



## Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

**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

- 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.**      **Worship** in the Sanctuary. See guidelines on page 7.
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**    **Kids Zone** in Classrooms 1 and 2. See page 6 for details.
- 10:15 -10:45 a.m.**    **Psalms Alive!** in Grace Hall. See page 6 for details.
- 11:15 – 12:00 p.m.**    **Living Mosaics Worship** in Rodney Chapel.
- 5:00 – 7:00 p. m.**      **180 Youth** in Classroom 6. See page 6 for details.

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

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**The Music:** The fully vaccinated and masked Westminster Choir will lead our hymns. Please join us in lifting your voices in praise! The choir is preparing for a spring concert on Sunday, May 22, at 3 p.m. We are delighted to have the Westminster Handbell Choir ringing in worship today. If you are interested in participating in either group in the future, contact [TonyThurman@wpc.org](mailto:TonyThurman@wpc.org)



**Westminster has been certified as an Earth Care Congregation** by the Presbyterian Church (USA) for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. This honor 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 3% of the 9,000 Presbyterian congregations in the U.S. 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.

**Westminster is a member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians** whose mission 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 more just and inclusive church.

**The flowers on the chancel** are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Wayne Sparling’s birthday by his wife Cora and family.

**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). Available dates are May 29, and June 15, 19, and 26.

**Westminster’s Prayer Team** prays for the needs of our community of faith. You may submit a prayer request by email: [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.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP- SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022

TOWER CHIME

Susan Spilecki

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Fantasy on “Westminster Quarters”*

Hal H. Hopson

CALL TO WORSHIP

When the earth was welter and waste  
and darkness covered the deep –

**God’s breath hovered over the waters  
and creation dawned.**

When death’s shroud hung heavy  
and darkness descended o’er the land –

**God’s Spirit stirred within a sealed tomb,  
and new creation dawned.**

In every age, the Creator works through chaos and darkness,  
calling us to new life.

**The Wind of God blows among us now.  
Let us respond with praise!**

\*HYMN NO. 248

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of life,  
You created us in your image  
to care for one another and for all creation.  
Forgive us for turning away from you,  
ignoring the needs of our neighbors  
and the cries of the earth.  
As the sun brings light and warmth to this earth  
make us signs of your grace,  
through Christ, our light and life, we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 2:4b-7, 15

Old Testament, page 2

ANTHEM

*Glory of the Cross*

Frances L. Callahan

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-23

New Testament, page 101

*Passages in **bold** print may be spoken or sung by all. At the asterisk (\*), please stand as you are able.*

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

\*HYMN NO. 715

*The Earth Belongs to God Alone*

SIMMONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gregory Knox Jones

THE 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. 485

*We Know that Christ Is Raised*

ENGELBERG

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Jubilant Fanfare*

Kevin McChesney

**Westminster Handbell Choir**

Craig Checkel  
Sara Gavenonis  
Kelly McCullough  
Tim Ohmart  
Kristine Qualls  
Susan Rippin  
Beth Singewald  
Susan Spilecki  
Holly VanSuch

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 a portion of our income in service to God. A tangible 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)).*

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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](http://www.wpc.org)) and discover other Education Offerings for Adults on [YouTube](#).

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## **Kids Zone – Sundays at 9 a.m. – Classrooms 1 and 2**

We are excited to share our new Kids Zone program. Children ages 4 to 11 are invited to join us in Classroom 1 at 9 a.m. (parents may attend the 9 a.m. worship service). Kids Zone includes a welcome time, songs, Bible story, games, crafts, snack, and much more. Masks are required for all students and teachers. We will socially-distance during snack time.

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## **Psalms Alive! – Sundays at 10:15 a.m. – Grace Hall**

Come worship, jump, and jive with *Psalms Alive!* This innovative and custom-made program fuses elements of worship and music education together to create a God-focused music program for families. Due to space constraints, participation is limited and registration is required. Please email [alexisdroke@wpc.org](mailto:alexisdroke@wpc.org) for more information.

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## **180 Bonfire Tonight – 5–7 p.m. – WPC side yard**

Hey 180! The weather is getting pretty nice, so it's time for a 180 bonfire! Join us in the side yard (off to the right of the blue doors) of WPC for games and good times around the fire. We'll be roasting hot dogs and marshmallows and enjoying some fresh air together. See you there! For more information about 180 youth ministry for grades 6 to 12, contact Tommy Neilson ([tommyjneilson@gmail.com](mailto:tommyjneilson@gmail.com)).

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## **Online Bible Studies**

### **Midweek Manna Bible Study – Wednesdays at Noon on Zoom**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89503349345?pwd=SIJrY2V2Y2tYa3JWQXk5ak1iZU1ldz09>

The Midweek Manna Bible Study, facilitated by the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson, will not meet on April 27. The group's study of Luke's Gospel will continue on May 4.

### **Thursday Evenings – 6–7 p.m. on Zoom**

Our Bible Study, facilitated by Randy Williamson and Mary Anne Peters, continues and new faces are always welcome. Email [randywilliamson1@comcast.net](mailto:randywilliamson1@comcast.net) and he will send the Zoom link.

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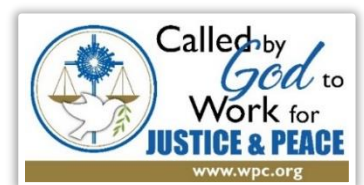
## **Peace and Justice Thursday Evening Education Event**

### **A History on the Conflict Between Ukraine and Russia**

### **Thursdays, April 28 and May 5, 7 p.m. on Zoom**

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

There is an abundance of coverage of the current war in Ukraine, but very little reporting on the history of that conflict. The current situation is the culmination of disputes, conflicts, and unresolved questions dating from the 1991 dissolution of the Soviet Union. It is impossible to fully understand this war and its significance without understanding the past. Join us as David McBride reviews the history described in *Ukraine and Russia: From Civilized Divorce to Uncivil War* by Paul D'Anieri, University of California Riverside professor, and other sources addressing the subject. It is a history replete with missed opportunities, unintended consequences, and surprising twists and turns. Hosted by Westminster's Peace & Justice Work Group. Use the Zoom link above or go to [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) and enter Meeting ID 860 2752 1655.



## **Women's Online Community Group – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 5 p.m.**

The women of Westminster connect for heartfelt and enriching discussions on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 5 to 6 p.m. The Rev. Jill Getty facilitates this group on Zoom. Use the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/477914100>

# **NEW COVID-19 Mask Policy and Safety Measures**

**Updated March 29, 2022**

### **Mask Policy and Sanctuary Seating**

The side transepts and the first five pews in the center section of the sanctuary (the nave) are open seating and mask optional. You may sit where you wish in these sections. Please access these sections via the lectern-side transept door off the main hallway. Masks and social distancing are required in the back part of the nave and the balcony. Masks must fully cover the nose and mouth and be worn at all times in these sections. Please access these sections through the narthex (behind the screen at the rear of the sanctuary). Ushers at the sanctuary entrances will be available to direct you to your preferred section. The choir will wear their masks when singing, but may remove them when they are not singing. Everyone is still required to wear masks in the remainder of the building. This includes Rodney Chapel, the main hallway, restrooms, classrooms, and Community Hall. This is to protect our young children who are not eligible for a vaccine and those who are immunocompromised. Again, masks must fully cover the nose and mouth.

### **Safety Measures**

We are committed to your safety during the pandemic. No-touch hand sanitizing stations are located near the doors and in the hallways. The sanctuary, Rodney Chapel, the main hallway and the staff wing are all equipped with the same high grade air filters as in hospitals plus air purifying devices that use needle-point bi-polar ionization on the air handlers that operate in these areas. These devices break down viruses, bacteria, mold, allergens, smoke, and odors in the air. These devices, along with the fact that we have a very high vaccination rate among our worshipers, makes Westminster one of the safest environments you can find.

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The Rev. Dr. Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff  
The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson, Associate Pastor  
The Rev. Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

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Alexis Droke, Director of Music for Children and Youth  
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