

# Westminster Presbyterian Church



*How is it that the soul being of such  
value, and God so great, eternity so  
near and yet we are so little moved?*  
- William Bramwell

August 29, 2010

# Service for the Lord's Day

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## CARILLON PEAL

### CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

Fugue in C Major

"We Pray Now to God the Holy Spirit"

(During the Call to Worship in Music you are requested to enter into a time of silence,  
actively opening your spirit to God's presence in your midst.)

*Johann Pachelbel  
Dietrich Buxtehude*

### INTROIT - "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

Christ is our Cornerstone, on him alone we build;  
With his true saints alone the courts of heav'n are filled.  
On his great love our hopes we place  
Of present grace and joys above. Amen.

*Edgar H. Aufdemberge*

### WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP IN WORD

The Reverend Nancy S. Hodgkins

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please greet your neighbor with a Christian welcome. For example, "Peace be with you" or  
"The peace of Christ be with you." Respond with "And also with you.")

### \*HYMN 139 - "Come, Thou Almighty King"

*Italian Hymn*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O God, we confess that all of us sin and fall short of your glory. We are idle when we should be active. We listen to gossip more than we listen to the gospel. When called to serve we have excuses rather than excitement. We hesitate rather than hasten to do what you ask. Time is short for we know not when you will call us to judgment. Help us to be mindful of how precious each moment is and be quick to fill them with deeds of discipleship in response to your will.

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Even in our sinfulness, God accepts us unconditionally.

People: **Our sins are washed away by his overwhelming love for us.**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

### \*GLORIA PATRI

*H. W. Greatorex*

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.

### MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Elder Joyce Ferguson

### ANTHEM - "I Love to Tell the Story"

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love:

*William G. Fischer, arr. Philip M. Young*

I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;  
It satisfies my longing as nothing else can do.  
I love to tell the story; for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest:  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.  
I love to tell the story,  
'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and his love.

- Katherine Hankey

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Romans 10:14-15

Pew Bible, p.160 NT  
The Reverend John S. Shonle

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

\*HYMN 466 - "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*Azmon*

### SERMON

The Reverend Cathy Townley

Unless We Tell Them

Text: "How are they to believe in one of whom they never heard?" Romans 10:14

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith, Presbyterian Church (USA)  
The Reverend Dr. George H. McConnel

**We believe that God sends us  
to tell all nations  
that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience.**  
**We are to proclaim by word and deed  
that Christ gave himself to set people free  
from sin and self-hatred,  
from ignorance and disease,  
from all forms of oppression,  
and even from death.**  
**We are to offer them in Christ's name  
fullness of life now and forever.**  
**We must not distort the gospel  
by weakening its promises or demands,  
by identifying it with oppressive structures,  
by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ.**  
**We must not restrict our proclamation  
to persons just like ourselves.**  
**We invite people everywhere  
to believe in Christ and become his followers.**  
**We urge them to join us in telling others the good news  
and in struggling for justice, compassion, and peace.**

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(During the Offertory, please fill out the Fellowship Pads and pass them up and down the pews  
in order that we may greet one another by name after worship.)

Offertory - "Wait for the Lord"

*Dennis H. Piermont*

Wait for the Lord. Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you? Have you not known? The everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth never tires, nor faints, nor wearies. Wait for the Lord. God's understanding knows no end, knowledge all unsearchable beyond all thought. To the innocent and to the weakest ones, God gives power and to them that have no might, from the Lord comes rising strength. Even youth shall faint and be weary, young men shall utterly fall. But they that wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall rise up and soar with eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Wait for the Lord.  
- from Isaiah 40, paraphrased

**\*Doxology (Hymnal No. 592)**

*Old Hundredth*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Response (All Sing) - "We Give Thee but Thine Own"**

*Schumann*

**We give thee but thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from thee.**

### **SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(The pastoral prayer is divided into three sections: Thanksgiving, Intercession and Petition. When the minister says "Through Jesus Christ our Lord," the congregation is encouraged to respond with an audible "Amen.")

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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 525 - "Here I Am, Lord"**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE - "Go, My Children"**

*Ar hyd y nos*

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here his tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

**CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY - Fanfare**

*Jacques Lemmens*

(The Concluding Voluntary is the final Alleluia of our worship. You are invited to remain in silence.)

°Latecomers may be seated at these times.

\*Stand as you are able.

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**Head Ushers:** Debbie Lloyd  
**Church Office Receptionist:** Virginia Miller  
**Driver North:** William Sizemore

**Head Greeter:** Charlayne Phillips  
**CPR/AED:** Chip Howard, Stan Shinkle

**Music Participants:** Summer Choir – Nick Raines, Baritone – John Neely is Organist-Director.

**Today's Music:** The words of "I Love to Tell the Story" were written by Katherine Hankey (1834-1911) who served as a nurse in South Africa. While in England she started a Bible class for working girls in London – an unheard of venture for the time! All the proceeds from writings went to Christian missions. She lived what she wrote.

The Offertory was composed by Dennis H. Piermont, Westminster member and Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley. It was written for the marriage of Alison Bendersky and Hunter Piermont, November 23, 2002.

**A SPECIAL NOTE TO OUR VISITORS THIS MORNING from our Pastor**

Some of you are members of other congregations. Others of you may have no church home in Dayton. We welcome you from whatever tradition you may have come, and invite you to explore our worship, our classes, and whatever captures your imagination and need. A brochure in the pew rack explains our worship service.

Our purpose as a congregation is to be a community of faith *where loving God and neighbor is transforming lives.*

Westminster is a safe place to ask questions and to live the questions of life that have no easy or pat answers. We understand the life of faith to be a journey, and we walk that journey with God and one another. Westminster is an exciting congregation where you can grow in faith and discover meaningful opportunities to serve others in the name of God. You are welcome here.

I welcome the opportunity to greet you following the service. If you have any questions regarding our congregation, please feel free to call me or any of our excellent staff. The Welcome Center in the Narthex, outside the rear entrance to the Sanctuary, will help you find your way around the Church and inform you about programs and membership. Our Web site, [www.westminsterdayton.org](http://www.westminsterdayton.org), offers up-to-date church information. We offer a seminar, *Investigating Church Membership*, three times a year. Please indicate your interest on the Fellowship Pad.

God's grace and peace,



George H. McConnel

937-223-7285

[sandy@westminsterdayton.org](mailto:sandy@westminsterdayton.org)

P.S. Please include your e-mail address on the Fellowship Pad when it is passed to you.

**MINISTERS**

All members of the Church

**STAFF**

George H. McConnel ..... Pastor / Head of Staff  
John W. Neely ..... Assoc. Pastor for Music  
Nancy S. Hodgkins ..... Assoc. Pastor for Youth & Mission  
Laurie B. Davis ..... Assoc. Pastor for Spiritual Growth  
John S. Shonle ..... Interim Assoc. Pastor for Pastoral Care  
Jim Henry\* ..... Mission Associate  
Jerry Taylor\* ..... Music Associate  
Craig Showalter ..... Business Administrator

Judy Hamilton ..... Executive Assistant to Dr. McConnel  
Amanda Newhart ..... Music & Education Secretary  
Carol Porter ..... Membership & Pastoral Care Secretary  
Kate Stephenson ..... Communications Assistant  
Shari Hulsman\* ..... Bookkeeper  
Wayne King\* ..... Maintenance Supervisor  
Marvin Fleming ..... Sexton  
William C. Schram ..... Pastor Emeritus

\*part-time

Our six-week all-congregation *Unbinding Your Heart* program begins September 12. We invite and encourage all members *and* visitors to participate in this spiritual growth opportunity to grow closer to God, practice new life-giving habits of prayer, connect more deeply with each other, and talk authentically about our faith. It will involve individual prayer and study, small groups, and our Sunday morning worship themes through October 17. **Sign up today** downstairs in Fellowship Hall, stating your preferences for small group meeting times, or on-line anytime by visiting our Web site ([www.westminsterdayton.org](http://www.westminsterdayton.org)). Everyone (including small group leaders) needs to complete the survey, or have one completed on his/her behalf. Pick up your copy of the book you will need, "Unbinding Your Heart," for \$12 in Fellowship Hall or the Church Office.

## WELCOME VISITORS!

**We are glad you are here.** After the service today, on your way out please stop by our Welcome Center just outside the Sanctuary's double doors. We have a gift for you to say, "Thanks for dropping in."

## TODAY AT WESTMINSTER

**We welcome to the pulpit this morning The Reverend Cathy Townley**, who along with Martha Grace Reese, the author of *Unbinding Your Heart*, coaches churches all over the country who undertake the Six-week, All-congregation Spiritual Growth Opportunity we are preparing to launch on Sunday, September 12. Cathy Townley is a pastor in the United Methodist Church, and author of the book *Designing Worship Teams*. She is a senior associate of Griffith Coaching Networking, serving as a consultant in worship and evangelism, as well as a coach for the *Unbinding the Gospel Project*. Yesterday, she worked with the Session and other church leaders in a day-long event in preparation for the startup of this most exciting program. Please greet Cathy after worship in the Narthex.

## PARISH NOTES

During the service, if you notice someone who appears to require **medical attention**, please raise *your hand directly in the air, or contact the head usher*. Response Team members will see your hand and care for the person.

**Large print bulletins, hymnals, Bibles and sermons** are available in the Narthex, from an usher, or at the hearing aid table by the elevator.

**Please join us following worship for Coffee Hour**, downstairs in Fellowship Hall. You are invited to enjoy some light refreshments and fellowship. Donation containers for members are placed near the coffee.

**Alternate Transportation is next Sunday, September 5.** It is time to plan which environment-saving way you will travel to church on September 5! You can bike, walk, carpool, or ride the bus. Sign up at the Church Office or by sending an e-mail to Betty Hoevel (betty.hoevel@gmail.com). See the August issue of *The Chimes* for complete details. Enjoy the fellowship of old and new friends as we travel together to Westminster and learn how many miles we can save in one day!

Next Sunday, September 5, come to the West Parlor immediately after worship and have your **blood pressure checked**.

**Come walk the Labyrinth**, noon-7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 7, in Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend to come along for the journey. All are welcome.

Say Cheese! Signups are under way for the **2010 Church Family Album**. Photos will be taken at Westminster September 28 through October 9—Tuesday

through Friday, 3:00-9:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Our album will not be complete without you. Go to the Westminster Web site and click on the Lifetouch link or call 1-866-752-8903, ext. 59432, to reserve your photo session.

**Westminster's Web site** has a fresh new look! Many of the pages are still under construction, so please be patient with us as we engage in the process of updating each page with current information.

**Prayer Shawls** can be picked up for those in need. A member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry Team will be in the Resource Center each Sunday, 9:15 - 9:45 a.m. Shawl makers can also drop off completed items and pick up yarn for knitting or crocheting.

**Westminster Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry Church.** Trained Stephen Ministers offer care and support for people experiencing life difficulties. If you desire this kind of care, please contact John Shonle (223-7285 or johnshonle@westminsterdayton.org).

Westminster is **handicapped accessible**. People are invited to use the automatic doors on Perry Street near the alley and the elevator at the end of the ramp near the Chapel entrance. There is also a handicapped accessible restroom halfway down the ramp across from the Chapel. Pews 21 and 22 in the Sanctuary accommodate wheelchairs. Handicapped parking is available along both sides of Perry Street on Sunday mornings.

If you **come to the church during the week**, you can park in Westminster's lot which is located across from the front entrance to the church on First St. The lot with the sign "Ray's Parking" is owned by Westminster. Your parking ticket can be validated in the Church Office.

**Please help your pastors** help our members, especially in times of illness or accident. When you, a relative or friend enter the hospital, or are scheduled for inpatient or outpatient surgery, please phone the Church Office with that information - name, place and date.

Each week the churches of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley keep one particular congregation in their prayers. This week the churches are praying for **Reily Presbyterian Church in Oxford**.

**Need to speak with a pastor after worship?** Here is where you can find them: Cathy Townley – Narthex; Sandy – Narthex; Nancy – Fellowship Hall; John Shonle – Fellowship Hall.

## ADULTS AND OLDER ADULTS

The **Men of Westminster** will meet on September 8, at 11:15 a.m., at the MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Avenue. If you have questions, call Jack Whitmer (222-8890).

**Presbytery Event for Older Adults:** The Older Adult Ministry Network of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley is hosting Dr. Jane Brown, Ph.D., on Tuesday, September 28, at the Kirkmont Center in Zanesfield. Dr. Brown, a Quaker minister and professor at Antioch University in Yellow Springs, will present "Adding Quality to Your Life: Finding Joy in the Moment." The workshop is from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Contact Annette May (937-258-0014 or annette@maygourmet.com) for additional information and to register (\$10.00). Registration deadline is September 21. Join in! Kirkmont in the fall is a beautiful place.

### ADULT EDUCATION

**Every Sunday, 9:15-9:45 a.m.**

• **Lectio Divina: Sunday Morning Meditation and Prayer** (Room 206) – This class experiences the ancient spiritual practice of "sacred reading" of the day's scriptures, seeking a personal word from God through the biblical text. Experienced class members lead the group.

#### *Summer Sundays after Worship TODAY*

11:20 a.m.-12:00 noon — Chapel  
Colombia Partnership Report

**NEXT WEEK**  
No Adult Education

### INFANTS AND CHILDREN

**Infant care** (birth to 2 years old) is available from 8:30 a.m. to noon in Room 108. Parents of infants are provided a beeper in case immediate communication is needed while they worship in the Sanctuary and attend Adult Education classes.

**Toddlers** (2 - 4 years old) meet in Room 102 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. During this hour the children will take part in a faith-formation learning activity and enjoy a snack. Childcare continues from 11:00 a.m. to noon in Room 102.

**We welcome young children to worship in our Sanctuary.** We have prepared cloth worship bags with quiet, worship-related activities for pre-readers and early readers, including a children's bulletin for today's service. The bags can be found in the Narthex to the right of the main double doors and upstairs in the balcony in baskets. All children are invited to use one throughout the worship time and then return the bag to its original location, taking the papers home with them. If you need help finding a bag, ask an usher for assistance.

Please join us TODAY, 11:05 a.m.-12:15 p.m., for the **Young Children's Open House!** Come hear about the new classes and exciting topics your children will learn in Sunday School this year. Meet

Westminster's childcare staff, and take a tour of our Sunday School rooms. There will be an activity for children and refreshments for parents, as well as signups for parent volunteers in the nursery and toddler rooms. We hope to see you there.

### MISSION

"**Fair Trade**" food products will be on sale next Sunday, September 5, during Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall. The Earth Stewardship Ministry Team will be selling coffee, tea, nuts, and chocolate. Put your faith into action as together we create a greener and more just food system.

Visit the **garden surplus table in Fellowship Hall** before you leave this morning. In exchange for a donation to the hunger fund, you can take home a variety of good things from the good earth.

Next Sunday is **Hunger Sunday**. Please bring canned food for the needy in our area. A monetary gift may also be given.

### MUSIC

**Summer Choir** (grades 7 and up) continues through next Sunday, September 5. The rehearsal is at 9:00 a.m. in the Choir Room (Room 100). This choir is open to the entire Dayton community and childcare is provided. Invite a friend!

Are you interested in becoming part of the **Westminster Choir** (college age and up)? Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m., beginning on September 9. Now is the time to contact John Neely (223-7285 or john@westminsterdayton.org). Join us for great music making and fellowship.

Bell choir information and registration forms for the **Junior High Bell Choir (grades 7 and 8)** and the **Senior High Bell Choir (grades 9-12)** are now due. Rehearsals are on Sundays, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., beginning September 12. In order to participate in a youth bell choir, registration is necessary. Additional registration forms are in the Church Office. Contact John Neely (223-7285 or john@westminsterdayton.org) for more information. A great year has been planned.

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Members known to be in the hospital as of Thursday, August 26: Miami Valley Hospital – John McNeill.** **Westminster Careline** also provides updates on those known to be in the hospital. During office hours, call the Church Office to reach the Careline. After hours call 223-7285 and follow the recorded instructions.

**Laurie Davis** is on vacation and will return to the church on Sunday, September 5.

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Where Loving God and Neighbor Is Transforming Lives*

**Event Schedule**

Visit our Web site at [www.westminsterdayton.org](http://www.westminsterdayton.org) for possible calendar changes.

***Sunday, August 29***

8:30	Childcare (birth-age 2)	Nursery
9:15	Lectio Divina	206
10:00	Worship	Sanctuary
	Preschool Education (ages 2 - pre-k)	102
11:00	Coffee Hour	FH
	Childcare (ages 2 - pre-k)	102
11:05	Young Children's Open House	102/106/108
11:20	Adult Education	Chapel
12:15	PYC (Presbyterian Youth Council)	301
1:30	Westminster Golf Outing	Pipestone Golf Course

***Monday, August 30***

8:30	Lorenz Editorial Board Meeting	100
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***Tuesday, August 31***

8:30	Lorenz Editorial Board Meeting	100
9:00	Staff Meeting	WP
5:00	Miami Valley Pipe Band	301/FH
6:30	<i>Musica!</i>	100
7:00	Mission Committee	RC

***Wednesday, September 1***

8:30	Lorenz Editorial Board Meeting	100
7:00	Evening Circle	WP

***Thursday, September 2***

9:30	Sewing Circle	WP
6:00	Unbinding Your Heart Prayer Team/ J. Ferguson	206
7:00	Miami Valley Information Services	RC

***Friday, September 3***

No Scheduled Events

***Saturday, September 4***

No Scheduled Events

***Sunday, September 5***

8:30	Childcare (birth-age 2)	Nursery
9:15	Lectio Divina	206
10:00	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00	Childcare (ages 2 - pre-k)	102
	Coffee Hour	FH
	Blood Pressure Check	WP
	Fair Trade Sale	FH
11:15	Children's Ministry Team	101
	Teen Helper Training (make-up day)	102/104/108

CRR—Chapel Reception Room

FH—Fellowship Hall

HH—Heritage Hall

RC—Resource Center (formerly Library)

WP—West Parlor

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# Convocation Sunday

## September 12

Convocation Sunday is an exciting day to invite your friends and neighbors to Westminster. On this special Sunday, September 12, our full programming resumes. We have a great fall planned with excellent preaching, inspirational music, and spiritual growth classes for all ages. Best of all, we will be kicking off the all-church spiritual growth program, "Unbinding Your Heart." Every Sunday is great at Westminster, but Convocation Sunday is especially exciting as we put our best foot forward in inviting and welcoming folks to all that God has to offer through Westminster.

### Schedule

<b>Start</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
8:30	Childcare (birth-age 2)	Nursery
9:00	Confirmation Class (grades 9-12)	209
9:15	Lectio Divina	206
	Westminster Choir Rehearsal	100
10:00	Worship	Sanctuary
10:15	First Lessons in Faith for Toddlers	102A
	First Lessons in Faith for Two's	108A
10:20	Come and See (grades 1-3)	104
	Children and Worship (Pre-K - K)	106
10:55	CrossRoads: Education for the Journey	101/103/105/Theater
	Junior High Class (grades 7-8)	301
11:00	Childcare (age 2 - Pre-K)	102
	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:20	Unbinding Your Heart Groups	
11:30	Genesis Singers (ages 4 and 5)	104
	Kinder Choir (kindergarten)	103
	Cherub Choir (grades 1-3)	Theater
	Calvin Choir (grades 4-6)	100
	Junior High Bell Choir (grades 7-8)	301
	Senior High Bell Choir (grades 9-12)	300
4:00	Youth Band	Fellowship Hall
	Youth Advisor Meeting	101
5:00	Knox Choir (grades 7-12)	100
	Youth Parent Meeting	Chapel
6:00	Youth Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:30	Youth Fellowship	Fellowship Hall

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