



# Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

**Westminster Presbyterian Church extends an enthusiastic welcome**, in Christ's name, to all who worship here or join us in fellowship. Our church family seeks to embody God's boundless love by embracing, liberating and empowering people – whoever they are and wherever they may be on their faith journeys – to realize the transforming power of Christ in our congregation, community and the world beyond.



**Covenant Network Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Matthew 25 Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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We hope you will stay connected with our community of faith during this season of social distancing by subscribing to the *Westminster Weekly Word* e-newsletter through the homepage of our website ([www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org)), liking us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware](https://www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware)), or following us on Instagram ([www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware](https://www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware)).

## **Today at Westminster**

- 8:45 – 10:00 a.m.**      **Food Collection** for Emmanuel Dining Room in the parking lot.
- 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.**      **Worship** in the Sanctuary  
Anyone over the age of five is required to wear a mask and children must remain with their parents.
- 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.**      **Final Congregational Engagement Conversation:** Church Growth “Generation Gap” on Zoom (please see announcement on p. 7).
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**      **180 Youth** meet in the WPC parking lot (please see p. 6 for details).
- **Bible Box** for children ages 2 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade is available today on YouTube (please see p. 6 for details).

*Please see page 6 for information on Educational Offerings for Adults.*

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**The Sanctuary flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of the wedding of Hillary King and Andrew Hinkson.

**Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship** to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event, while expressing praise and thanksgiving to God. Please contact Linda Watson during business hours at 302-571-6719 or [lwatson@ycst.com](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com). The next available date is May 30.

**Westminster’s Prayer Team** prays for the needs of our community of faith. You may submit a prayer request by sending an email to [wpcprayerlist@gmail.com](mailto:wpcprayerlist@gmail.com).

**You can make a contribution** to Westminster Presbyterian Church by visiting our website [www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org) and click the “Donate Now” button or scan the QR code on your smart phone.



**The mission of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians** is to strengthen the church of Jesus Christ, with the help of God's grace, by working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.

**Westminster is certified as an Earth Care Congregation** by the Presbyterian Church (USA). This honor means that we have exhibited exceptional leadership in protecting God’s creation and being good stewards of earth’s resources through our worship, education, outreach and advocacy. Only 2% of the 10,000 Presbyterian congregations in this country have earned this honored distinction.



**Westminster is a Matthew 25 Congregation** that strives to eradicate systemic poverty, dismantle structural racism, and build congregational vitality. The gospel calls us to actively engage in the world so that our faith comes alive.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP- SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Chorale-Prelude on LLANFAIR*

McNeil Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ has passed through the door of death and opened the way for us to live a richer existence.

**Because Christ has conquered death, we can truly live.**

His presence penetrates our fears and lifts us from despair.

**We give thanks to God for new beginnings.**

HYMN NO. 245

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* (Vs. 1 & 4)

LLANFAIR

"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!

All creation, join to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!

Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!

Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!

Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Everlasting God, by the power of your Spirit you raised Christ from death,  
and by your Spirit you raise us to a new way of living.**

**We give thanks that you are our Source and Sustainer,**

**and that you show us the path to holy adventures and a meaningful life.**

**We pray that we will deepen our trust and broaden our gratitude**

**so that we may proclaim the good news of your love and hope for the world;  
through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

[Click here](#) to watch today's TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN on Westminster's YouTube channel.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31

ANTHEM

*Christ Hath a Garden*

Gerald Near

Christ hath a garden walled around, a paradise of fruitful ground,  
Chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world's wide wilderness.  
Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand;  
By Eden's gracious streams, that flow to feed their beauty where they grow.  
Awake, O wind of heav'n and bear their sweetest perfume through the air:  
Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, till the beloved Master come:  
That he may come, and linger yet among the trees that he hath set;  
That he may evermore be seen to walk amid the springing green.

SERMON

Gregory Knox Jones

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold, and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!	We share by water in his saving death. Reborn we share with him an Easter life as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
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A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe, restored and whole, will sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sudie Niesen Thompson

## 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 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 NO. 246

*Christ Is Alive* (Vs. 1, 2 & 5)

TRURO

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.	Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.
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Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Fanfare on LLANFAIR*

Albert L. Travis

*At the conclusion of the Postlude, please exit the sanctuary, row by row, beginning with the last pew to the front pew. Those sitting in the side transepts exit from the front pew to the back pew down the center aisle to the narthex. **Please wait until an usher directs you to leave.** You may want to have a conversation with others you have missed during the lockdown. We ask that you please meet them outside, maintaining the required six-foot social distancing, while continuing to wear your mask.*

## GOING FORTH: OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES TO GOD

*With gratitude for the grace we have received, we go forth from worship to offer our energy, our hands, and part of our income in service to God. One way we respond to Christ's call is by giving our financial gifts to further God's mission in the world. You may mail a check to the church or make an online offering to support the many ministries of Westminster Presbyterian Church by clicking "Donate Now" on the homepage of our website ([www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org)).*

## SOURCES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The resources for children attached at the end of the online bulletin are provided by Illustrated Ministry. Please print them to participate in this service or for family devotions throughout the week.

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# Join Us for In-person Worship in Our Sanctuary

## Sunday, April 18 • 9:00 AM



Our sanctuary is open on Sunday mornings for one worship service at 9:00 a.m. Attendance is limited and an online reservation (one per family) is required. When we reach the maximum number of reservations we can host, the reservations will close. We have established a number of [guidelines](#) for your safety, which include social distancing, wearing a facial mask/covering, and the use of no-touch sanitizing stations. The liturgy will be emailed to you after you make your online reservation. Congregants are encouraged to print the liturgy from home and bring it to the service or pull it up on your mobile device; a limited number of printed copies will be available.

The decision to attend in-person worship rests with each individual. A virtual livestreamed/recorded option continues to be available on our website ([www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org)) and on our [YouTube channel](#).

**To make your online reservation for April 18 worship in the sanctuary, [click here!](#)**

# EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

You can find virtual Christian education and small group opportunities on the homepage of the Westminster website ([www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org)) and check out other Education Offerings for Adults on [YouTube](#).

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## Bible Boxes for Children (Age 2 – Grade 5)

Westminster's virtual Sunday school programming continues with Bible Box, a [YouTube series](#) that combines Bible stories, crafts, and music. Materials for the crafts are provided for free. New content is uploaded every Sunday. The program runs through April 25. If you have questions, please email Alexis Droke at [alexisdroke@wpc.org](mailto:alexisdroke@wpc.org).

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## 180 Youth Meeting in the WPC parking lot! Join us TONIGHT from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Welcome back 180! We'll meet this Sunday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Westminster parking lot if the weather permits. See you there for dinner, games, and fellowship! Don't forget your mask! For more information about 180 Youth Ministry for grades 6 – 12, contact Tommy at [tommyneilson@gmail.com](mailto:tommyneilson@gmail.com).

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## Online Bible Studies

### Wednesday afternoons, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Zoom (Midweek Manna Bible Study)

<https://zoom.us/j/97700423780?pwd=b1dGL2c4NXRjMIRBOWJWWElsTTg3dz09>

Zoom Meeting ID: 977 0042 3780 | Passcode: 547264

The Midweek Manna Bible Study, facilitated by the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson, will not meet on Wednesday, April 14th. The group will continue reading the Gospel of Matthew, beginning with chapter 15, on April 21. New faces always welcome!

### Wednesday evenings, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88941171153?pwd=MmxuZWVvREhZSVExS3lveXQvTUhaQT09>

Facilitated by Randy Williamson and Mary Anne Peters. Our Bible study continues and new faces are always welcome.

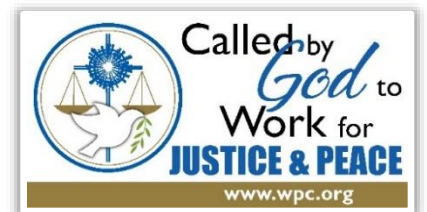
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## WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

### Clean Slate Delaware – Automatic Expungements

Thursday, April 15, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86027521655>



People with records face barriers when seeking employment, housing, educational opportunities, credit, and much more. With up to 40% of Delawareans having a record, expungements are needed to ensure we leave no one behind in our nation's economic recovery. Although expungement eligibility was expanded in 2019, Clean Slate Delaware seeks to automate the process of eligible expungements so more Delawareans will actually benefit from a second chance. John Reynolds from the ACLU of Delaware will talk about the expungement issue and the initiative to pass Clean Slate legislation. Use the Zoom link above, or go to [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join), enter Meeting ID **860 2752 1655** and click "Join."



# Final Congregational Engagement Conversation

**Today | 11:00 a.m. | via Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85403931354?pwd=bTJwdUw4ZFZkMm9jaHg4QStQNDC5dz09>

Zoom Meeting ID: 854 0393 1354 | Passcode: 778968



In this final discussion to gather thoughts for the Congregational Engagement report, we will once again invite your thoughts on Home, Hope and Heroes. The pandemic has shifted our holy place to home. How's that working? Our youth seek hope and heroes through mission and mentoring. Are we responding to their needs? What will the emerging church look like? To prepare, read [The Church Growth "Generation Gap"](#) and watch Pico Iyer on YouTube (<https://youtu.be/3m6dV7Xo3Vc>) to stimulate your thoughts about home. Bring coffee!

## Garden Opening

**The Clayton Street Community Garden has an opening for one more gardener. If you are interested in this raised bed, please contact Sue Weissinger at (302) 652-5910 or [dulcy@aol.com](mailto:dulcy@aol.com).**

**First come, first served.**



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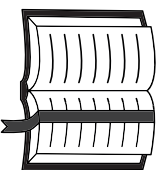
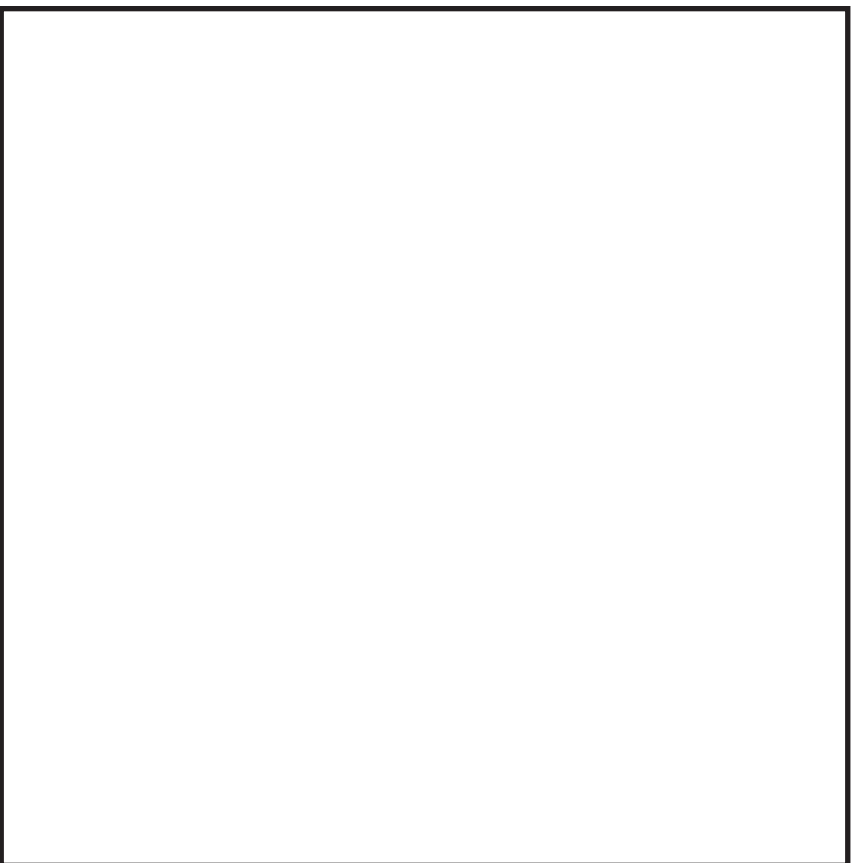
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# DRAW IT

In John 20, the disciples are hiding together because they are sad and afraid Jesus is gone. Suddenly, Jesus appears! Draw what you imagine this looked like and the surprise of the disciples!

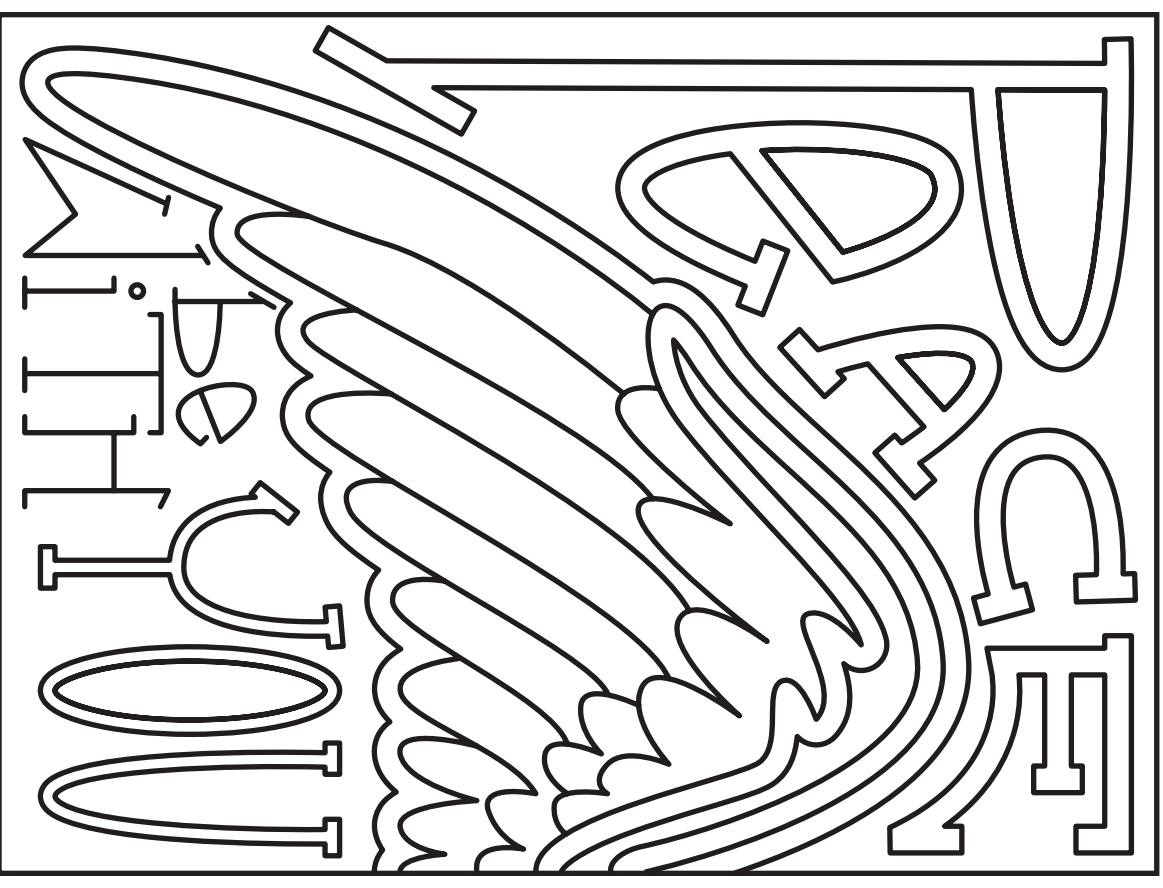


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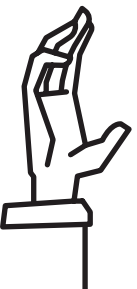
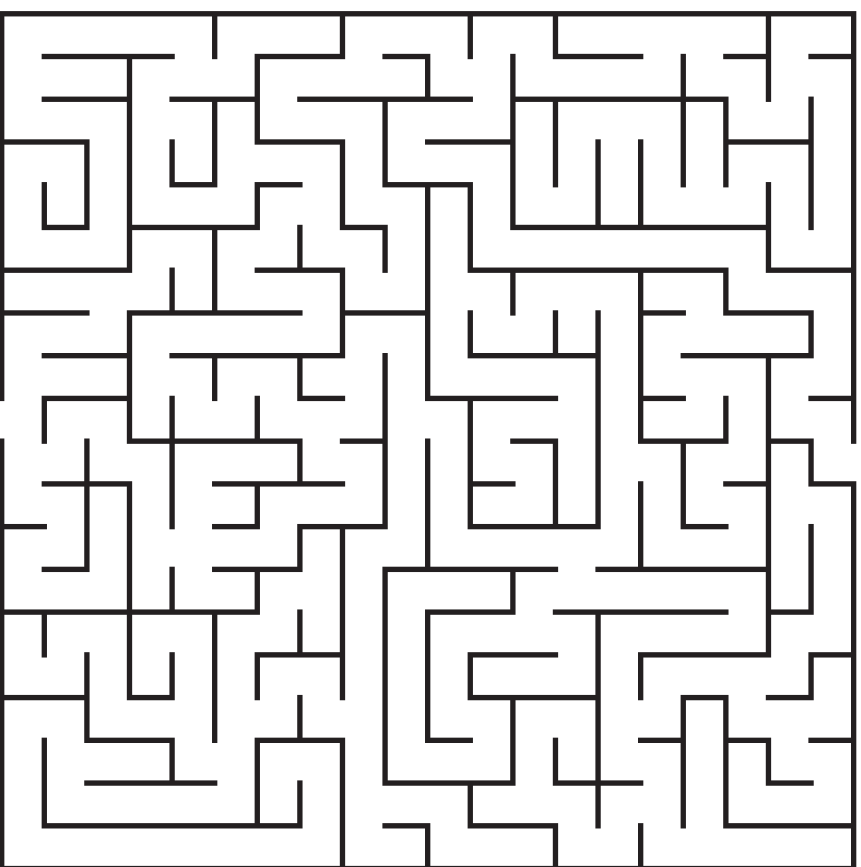
# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31



# SOLVE (the) MAZE

In Acts 4, we learn how the early Christians cared for each other and how they brought what one another needed. Help the friends bring others in their community some food!



# WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from 1 John in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

P S P Z N N R I M V W O R L D  
N N E C I F I R C A S A F K D  
D E H C U O T T M S O E G C A  
E S N A E L C A H H J E S U S  
A D V O C A T E E G P V E N Y  
B M S E F G L H A I I H V E G  
U M Y S Y U C U H W R L I R U  
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T J V W A L K O M M N T V G

EYES	WALK	CLEANSE
TOUCHED	JESUS	CHILDREN
LIFE	SIN	ADVOCATE
LIGHT	TRUTH	SACRIFICE
DARKNESS	FAITHFUL	WORLD
FELLOWSHIP	FORGIVE	MESSAGE