



10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2020

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.



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation

Wilbur Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our virtual worship service. We invite you to participate in the liturgy by joining the worship leader on lines printed in **bold**.

The materials attached at the end of the bulletin for worshipping with children are provided by Illustrated Ministry. Please print them to participate in this service or for family devotions throughout the week. Westminster's educational offerings have also moved online. You can find this week's opportunities at the end of this Order of Worship.

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).

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of the Rev. Chad Miller on his birthday from his family. Please keep Chad's family in your prayers.

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 to choose a date. The next available date is August 30.

Let us worship God!

CALL TO WORSHIP

We do not live by our own strength alone.

God anchors all life, and without God there is no life.

Let us draw close to God, trusting in divine love.

Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving

HYMN NO. 15

All Creatures of Our God and King
Vs. 1 & 4

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of compassion,
we confess our weaknesses:
Our faith is fragile in the face of crisis.
Our trust wavers when the wind howls and waters rise.
Our hope collapses when darkness descends upon us.
Mighty God, embolden us with your Spirit.
When our confidence wanes, restore our trust.
When our courage withers, stiffen our resolve.
Grant us the determination to live according to your ways
so that we may once again be your faithful people. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sudie Niesen Thompson

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON

Greg Jones

HYMN NO. 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand
Vs. 1 & 4

NATIONAL HYMN

God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

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).

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (John 14:27). We invite you to share signs of Christ's peace with those with whom you are gathered, or to pass the peace virtually by calling, emailing, or texting your family and friends in our congregation and beyond.

PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dr. Gregory Knox Jones
The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson
Director of Music/Organist: Dr. F. Anthony Thurman
Chorister: Sharon Babcock
Tower Chimes: Susan Spilecki
Videographers: Chip Pfleegor, Roger Reinicker and Baden Saathoff

SOURCES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We are grateful to Westminster John Knox Press for making available the complete list of public domain hymns included in the *Glory to God* hymnal and to Illustrated Ministry (www.illustratedministry.com) for our children's bulletins.

EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

Virtual Christian education and small group opportunities can also be found on the homepage of the Westminster website (www.wpc.org).

Online Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/4937200361>

Presenter: Chesna Hinkley

Our Bible studies are continuing the book of Exodus this week. New faces are always welcome! Contact Chesna (chesnahinkley@wpc.org) with questions.

Women's Online Community Group

2nd and 4th Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

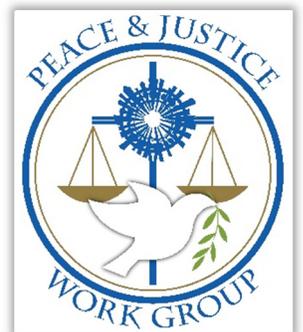
Coordinator: Jill Getty

For women of the church to provide connection and friendship, this group meets on Zoom every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. If you are interested, please email Jill Getty at jgetty@wpc.org and she will add you to the weekly participant email list to receive the Zoom link and password.

WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

Thursday, August 13, at 7:00 p.m. – Discussion of *John Lewis: Good Trouble*

Our Peace & Justice Work Group is pleased to discuss the showing of the new documentary *John Lewis: Good Trouble*, highlighting the life and work of this Civil Rights icon. Join us for a discussion of the film and the history it describes.



Join us using this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84768977211>. Or go to zoom.us/join, enter Meeting ID 847 6897 7211 and click "Join." Look for more topics and information on the WPC [Facebook](#) page.

180 Youth Ministry and Thursday Online Bible Study will resume in September.

Upcoming Deacon Events

Social Distancing Hike

Saturday, August 15 • 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Another Deacon-sponsored, social-distancing hike is planned for August 15! This event is limited to 10 people. Please be sure that everyone in your family wears a mask. If you'd like to participate, please email Debbie Wise at djwise99@gmail.com by **8:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14**. The meeting point will be emailed to participants.

Bingo on the Lawn

Saturdays, August 22 and 29 • 6:15 p.m.
(immediately after worship on the lawn)

On Saturdays, August 22 and 29, those who attend the 5:30 p.m. worship service on the church lawn (reservations are required to attend the service) will have the option to play a fun game of bingo after the service! Participants will stay socially distanced in their assigned circles that will be spaced 6-8 feet apart. For those who feel comfortable removing their masks, feel free to pack a snack or dinner to enjoy while playing bingo (sorry, no alcoholic beverages). The Deacons will provide new disposable bingo packets, sanitized clipboards, and individual bottles of water. Please bring your own pen or pencil if you do not want to use one from the church.

BACKPACKS PROJECT

2020 Update



Our Backpacks Project has been modified to meet the unique needs of our five partner elementary schools as they navigate the start of the school year. We are providing students at EastSide Charter, Warner, and UrbanPromise with specific requested items, such as whiteboards, markers, crayons, notebooks, pencils, binders, and folders. We are continuing to work with Shortlidge and Highlands on their needs. Your generous financial support will make a real difference in these students' readiness to learn during this challenging time. Please make your donation [here](#), or send your check with "Backpacks Project" noted on the memo line. Thank you!

Also, be sure to join our online worship service on **Sunday, August 16** for our *Blessing of the Backpacks* as we launch our children and youth, as well as students from these five schools, into the upcoming school year with God's abundant blessings and the love and support of our church family. While we can't be physically present with representatives of the schools as we have in the past, this celebration of our support of education is as meaningful as ever.

Join Us on the Church Lawn for Our Second In-person Worship Service Since March!

Saturday, August 15, 5:30 p.m.



On Saturday, August 15, we will worship on our church lawn at 5:30 p.m. (ending by 6:10 p.m.). To ensure the safety of everyone, attendance is limited and an online reservation is required. Please submit **ONE reservation per family**. When we reach the maximum number of family units we can host, the reservations will close.

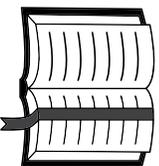
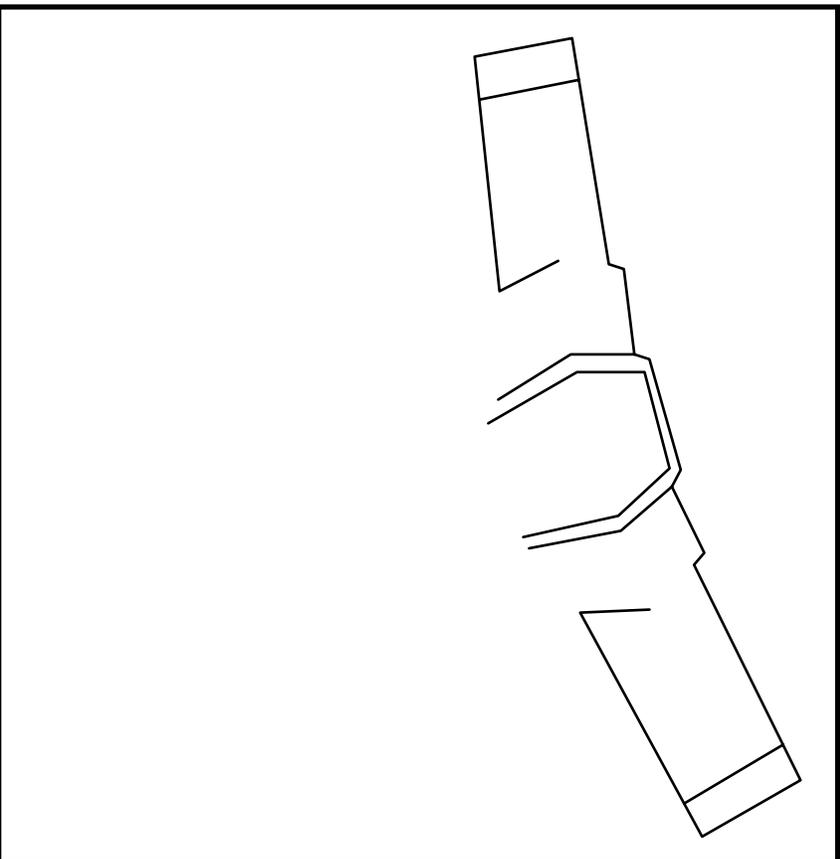
Everyone who attends the service must wear a mask, practice social distancing by keeping a distance of at least six feet from anyone who is not in your family, and sit where indicated by an usher. Children must remain with their parents at all times. There will be no congregational singing; however, Tony will play a digital piano and some of our choristers will sing. Remember that at that time of day it is still hot and most of the lawn will not be in the shade. Dress accordingly and feel free to bring a bottle of water. **IMPORTANT! Please bring your own lawn chairs or blanket to sit on.**

The liturgy will be emailed to you after you make your online reservation to print and bring to the service. If it rains, the service is cancelled. Worship on the lawn does not replace our virtual worship service, which will be available on our [website](#) on Sunday, August 16.

[Click here](#) to make your online reservation for August 15 worship on the lawn!

FINISH **the** DRAWING

Genesis 37 introduces us to Joseph, Jacob's son. Jacob gave Joseph a beautiful, long coat (you might have heard about the coat of many colors!). Finish the drawing of Joseph's coat, imagining the special relationship he had with his dad.



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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Genesis 37:1-14, 12-28, Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b,
Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33.

EVERYONE

who calls on the

NAM^{OF}E LORD

SHALL

BELIEVE

UNSCRAMBLE IT

What encouragement does the Psalmist give for staying focused on God and keeping hopeful?

Unscramble the words to find out!

K S E E H E T D O R L D A N O D S G E N S T R T H G ;

E S K E S D G O S E E N P R C E N U A L C O N T I Y L

B E M R E E R H E T N O W L U F R E D O K R W S

D O G S H A N O D E D N A S O G D A M R S E C L I

 DOODLE AREA

Draw a picture of someone you want to pray for.



DRAW IT

In Matthew 14, we learn the amazing story of Jesus walking on the water toward his disciples. Peter gets out of the boat to walk toward Jesus. Draw how you imagine this looked!