

WINTER/SPRING 2020 EDUCATION CATALOG

Christian Formation at Westminster Presbyterian Church



CHILDREN AND YOUTH

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Childcare | PreK Suite D

Infant to Age 2 from 8:45 AM – 12:15 PM

Ages 3 and 4 from 10:10 AM – 12:15 PM

Experienced staff and volunteer caregivers provide a safe and loving environment for little ones.

Godly Care | PreK Suite C

Sunday School Class for Older Age 2

(at parent discretion) to Age 4

Children begin the service in worship at 9:00 AM and leave with the preschool coordinator after the "Time with Our Children." Teams of caring teachers use the engaging preschool curriculum from *Deep Blue Kids*. At 10:10 AM, this group moves to the childcare room.

Godly Play | Ruth Christie Room

(pick up in PreK Suite A)

Worship Experience for Age 5 to Grade 2

Children begin the service in worship at 9:00 AM and leave with the Godly Play doorkeeper after the "Time with Our Children." Experienced storytellers use Montessori-style methods to help children engage with Bible stories and the church year. You can read more about Godly Play at godlyplayfoundation.org, or pick up a flyer at the information table.

Sing-to-Praise | Youth Music Room

Choir for Grades 3 to 6

Children begin the service in worship at 9:00 AM and leave after the "Time with Our Children." Our Director of Music for Children and Youth and talented student assistants from the University of Delaware Music Education program teach music theory, classic hymnody, and biblical education in a fun and engaging environment. Sing-to-Praise rehearses during the 9:00 AM service and leads in worship regularly.

Joyful Noise | Youth Music Room

Choir for Age 5 to Grade 2



Our Director of Music for Children and Youth and talented student assistants from the University of Delaware Music Education program teach music theory, classic hymnody, and biblical education in a fun and engaging environment. Joyful Noise rehearses during the 10:TEN education hour and leads in worship regularly.

Creation Station | Classroom 4

Sunday School Class for Grades 3 to 6



During the 10:TEN education hour, children use art to interact with the Bible. This term, we will study the Beatitudes (January 5 – March 8) and John's seven "I am" statements (March 15 – April 26).

Agora | Classroom 7

Discussion Gathering for Grades 7 to 12



During the 10:TEN education hour on the first Sunday of the month, students engage deeply with one of the big ideas in Christian theology by reading theologians and Scripture, confronting objections, and debating their own viewpoints. Previous topics include the Bible and truth and the Trinity.

Because Chesna will be teaching two adult education classes in the Spring, Agora will meet as usual on February 2 and will join the adults in Classroom 5 on March 1 and April 5 (Lenten Book Study). *Students are always welcome in adult classes.*

SUNDAY EVENINGS

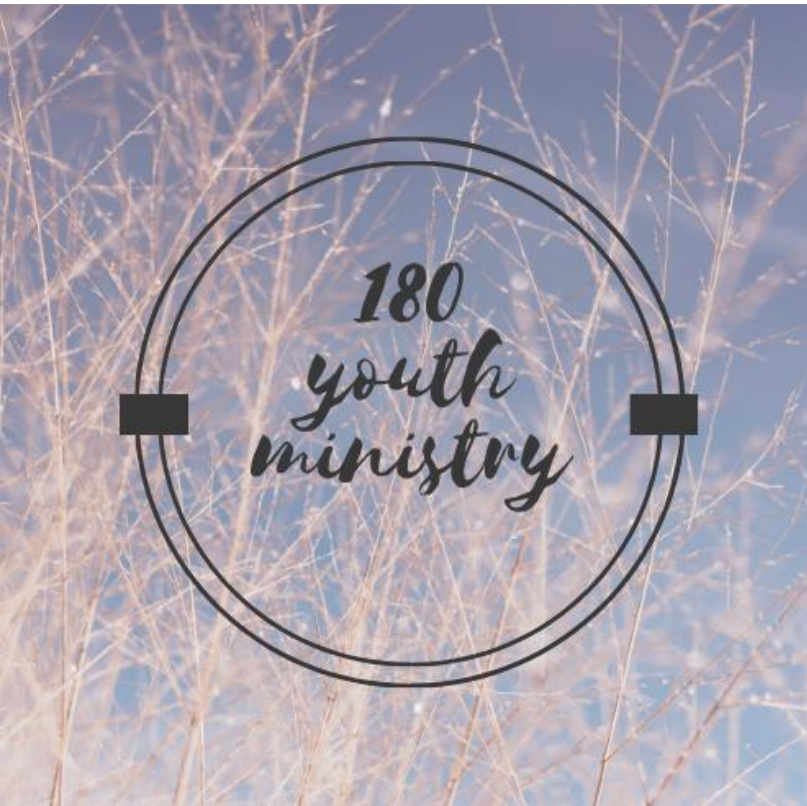
180 Youth Group | Community Hall *Grade 6 to Grade 12*

Meets Sunday nights from 5:00 to 7:00 PM for dinner, fellowship, games, and study. We do game nights or outings about once a month and weekend retreats twice a year. This semester we will study the Nicene Creed, play laser tag, put on a congregational fundraiser, and engage in a climate-conscious Lenten discipline together. Friends are always welcome! *Not My Own* retreat is April 24 – 26.

OTHER

YAP@WPC: The Young Artists Program

This program is a way for middle and high school youth to offer their musical gifts to the congregation's worship. Contact Alexis Droke, Director of Music for Children and Youth, for more details.





ADULTS

SUNDAY MORNINGS – 10:10 AM

Cybersecurity

January 5 and 12 | Classroom 6

Presented by Jacob Blacksten

In an ever growing digital world, where everything is interconnected, it's becoming easier for cyber criminals to get your personal information. This presentation will go over the threats in cybersecurity and give you the tools to make yourself more secure online. Jacob received his Bachelor of Science in Finance and Management Information Systems from University of Delaware. He worked as a Digital Forensic Investigator in the Manhattan, NYC office of Stroz Friedberg an AON Company, a global risk management firm specializing in cybersecurity, investigation, eDiscovery, intellectual property and due diligence. Jacob is skilled in a range of software and hardware platforms and the measures by which to secure them. Jake works at the Delaware Small Business Development Center, helping Delaware Small Businesses to protect themselves from cybercrimes.

Challenging Passages on Women in the Bible

January 5, 12, and 19 | Classroom 5

Presented by Chesna Hinkley

It's just a fact: the Bible tells women to submit, be silent, and stay at home...at least in English! The story is quite a bit more complicated in Greek. Chesna brings work from her master's thesis and her experience writing, speaking, and consulting for an international women's ordination advocacy NGO. Come walk through the most troubling passages with close exegesis, historical criticism, and theological reflection.

Evaluating Climate Risk

January 19 | Classroom 6

Presented by Clem Dinsmore

We daily evaluate or learn of many mundane and potentially catastrophic risks. We live in an unstable world in which we attempt to establish order. What is your thought process in distinguishing among different sources of risk? What attitudes and beliefs inform your thinking?

Let's Talk About It

January 19 and March TBD | Ruth Christie Room

Facilitated by Sue Linderman

To varying degrees, everyone recognizes that racism and prejudice have a profound impact on our communities and our country. We need opportunities to experience the challenges and benefits that come from bringing racial issues into the light of day. All are welcome to join us in these dialogues as we continue the journey of exploring our national history and our beliefs about race, with openness to differing opinions and respect for one another.

Wilmington Racial History

February 2 | Community Hall

Stay tuned for more details on this panel discussion with Wilmington leaders.

Wilmington Racial History

February 9 and 16 | Classroom 6

February 23 | Classroom 5

Stay tuned for more information on this series. Various speakers to be determined.

Membership Exploration

February 16 | Classroom 5

March 1 | Ruth Christie Room

Presented by Pastoral Staff

Have you been considering membership at Westminster? Membership Exploration series are wonderful opportunities to learn more about Westminster Presbyterian Church, discover ways to connect with others in the congregation, and explore ways to serve within and beyond our community. For those who wish to join the Westminster congregation, there will also be an opportunity to do so at the end of the second session. Questions? Contact the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson at sniesenthompson@wpc.org or (302) 654-5214 x103.

The Koran

February 9, 16, March 1, 8, and 15 | Classroom 3

Presented by Bob Cox

An educational series on the content of the Koran.

Live Life As If You Have Made Eye Contact with God

February 23 | Classroom 6

Presented by Muqtedar Khan

Dr. Khan will discuss his recent book, *Islam and Good Governance: A Political Philosophy of Ihsan*.

WEEKDAYS/NIGHTS

Eat and Exegete

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM OR

Thursdays at 12:30 PM | Library

Facilitated by Chesna Hinkley

A drop-in, low-commitment way to read, discuss, and learn from the Bible together. We will read out loud and see where the conversation goes — from start to finish! Join us when you can. Genesis 1 kicks off on **January 8 and 9**. Bring a bag lunch or dinner,

Afghan Refugee Experience

March 1 | Classroom 6

Hear from a refugee family supported by Westminster.

Lenten Book Study

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5 | Classroom 5

Facilitated by Chesna Hinkley

Weekly reading and roundtable discussion of the substantive and thought-provoking book *You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit* by James K.A. Smith. Books can be purchased for \$15 (order from Chesna by February 2) or found on Amazon. If the cost is a hardship, there are a very limited number available to borrow from the church.

Friendship House: A Way Home

March 8 | Classroom 6

Presented by Kim Eppehimer

Westminster has a close relationship with Friendship House. This presentation will discuss what it means to be homeless and how Friendship House defines “homelessness” – which may not be how most would. We will also learn about the importance of being a loving and supportive community to those facing homelessness and Friendship House’s work providing a bridge between communities and those most in need.

Transhumanism and Beyond: The Future of Human Evolution

March 15 | Classroom 6

Presented by Jim Lee

Brewing Questions for Young Adults

January 27, March 2 and March 30 at 7:00 PM

Brew Haha! Greenville (3838 Kennett Pike)

Facilitated by the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

Do you want to meet other young adults in our community and discuss questions of faith? Join us for Brewing Questions – a monthly gathering for adults in their 20s and 30s. For more information or to be added to the email list, contact the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson (sniesenthompson@wpc.org, 302-654-5214 x103).

SCHEDULE

JANUARY 5 – 11

Sunday

9:00 AM

Ages 0-2: Childcare in the Nursery
Ages 2-4: Godly Care in the PreK Suite
K-Grade 2: Godly Play in the Ruth Christie Room, pick up in the PreK Suite
Grades 3-6: Sing-to-Praise Choir in the Youth Music Room

10:10 AM

Ages 0-4: Childcare in the Nursery
K-Grade 2: Joyful Noise Choir in the Youth Music Room
Grades 3-6: Creation Station: Beatitudes 1: Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit in Classroom 4
Grades 7-12: Agora will attend Chesna's class in Classroom 5
Adults: Challenging Passages on Women in the Bible in Classroom 5
Adults: Cyber Security in Classroom 6

5:00 PM

180 Youth Group: Kick-off night in Community Hall

Monday

7:00 PM

Young Adults: Brewing Questions at BrewHaha Greenville

JANUARY 12 – 18

Sunday

9:00 AM

Ages 0-2: Childcare in the Nursery
Ages 2-4: Godly Care in the PreK Suite
K-Grade 2: Godly Play in the Ruth Christie Room, pick up in the PreK Suite
Grades 3-6: Sing-to-Praise Choir in the Youth Music Room

10:10 AM

Ages 0-4: Childcare in the Nursery
K-Grade 2: Joyful Noise Choir in the Youth Music Room
Grades 3-6: Creation Station: Beatitudes 2: Blessed Are those who Mourn in Classroom 4
Grades 7-12: Agora will attend Chesna's class in Classroom 5
Adults: Challenging Passages on Women in the Bible in Classroom 5
Adults: Cyber Security in Classroom 6

5:00 PM

180 Youth Group: Nicene Creed 1: "We believe in one God" in Community Hall

JANUARY 19 – 25

Sunday

9:00 AM

Ages 0-2: Childcare in the Nursery
Ages 2-4: Godly Care in the PreK Suite
K-Grade 2: Godly Play in the Ruth Christie Room, pick up in the PreK Suite
Grades 3-6: Sing-to-Praise Choir in the Youth Music Room

10:10 AM

Ages 0-4: Childcare in the Nursery
K-Grade 2: Joyful Noise Choir in the Youth Music Room
Grades 3-6: Creation Station: Beatitudes 3: Blessed Are the Meek in Classroom 4
Grades 7-12: Agora will attend Chesna's class in Classroom 5
Adults: Challenging Passages on Women in the Bible in Classroom 5
Adults: Climate Risk in Classroom 6
Adults: Let's Talk About It in the Ruth Christie Room

5:00 PM

180 Youth Group: Nicene Creed 2: "We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ" in Community Hall

JANUARY 26 – FEBRUARY 1

One Service Sunday

9:00 AM

Ages 0-2: Childcare in the Nursery
Ages 2-4: Godly Care in the PreK Suite

After the Service

Annual Congregational Meeting in Community Hall

5:00 PM

180 Youth Group: Laser Tag and Arcade at Main Event in Newark

Monday

7:00 PM

Young Adults: Brewing Questions at BrewHaha Greenville

FEBRUARY 2 – 8

Sunday

9:00 AM

Ages 0-2: Childcare in the Nursery
Ages 2-4: Godly Care in the PreK Suite
K-Grade 2: Godly Play in the Ruth Christie Room, pick up in the PreK Suite
Grades 3-6: Sing-to-Praise Choir in the Youth Music Room
180 Youth Group: Souper Bowl of Caring

10:10 AM

Ages 0-4: Childcare in the Nursery
K-Grade 2: Joyful Noise Choir in the Youth Music Room
Grades 3-6: Creation Station: Beatitudes 4: Blessed Are those who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness in Classroom 4
Grades 7-12: Agora: Fully God, Fully Human in Classroom 7
Adults: Wilmington Racial History in Community Hall

5:00 PM

180 Youth Group: No evening meeting

FEBRUARY 9 – 15

Sunday

9:00 AM

Ages 0-2: Childcare in the Nursery
Ages 2-4: Godly Care in the PreK Suite
K-Grade 2: Godly Play in the Ruth Christie Room, pick up in the PreK Suite
Grades 3-6: Sing-to-Praise Choir in the Youth Music Room

10:10 AM

Ages 0-4: Childcare in the Nursery
K-Grade 2: Joyful Noise Choir in the Youth Music Room
Grades 3-6: Creation Station: Beatitudes 5: Blessed Are the Merciful in Classroom 4
Adults: Koran in Classroom 3
Adults: Wilmington Racial History in Classroom 6

5:00 PM

180 Youth Group: Nicene Creed 3: "For us and for our salvation" in Community Hall

FEBRUARY 16 – 22

Sunday

9:00 AM

Ages 0-2: Childcare in the Nursery
Ages 2-4: Godly Care in the PreK Suite
K-Grade 2: Godly Play in the Ruth Christie Room, pick up in the PreK Suite
Grades 3-6: Sing-to-Praise Choir in the Youth Music Room

10:10 AM

Ages 0-4: Childcare in the Nursery
K-Grade 2: Joyful Noise Choir in the Youth Music Room
Grades 3-6: Creation Station: Beatitudes 6: Blessed Are the Pure in Heart in Classroom 4
Adults: Koran in Classroom 3
Adults: Membership Exploration in Classroom 5
Adults: Wilmington Racial History in Classroom 6

5:00 PM

180 Youth Group: Nicene Creed 4: "On the third day" in Community Hall

FEBRUARY 23 – 29

Sunday

9:00 AM

Ages 0-2: Childcare in the Nursery
Ages 2-4: Godly Care in the PreK Suite
K-Grade 2: Godly Play in the Ruth Christie Room, pick up in the PreK Suite
Grades 3-6: Sing-to-Praise Choir in the Youth Music Room

10:10 AM

Ages 0-4: Childcare in the Nursery
K-Grade 2: Joyful Noise Choir in the Youth Music Room
Grades 3-6: Creation Station: Beatitudes 7: Blessed Are the Peacemakers in Classroom 4
Adults: Muqtedar Khan in Classroom 6
Adults: Wilmington Racial History in Classroom 5

5:00 PM

180 Youth Group: Climate Conscious Lent (Guest Speaker Melissa DiJulio in cooperation with Westminster's Earth Care Committee) in Community Hall

MARCH 1 – 7

Sunday

9:00 AM

Ages 0-2: Childcare in the Nursery
Ages 2-4: Godly Care in the PreK Suite
K-Grade 2: Godly Play in the Ruth Christie Room, pick up in the PreK Suite
Grades 3-6: Sing-to-Praise Choir in the Youth Music Room

10:10 AM

Ages 0-4: Childcare in the Nursery
K-Grade 2: Joyful Noise Choir in the Youth Music Room
Grades 3-6: Creation Station: Beatitudes 8: Blessed Are those who Are Persecuted for Righteousness' Sake in Classroom 4
Grades 7-12: Agora will attend Chesna's class in Classroom 5
Adults: Koran in Classroom 3
Adults: Lent Book Study in Classroom 5
Adults: Afghan Refugee Experience in Classroom 6
Adults: Membership Exploration in the Ruth Christie Room

5:00 PM

180 Youth Group: Game night in Community Hall

Monday

7:00 PM

Young Adults: Brewing Questions at BrewHaha Greenville

MARCH 8 – 14

Sunday

9:00 AM

Ages 0-2: Childcare in the Nursery
Ages 2-4: Godly Care in the PreK Suite
K-Grade 2: Godly Play in the Ruth Christie Room, pick up in the PreK Suite
Grades 3-6: Sing-to-Praise Choir in the Youth Music Room

10:10 AM

Ages 0-4: Childcare in the Nursery
K-Grade 2: Joyful Noise Choir in the Youth Music Room
Grades 3-6: Creation Station: I am the Bread of Life in Classroom 4
Adults: Koran in Classroom 3
Adults: Lent Book Study in Classroom 5
Adults: Friendship House in Classroom 6

5:00 PM

180 Youth Group: Nicene Creed 5:
"We believe in the Holy Spirit"
in Community Hall

MARCH 15 – 21

Sunday

9:00 AM

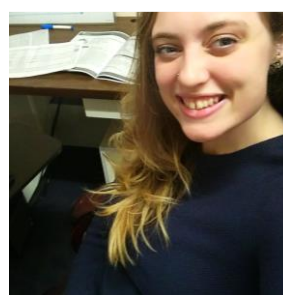
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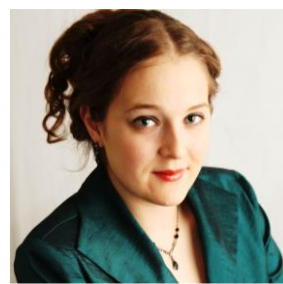
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Grades 3-6: Creation Station: I am the Light of the World in Classroom 4
Adults: Koran in Classroom 3
Adults: Lent Book Study in Classroom 5
Adults: Transhumanism and Beyond in Classroom 6

5:00 PM

180 Youth Group: Nicene Creed 6: "Who has spoken through the prophets" in Community Hall



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