



Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 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), liking us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware), or following us on Instagram (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.

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 5th grade is available today on YouTube (please see p. 6 for details).

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

Westminster has been recertified as an Earth Care Congregation by the Presbyterian Church (USA). This is the 11th year Westminster has received this honor. It means we exhibit exceptional leadership in protecting God's creation and are good stewards of earth's resources through our worship, education, outreach and advocacy. Only 2% of the 10,000 Presbyterian congregations in the U.S. have earned this honored distinction.

Earth Day is this week, Thursday, April 22. Check out the [April Chimes article](#) from the Earth Care Task Force about native plants, and watch for postings in the *Weekly Word* e-newsletter, and each day this week in Facebook/Instagram, about soil, native plants, wildlife and birds, water, and the exciting Homegrown National Park.

Westminster is also 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.

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.

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jeannette Slocomb Edwards by Ells Edwards.

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.

Recently hospitalized: Craig Wemmers

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.

You can make a contribution to Westminster Presbyterian Church by visiting our website www.wpc.org and click the "Donate Now" button or scan the QR code on your smart phone.



ORDER OF WORSHIP- SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021

TOWER CHIME

Susan Spilecki

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

This Is My Father's World

Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in awe before the Source of all things.

We come to praise the Maker of heaven and earth.

Powerful Presence above us, below us, within us and around us,

touch us with a sense of wonder and a reverence for your good creation.

HYMN NO. 14

For the Beauty of the Earth (Vs. 1 & 2)

DIX

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

OPENING PRAYER

Mighty God, in the beginning,

when the firm earth emerged from the waters of life

you saw that it was good.

The fertile ground was moist, the seed was strong

and earth's profusion of color and scent was born.

Awaken our senses this day to the goodness that still stems from Eden.

Awaken our senses to the goodness that can still spring forth in us

and in all that has life. Amen.

J. Philip Newell, *Celtic Benediction*

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5 & 24-31

ANTHEM

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

David H. Williams

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness.
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.
'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ hath burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen.
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.
Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.
Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal.
But today amidst thine own thou didst stand, bestowing
That thy peace, which evermore passeth understanding.

HYMN NO. 17

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens! (Vs. 2 & 3)

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

Sing praise, O earth, sing praises!	Sing praises, all you creatures
Sing praises, hill and plain,	in whom God takes delight:
you mountains thrusting skyward,	you whales that roam the oceans,
you valleys ripe with grain!	you eagles in your flight!
Sing praise, each fragrant flower;	Sing praise, you sheep on hillsides,
your fairest hues display.	you cattle in the stall!
Sing praise, you trees of autumn	Though wordless, sing your praises
in glowing, glad array!	to God who made you all!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gregory Knox Jones

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. 715

The Earth Belongs to God Alone (Vs. 1 & 4)

SIMMONS

The earth belongs to God alone;	Till God endows the earth once more
hard clay, rich soil, fine sand.	with Eden's state of grace,
Give thanks wherever food is grown	may we endeavor to restore
on borrowed holy land.	all land as sacred space.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on DIX

Phil Lehenbauer

*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).

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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EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

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

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.

180 Youth Gathering in the WPC Parking Lot! Join us TONIGHT from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Hey 180! We will meet for games, dinner, and fellowship. Don't forget your mask! See you there! For more information about 180 Youth Ministry for grades 6 – 12, contact Tommy at tommyjneilson@gmail.com.

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, is reading through the Gospel of Matthew. New faces always welcome!

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88941171153?pwd=MmxuZWVREhZSVExS3lveXQvTUhaQT09>

Our Bible Study, facilitated by Randy Williamson and Mary Anne Peters, continues and new faces are always welcome.

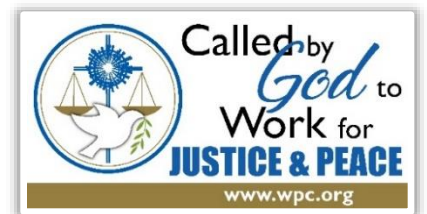
WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

"Let's Talk About It" – A Periodic Series Interrupted by the Pandemic

Thursday, April 22, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Facilitated by Sue Linderman

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



While we may not be able to gather in person, we still value opportunities to experience the challenges and benefits that come from bringing racial issues into the light of day, with openness to differing opinions and respect for one another. All are welcome to join us on Thursday, April 22, as we share our reflections on the trial of Derek Chauvin and the death of George Floyd. Use the Zoom link above, or go to zoom.us/join, enter Meeting ID **860 2752 1655** and click "Join."

Join Us for In-person Worship in Our Sanctuary

Sunday, April 25 • 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 safely host, the reservations will close. We have established [guidelines](#) for your safety, which include social distancing, wearing a mask, and the use of no-touch sanitizing stations. The liturgy will be emailed to you after you make your online reservation. You 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) and on our [YouTube channel](#).

To make your online reservation for April 25 worship in the sanctuary, [click here!](#)

• VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT •

Wednesday, April 28 | 7:00 p.m. | via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88920482642>

Join the Deacons for a Spring-themed virtual trivia night using Zoom and Kahoot! The friendly competition is fast and fun, and no experience is needed to play. All ages and families welcome. Use this link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88920482642>. RSVPs welcome though not required. All questions may be directed to Jenn Blackford (blackfordj11@gmail.com).



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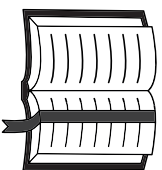
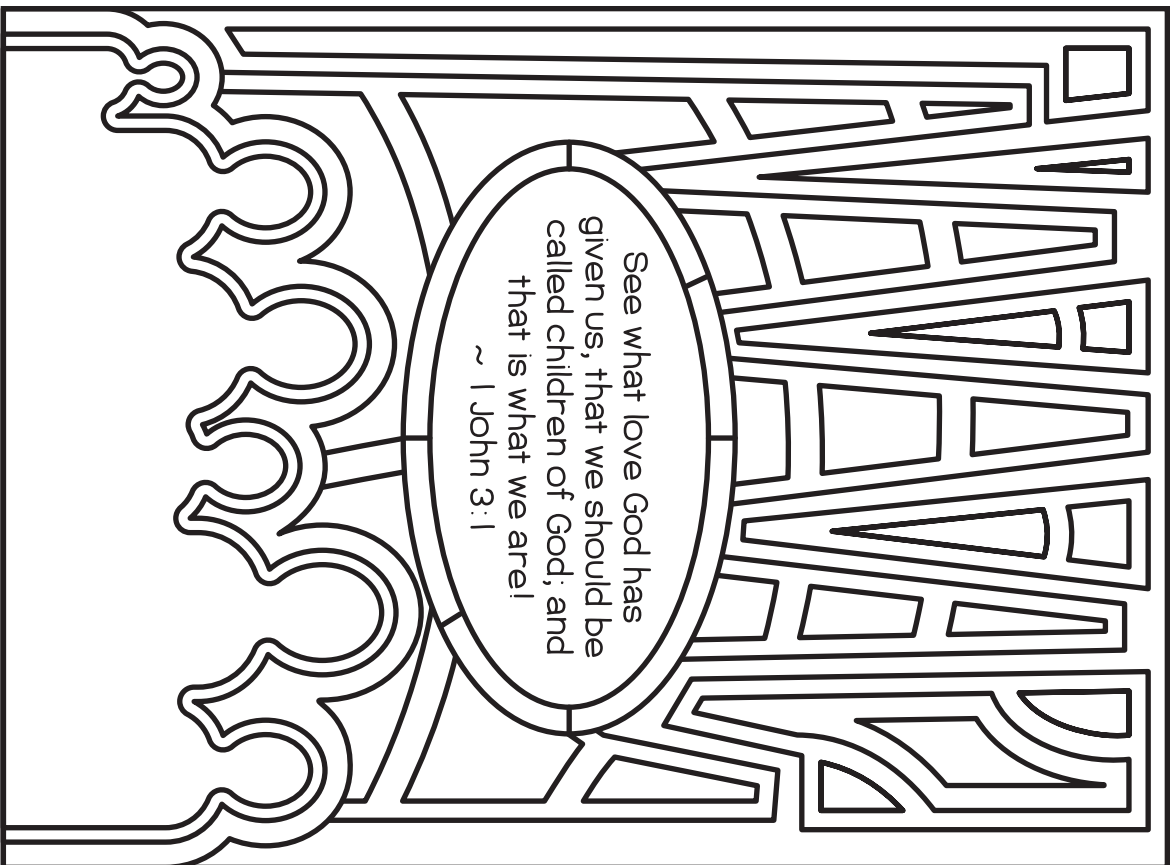
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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Psalm 14, 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48

