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.

SCANDINAVIAN FAMILY NIGHT will be held in South Hall on Friday, February 5, at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome. There will be a Scandinavian dinner menu, entertainment, games and crafts. If you would like to help, please call 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.

LIKE TO COOK? Available Friday mornings? Contact Bunny Schlotman at 922-6315.

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 Harrision	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	Fran White, mother/Joanne Geberin
Dave & Michelle VanKeppel & family	

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).

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 Barbara Santay at 219-662-3734.

This week at Westminster

Today, January 24	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
Monday, January 25	8:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting, 209
	9:15 a.m.	Disciple III, 101
	7:00 p.m.	Knitting Group, Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Volleyball, South Hall
Tuesday, January 26	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.	Finance Team Meeting, 207
	7:00 p.m.	Green Group, 209
Wednesday, January 27	7:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, 209
	9:00 a.m.	MOM's Group, 209
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters' Group, 301
	5:30 p.m.	High School Volleyball & Dinner, South Hall
	6:00 p.m.	South Side Christian Bible Study, 303
	6:30 p.m.	Joyful Strains, 109
	7:00 p.m.	Contemporary Music Team, Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous, 305

(This week at Westminster continued)

Thursday, January 28	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
Friday, January 29	7:00 p.m.	DuBois Piano Recital, Sanctuary
Saturday, January 30	7:00 a.m.	Volleyball, South Hall
	11:30 a.m.	Youth Choir, 109
Next Sunday, January 31	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
	5:00 p.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting, Fellowship Hall

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