



Fourth
SUNDAY
IN
LENT

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**March 14, 2010
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

The Celebration of Worship

4th Sunday in Lent

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Elegy

James Biery

Welcome and Opportunities for Ministry and Fellowship

To Give Praise to God

Call to Worship (*Psalm 37*)

Leader: Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

People: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

Leader: Depart from evil, and do good; so you shall abide forever. For the Lord loves justice; he will not forsake his faithful ones.

People: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

*Opening Hymn No. 483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Prayer of Confession

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(A time of silence for personal confession)

*The Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Prayer of Dedication**

To Go Rejoicing in God's Name

***Hymn of Response No. 366** Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me ST. CATHERINE

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response** Go Ye Now in Peace Joyce Eilers

***Postlude** Postlude on "Hiding Place" Dale Wood

***Please stand if you are able.**

Leading in worship today

Jim Burns, Jim Gilchrist, Chris Hestwood, Mandi Richey, Tammy Yeager,
the Quartet, Chancel Choir

The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God

In loving memory of parents, Ann and Maynard Bellows Kearney, and brother David George Kearney and others of his generation who died in southeast Asia by Marianne, Michael, and Philip Kearney

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

Surgery or recent hospitalization

Liz Camody
Nancy Speer
Bill Wells

Baptisms

We rejoice with Tracy and Matthew Caruso as they present Cameron Xavier and Katherine and Christopher Heinritz as they present Abigail Ruth for the sacrament of baptism. Jesus said, "*Let the little children come unto me.*"

During the Lord's Prayer workshop, 3rd and 4th grade children painted the Lord's Prayer banners hanging in worship today after discussing how color can be a symbol. The following describes our cooperative ideas of how this prayer translates into color.

“Our Father” — yellow, gold, and white to represent God as light

“who art in heaven” — the blues of the sky

“hallowed be thy name” — God is everlasting, so the green reminds us of evergreens

“thy kingdom come” — purple for royalty

“thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven” — browns for the earth

“give us this day our daily bread” — tans for bread

“forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors” — the colors of metal as a reference to one type of debt

“lead us not into temptation” — black and reddish purples for sin and temptation

“but deliver us from evil” — reds

“for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.” — the glory of God... yellows and golds

Sermon Notes ... Prayers

WESTMINSTER WEEKLY

Westminster Presbyterian Church

March 14, 2010

Lenten Lunches

Join us for lunch in Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 service. This year's series of lunch time topics is inspired by the new book *The Power of Half* by Kevin and Hannah Salwen, which follows one family's adventure in using their time, talent, and treasure for the good of those in need.

Today Working globally: helping in Haiti, Malawi, and India

March 21 Using your citizenship: Bread for the World Offering of Letters

The series is sponsored by Westminster Peacemaking Team. No reservations are necessary and there is no charge, but donations will be accepted. The brief programs will run concurrently with lunch; we plan to finish by 1:00.

Christian Education



Christian Formation Seminars

Sundays

9:45 a.m. in the Chapel

Lenten Series in March



March 14, 21, 28

**Through the Valley of the Shadow:
The Comfort and Hope of Death
and Resurrection**

David J. Fetterman

Westminster Presbyterian Church

In Lent we reflect on death and resurrection. Each of us experiences death ranging from the deaths of those whom we love to the deaths represented by day-to-day losses like loss of a job, divorce, diminished health, etc. We may also find ourselves in the large company of people who prefer to avoid all talk and consideration of death. After all, it is more hopeful and pleasant to focus on resurrection. Regardless, as resurrection is real, so is death. How do life's many deaths affect us? How do we find comfort in the midst of those deaths? How does resurrection offer hope for the tomorrows beyond these deaths? What are the practical, daily implications of living in the tension between death and resurrection? How can we ritualize our deaths and celebrate resurrection? Come, join us as we explore these issues.

Today Death and loss in our daily lives

March 21 Walking through the valley with the confidence of resurrection people

March 28 Rituals of death, grief, and resurrection

For Adults

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

Builders Room 176

This warm group of caring Christian men and women comes together to reflect on biblical texts and to act on what they discover, using the *Present Word* series. These lessons, taught by class members or the pastors, help to grow faith and understanding of God's word.

Genesis Room 131

A class committed to prayer, fellowship, and Bible study. A team of four teachers present lessons following the International Sunday School Lessons plan of the *Uniform Series*. This curriculum uses the *New International Version* of the Bible as its chosen text. The *Uniform Series* lessons are designed to help the reader experience the text of scripture, consider pertinent information with respect to the text under study, and to apply scripture's teachings to living a faithful, spiritually maturing Christian lifestyle.

Younger Adults Room 238

A class for those in their 20s through 40s, led by Jim Gilchrist and others. Discussions range from Bible study to matters of faith and everyday life. The class meets the second and third Sundays of each month.

Recycle the Bulletin

Please remember to help care for God's creation and place your bulletin at the end of the pew to be recycled.

For Youth

Bible Studies on Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

Junior and Senior High Girls Yahweh Café
Junior and Senior High Boys Youth Lounge



Veritas: 7th – 12th Grade

Youth Group

Wednesdays, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Dinner at 5:00 p.m. in the Yahweh Café

This week: hoagie and fries

Chick-fil-A

There will be no trip to Chick-fil-A this week.

Summer Youth Events

We have three exciting events planned for this summer:

- Alive Christian Music Festival
- Middle School Trip to New Wilmington Mission Conference
- Summer Mission Trip to Birmingham, Alabama

Be sure to check out *Inside Westminster* for more information about these trips!

Confirmation 2010

11:00 a.m.

Youth Worship Room (Room 274)

Today: Roundtable Discussion

Next Week: Small Groups



For information, contact Jason Freyer at 412-835-6630x222 or freyer@westminster-church.org or Ed Sutter at 412-835-6630x222 or sutter@westminster-church.org.

For Children



Sunday School News
Children 2½ through 4th grade will learn about the parable of the mustard seed (Matthew 13:31-32). Jesus compares the reign of God to a tiny seed that grows to the greatest of

shrubs. Jesus is telling us that what appears small may be larger than we think in the scheme of things. It is amazing that this story is short compared to most other parables, and yet is one of the most known! The faith trait for this story is patience. When we plant a seed, we have to wait for it to grow.

The 5th and 6th graders will discuss “Why should the Bible matter to me?” Key faith foundation: the Bible is a map to guide your life. Key scriptures: Psalm 119:33-40; 65-68; 97-105.

Lenten Thought Pots

This Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent, the children are to put the small game board marker in their Lenten Thought Pot. The marker is to remind the children this week to take turns and to share with others in all they do.

JAM

All 5th and 6th graders are invited to join us for JAM (Jesus and Me) youth group on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Room 257. Each week we talk about issues facing middle schoolers and how God helps and directs our lives through scripture. We always have lots of fun playing games. Dinner is served at 5:00 p.m. in the café. If you have questions, contact Jan Baumann at 412-835-6630 or baumann@westminster-church.org.

Announcements

Inside Westminster

Just a reminder to sign on to Inside Westminster to see not only the latest news about your church but also a variety of pictures that show what's going on here. The information and the pictures are always changing, so check in often. Please remember when registering to write down your username and password. Keep in mind that usernames are not case sensitive, but any spaces or punctuation must be in the correct place. Passwords are case sensitive. If you have misplaced your registration code, please call or email Anna Hiner at hiner@westminster-church.org.



Sold Out!

Due to an overwhelming early response, Town Hall South has sold out for the 2010-2011 series. Thank you for your support.

IHN Donations — Last Chance!

If you haven't made a donation to the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) basket in the church library, now is the time to do it as PWV will wrap up this winter mission project by the end of March. (A list of IHN needed items is in the January *Spire*). We wish to thank everyone for their generous donations thus far. We've collected a big assortment of needed goods that will be much appreciated.

Announcements (continued)



The Gallery at Westminster

The Westminster art galleries are currently showing the oil paintings of Diane White. Diane is known for painting the subtle nuances of light and color in the still life and the occasional farm animal. Her ability to capture the play of light and shadow will draw you into the images. Fifteen percent of the sales will benefit South Hills Interfaith Ministries. Enjoy this exhibit located at the office entrance of the church. **New** to our church intranet...the gallery has a page under the "resources" tab which lists contact information for our past exhibiting artists.

Spring Concert

The Washington County Arts Choir, a 60-voice mixed chorus, will present a program of choral classics at Westminster on Palm Sunday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m. The choir will open the concert with *The Lord's Prayer* followed by *The Palms* and *The Heavens Are Telling*. Other works include Beethoven's *Hallelujah* from the *Mt. of Olives*, Randall Thompson's *Alleluia*, and *Hallelujah Chorus* from *Messiah*. Featured in the second half will be Brahms' *The Song of Fate*, Bach's *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*, and the spectacular Beethoven *Choral Fantasy* utilizing 4 hands on 2 pianos. Two of Pittsburgh's finest pianists, Gabriel D'Abruzzo and Westminster's own James Burns, will perform the *Choral Fantasy*, which was originally called a Piano Fantasy. Tickets are \$12 and will be available at the door or online at www.wcac-sing.org. For more information, phone 724-250-9222.

Music Invitation

Calling everyone who enjoys singing...with no auditions required! The Chancel Choir will present Haydn's *Creation* on Sunday evening, April 25, and we welcome all interested singers to join us for this special program. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 8:00 to 9:00 in the choir room (Room 268). All that is required is a smile, a willing spirit, and a desire to be among fellow music lovers. Cost: priceless! Reward: endless! Contact Amy Sanders at sanders@westminster-church.org or Chris Hestwood at chf1218@gmail.com with any questions.



WNS Fundraiser

The Westminster Nursery School (WNS) will hold its third annual fundraiser on March 19. *Eye Candy 3: A Collection of Creativity and Confections* will feature works of art by the students of WNS and an array of chocolates and desserts provided by local bakeries, restaurants and candy makers. Tickets are \$25 and cover entrance to the event, all the desserts and chocolates you can eat, entertainment, auctions, and complimentary beverages. The event will take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and will begin at 7:30 p.m. Please call the WNS office at 412-835-2906 for more information on the event. You can also visit our website at www.wnsfundraiser.org. As always, we thank the Westminster Presbyterian Church community for its support!

Financial Report

As of February 28

General Fund Contributions

Year-to-Date Actual 2010	\$ 302,938.37
Annual Budget	\$1,614,184.00
Amount needed to fulfill budget	\$1,311,245.63

Year-to-Date Income Statement

Income	\$ 372,503.49
Expenses	\$ 350,380.14
Net Position	\$ 22,123.35



Endowment Matters

The Endowment and Special Gifts Committee continues to receive memorial gifts to honor the life of Bill Numrich. All of these contributions will be used to grow the undesignated portion of the Westminster Endowment.

At the end of 2009, the Undesignated Fund exceeded the \$2,000,000 mark. Proposals for projects will be reviewed during the next few weeks by an endowment subcommittee and passed to Session for further discussion and approval. Any member of the congregation may submit a proposal during the year for review. Details are available from Peg Kinsey.

Congregational Care

Recording of Services

CDs of the entire service are available on loan from the library, or if you wish to have a copy to keep, contact Peg Kinsey at 412-835-6630x211.

Westminster Connectors is dedicated to helping people connect with networking groups and employment opportunities. Contact Jeff Crummie at jcrummie@verizon.net or 412-897-7401 for further information.

Hospital Prayers

Praying for those who are in the hospital has always been an important aspect of the ministry of Westminster. Please contact Tammy Yeager or phone Peg Kinsey at 412-835-6630x211, and your church family will pray for you during your hospital stay and recovery time. Also, whenever a church member has undergone surgery or been hospitalized, a letter of good wishes is placed in the narthex for all members to sign. Please take a moment to sign the letter whether or not you know the person, and let them know we care and are praying for their good health.

Need Name Please

When phoning to notify the church of a death in the family, please provide the name of the deceased so that his/her name will appear in the bulletin and prayer lists.

Chancel Flowers

Beautiful flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday morning are a loving tribute to the life of a loved one who has gone to be with the Lord. For your convenience, the listing of available Sundays for flower memorials is posted in the hallway leading to the south breezeway. If you wish to remember a loved one with a memorial flower, please contact Janet Carson at 724-413-0125 or carsjl@msn.com.

Volunteer Opportunities

Veritas Small Group Leader

Come and get to know a great group of teens. Your presence is the best gift you can give them as they navigate their teen years. And, hang out with the other adults who are crazy enough to want to do the same.

Job: Lead a small group of high school boys once a month at Veritas where leaders will gather with their group and work through a series of questions.

Commitment: One night a month until May; training will be provided.

Compensation: You will be amazed at how much the students will actually feed and teach you!

Skills Needed: We're looking for men who have a desire to connect with young people on a personal level. We are NOT looking for biblical scholars, spiritual guides, or super-Christians.

We need people to invest in our congregation's future and allow an opportunity for our future to invest in us.

Annual Church-wide Lunch

Would you like to meet some other people in the congregation? Have you ever come to a church lunch and wished they had your favorite food on the menu? You can join the team planning the lunch.

Job: Plan and implement a lunch in Fellowship Hall for the congregation.

Commitment: Lunch date, Sunday, June 6 or 13 at noon (choice of the team); four hours for set-up and prep; plus approximately three hours between now and June including one organizational meeting to plan and divide responsibilities.

Skills Needed: Joy in hospitality. Good organizational skills a plus. Guidelines and assistance provided, including information from last year.

This is a great opportunity for everyone in our church family to come together in fellowship. You can be part of the team that makes that possible.

Other Open Positions

- Usher, one Sunday in March
- Men's Basketball Coordinator
- Library Assistant
- Communion Set-up, 8:30 worship

Go to *Inside Westminster* or contact Jan Baumann for more details.

To learn more about this or other volunteer opportunities, please contact Jan Baumann, volunteer coordinator, at 412-835-6630x205, 412-302-7982, or baumann@westminster-church.org.



Easter Flowers

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Although we're still in the midst of winter weather, it will soon be time to decorate Westminster with lovely spring flowers. The Chancel Guild is accepting contributions in memory or in honor of family or friends for the spring flowers to decorate the church Easter morning. Please use the form below and make your check payable to the Chancel Guild. Mail it to Peg Kinsey at the church office or put it in the special envelope located in the pew rack and place it in the collection plate. Please indicate whether you wish to pick up the flowers following the 11:00 a.m. worship service or would like for them to be delivered to a shut-in. Your contribution must be received no later than **Monday, March 29**, to be listed in the Easter bulletin.



In memory _____ In honor _____

Name of memorial/honoree (**PLEASE PRINT**)

_____ Please deliver flower to a shut-in.

_____ I will pick up the flower.

My name

Please return this form to Peg Kinsey in the church office by **Monday, March 29.**

WROC

Whole Foods = Whole Kids

March 17 & 24

Wednesdays: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Do your kids think “nugget” is a part of a chicken? Is anything green shunned at the dinner table? Do you wish your kids would understand why healthy eating is important? If you struggle to get your kids to eat well, join Kathy Gillen for some whole food inspiration. The first week of this two-part class you'll learn the importance of whole foods for kids. Is a piece of broccoli really better than one of the new vegetable/fruit juices? The dangers of additives and chemicals in processed foods and high amounts of sugar will also be discussed. You'll sample creative after-school snacks and low-sugar treats. The second week of the class you'll learn helpful tricks and tactics for those dinner time struggles. Learn how to inspire your kids and make eating well fun. You'll sample “Deceptive Mac & Cheese” and “Hidden Greens Tacos.” As a mother of four, Kathy understands how difficult it can be to feed our busy families nutritious meals. Meal-planning tips will inspire you to shop differently and have fun with food.

55+ Excursion

CLO Cabaret - Senior Matinee, *Nonsense*

Thursday, March 25

The CLO Cabaret is now showing *Nonsense*, instead of *Forever Plaid*. Winner of four Outer Critics Circle Awards including Best Off-Broadway Musical, *Nonsense* has become a must-see international phenomenon. There is a delicious buffet before the show. Register today!

For information on other classes or to register, check the WROC brochure at www.westminster-church.org/wroc.htm or contact Lisa Boyd at 412-835-6630x200 or lboyd@westminster-church.org.

Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, March 14

8:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:15	Coffee Hour	Yahweh Café
9:30	Prayer Time	Bride's Room
9:45	Bridge Worship Gathering	WROC
	Adult Bible Study:	
	Genesis	Rm. 131
	Builders	Rm. 176
	Younger Adults	Rm. 238
	Sunday School	Rm. 107
	Christian Formation Seminar	Chapel
10:45	Prayer Time	Rm. 304
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	Sunday School	
	Boy's Bible Study	Rm. 283
	Girl's Bible Study	Yahweh Café
	Confirmation Class	Rm. 274
12:00	Lenten Lunch	Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 15

5:45	Bootcamp	WROC
6:30	FishersOfMen.net	Rm. 231
7:00	WCDC	
8:30	Personal Training	WROC Fitness
9:00	Children's Day In WNS	Rm. 233
9:30	MWF Aerobics	WROC
10:00	Christian Lifestyle Bible Study	Rm. 231
12:00	AA's	Rm. 176
3:00	WCDC	Rm. 107/WROC
3:30	Eliminating Stress	Rm. 257
5:30	Watson Inst. - Social Skills	Youth Dept.
6:00	Cub Scouts	Rm. 107
6:30	Yoga	Rm. 194
6:45	GriefShare	Memorial Parlor
7:00	WROC Walk Session	WROC Fellowship Hall
8:10	Men's Open Basketball	WROC

Tuesday, March 16

7:00	WCDC	
9:00	Children's Day In WNS	Rm. 233
	Zumba	WROC
	Town Hall South Mtg.	Yahweh Café
10:30	Fitness Yoga	WROC Fitness
	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
12:00	Sarah Circle	Rm. 176
12:30	FishersOfMen.net	Bob Evans
3:00	WCDC	Rm. 107/WROC
3:30	Prayer Group	Friendship Village
6:00	First Place 4Health	Rms. 273/283
6:15	Cardio Sculpt	WROC

7:00	Knit in His Spirit Peacemaking Team	Memorial Parlor Rm. 238
7:30	Boy Scouts	Rm. 107
8:00	Adult Volleyball	WROC

Wednesday, March 17

5:45	Bootcamp	WROC
7:00	WCDC	
8:00	Drop In & Work Out	WROC
9:00	Children's Day In WNS	Rm. 233
9:15	Whole Foods=Whole Kids	Yahweh Café
9:30	MWF Aerobics	WROC
11:00	Children's Day In Stroke Group	WROC Rm. 176
3:00	WCDC	Rm. 107
4:00	Wednesday Bible Study	Rm. 176
4:45	Cherub Choir Jr. Choir	Fellowship Hall Rm. 268
6:00	JAM Veritas	Rm. 257 WROC
6:15	Wellness Through Yoga	Rm. 131
6:30	Praise Moves Yoga Putting 2 Households Together	Rm. 194 Rm. 231
7:00	Veritas Cub Scouts	Youth Dept. Rm. 176
7:30	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

Thursday, March 18

7:00	WCDC	
8:30	Personal Training	WROC Fitness
9:00	WNS Zumba	WROC
9:30	Women's Bible Study Busy Women's Bible Study Leah Ruth Circle Elizabeth Circle	Rm. 283/Café Rm. 231 Memorial Parlor Rm. 176
3:00	WCDC	WROC/Rm. 107
6:00	Cub Scouts	Rm. 176
6:15	Youth Choir	Fellowship Hall
6:30	Cooking Class-Special Needs	FH Kitchen
7:00	Chancel Choir WROC Walk Career Transition	Rm. 268/Sanctuary WROC Rm. 231
7:30	Narcotics Anonymous Nar-Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131
8:10	Men's Open Basketball	WROC

Opportunities of the Week (continued)

Friday, March 19

5:45	Bootcamp	WROC
7:00	WCDC	
8:00	Drop In & Work Out	WROC
9:00	WNS	
	Children's Day In	Rm. 233
	P.A.P.E.N.	Fellowship Hall
9:30	MWF Aerobics	WROC
11:00	Children's Day In	WROC
2:30	Youth Group	Chick-fil-A
3:00	WCDC	WROC/Rm. 107
6:00	WROC A BYE	Rm. 233
7:00	Church Retreat	Laurelville Center
8:00	Adult Volleyball	WROC
8:30	AAs	Rm. 107
	Al-Anons	Rms. 231/238

Saturday, March 20

	Church Retreat	Laurelville Center
7:00	FishersOfMen.Net	Panera
7:30	Cardio Sculpt	WROC
8:00	FishersOfMen.Net	Staff Kitchen
9:00	S.A.T. Course	Rm. 231
9:15	Zumba	WROC
10:00	Census	Fellowship Hall
1:00	Solos	Rm. 107
	Bridge Service Set-up	WROC

Welcome to Our Guests

We have three Sunday worship services. Traditional worship is at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. The Bridge contemporary worship is at 9:45 a.m. in the WROC gymnasium. Please visit our welcome center in the narthex vestibule, located just inside the front doors of the church. Each Sunday morning, before and after worship, the welcome center will be hosted by a church officer.

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The Cherub Choir thanks you!

Pocket Change Project

A Cherub Choir Initiative Lent 2010



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for joining us in the Pocket Change Project last Sunday by adding your own pocket change to the offering that morning. Not only did you empty your pockets and pocketbooks, but some of you even brought containers of coins that you had been collecting and saving for a rainy day. We know that rainy day money can be used for all sorts of things, as can pocket change for that matter, so we're especially grateful that you chose to generously join us in mission instead.

One by one you dropped your change into the buckets as they passed, and little by little, each handful of coins began to add up as nearly 600 people joined in. By the end of the third worship service, we had filled more than twelve buckets! And here's what was in them after some bills were converted to coins:

	Quantity	Value
Pennies	8,531	\$85.31
Nickels	1,731	\$86.55
Dimes	2,284	\$228.40
Quarters	1,930	\$482.50
Half-Dollars	3	\$1.50
Dollar Coins	10	\$10.00
Total	14,489	\$894.26

Our vision for this project is that a handful of small coins—collected by a handful of small children—can impact the life of just one small child in Haiti in a tremendous way. As a result of your overwhelming generosity, however, more than one small child in Haiti will be impacted, and the efforts of a handful of small children became the efforts of an entire church family...reinforcing the notion that **big change starts small.**



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