



Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 13, 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), liking us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware), or following us on Instagram (www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware).

Today at Westminster

- 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.** **Food Collection** for Emmanuel Dining Room in the Westminster parking lot.
- 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.** **Worship** in the Sanctuary. See guidelines on page 5.
- 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.** **Prayground** in Community Hall. Worship is live streamed and activities are provided for children. Masking (for those over the age of 2) and social distancing are required. See guidelines on page 5.
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** **Second Sunday Speaker Series-** Jim Lee on Transhumanism. See announcement on page 7.
- 10:15 -10:45 a.m.** **Psalms Alive!** in Grace Hall. See page 6 for details.
- 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.** **Confirmation Class** in Classroom 7.

- **Bible Box** - New episodes of our interactive, children's web series *Bible Box* will be available on our [YouTube](#) channel today. See page 6 for details.
- **Free covid-19 antigen home tests in main hallway**

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

The Music: The fully vaccinated and masked Westminster Choir will lead our hymns. Please join us in lifting your voices in praise! We offer our gratitude to Sharon Babcock for directing the choir while Tony Thurman is away spending time with his mother. We welcome Jeremy Flood as our guest organist. Dr. Flood combines an avocation as an organist with his medical practice of endocrinology. He is an Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, with his clinical practice based at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center, where he is Chief of the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism. He has been an Assistant Wanamaker Grand Court Organist at Macy's in Center City Philadelphia since 2009 and is active as a substitute organist for churches throughout the Philadelphia area.



Westminster has been certified as an Earth Care Congregation by the Presbyterian Church (USA) for the 11th 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 loving memory of her sister-in-law, Helga Rathert, by Faith Kuehn.

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. Following worship, flowers are delivered to retirement facilities and members who are not able to come to service. Please contact Linda Watson during business hours at 302-571-6719 or lwatson@ycst.com. Available dates are March 6, 13 and 20; April 3 and 24.

Recently hospitalized: Chad Chandler, Carol Harris and Sally Robinson.

Westminster's Prayer Team prays for the needs of our community of faith. You may submit a prayer request by email: 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, FEBRUARY 13, 2022

TOWER CHIME

Susan Spilecki

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

New Castle County Executive Matt Meyer

PRELUDE

Sicilienne

Maria Theresia von Paradis

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift your hearts, lift your eyes and lift your voices!

The living, moving Spirit of God has called us together.

We are called together to hear the wisdom of God and to celebrate the love of God.

We will heed God's Spirit and faithfully follow Christ.

*HYMN NO. 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we have heard your call to discipleship,
but too often have listened to other voices.
We have felt the pull of your Spirit,
but have turned to other pursuits.
We have seen our own lack of meaning,
yet have searched in places that are empty.
Forgive us for ignoring your call,
and give us the determination to follow your way.
In the name of Christ, 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

Luke 5:1-11

New Testament, page 54

ANTHEM

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

Tom Trenney

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; Will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

—John L. Bell and Graham Maule

COMMISSIONING, ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

TRUSTEE COMMISSIONING

Tom Preston, President of Trustees

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, the members of Westminster, receive **Rich Albert. Nancy Fleming** and **Kris Qualls** as trustees, and do you promise to support the trustees in their work for our congregation?

We do.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

PRESENTATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Jan Patrick, Clerk of Session

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Clark Collins

Taryn Albert

Joe Daley

Heather Brooks

Dick Jolly

Adam Blackford

Tammy Daley

Barbara Jobe

KC Morrison

Laura Scanlan

Lynne Perkins

Sheran Kegerise

Susan McPheeters

Karissa Thacker

Lois Underhill

Elaine Lunardi

Sarah Mentzer

Carol Tatnall

Ginger Ward

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept these men and women as Elders and Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

ORDINATION PRAYER

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major

J. S. Bach

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).

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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COVID-19 Mask Policy and Safety Measures

Mask Policy and Sanctuary Seating. Masks are required inside the building and must fully cover the nose and mouth. This change makes it possible for congregational singing. By wearing masks, we protect our children who are not yet vaccinated and our members who are immune compromised. In addition, it adheres to the guidelines of the American Choral Directors Association.

To provide a safe place for our young children and our immune-compromised adults, the front of the sanctuary and the side transepts are reserved for social distancing. The back half of the sanctuary and the balcony are reserved for those who are comfortable sitting closer to one another.

*If you have children too young to be vaccinated, you are welcome to worship in the sanctuary or Rodney Chapel, but we have also created a safe, kid-friendly space called the **Prayground**. This worship space is in Community Hall on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. We livestream our worship service into Community Hall and provide materials to help young children engage in worship. Masking (for those over age 2) and social distancing is required.*

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 worshippers, makes Westminster one of the safest environments you can find.

EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

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

Bible Box for Children – YouTube

For children two years old through 5th grade, *Bible Box* is back again for another semester of stories, crafting, and fun. Join Ms. Alexis on [YouTube](#) for this virtual and interactive Sunday School experience. Materials for the crafts are provided for free. New content is uploaded every Sunday. The 2022 spring program runs through April 3. If you have questions, please email Alexis Droke at alexisdroke@wpc.org.

"Psalms Alive!" – Sundays at 10:15 a.m. in 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 Alexis Droke at alexisdroke@wpc.org for more information.

No 180 Youth Today!

Hey everybody! Just a reminder: no 180 this Sunday because of the Super Bowl! We'll see you next week. For more information about 180 Youth Ministry for grades 6 – 12, contact Tommy at tommyjneilson@gmail.com.

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, is reading through Luke's Gospel. New faces always welcome.

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. Contact Randy Williamson at randywilliamson1@comcast.net and he will send the Zoom link.

Peace and Justice Thursday Evening Education Event

Justice for Gaza Begins with Clean Water

Thursday, February 17, 7 p.m. on Zoom

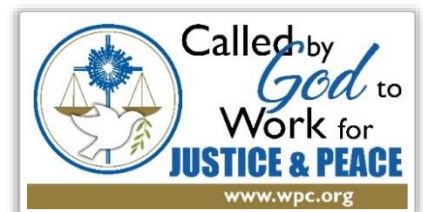
Mike Abel, Delawareans for Palestinian Human Rights (DelPHR) and

Delaware Churches for Middle East Peace (DCMEP – [see bio](#))

Mark Mosher, Westminster Middle East Task Force

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

Mike Abel will provide the background on the longstanding siege of Gaza and violation of Palestinian human rights. She will reflect on her own experience while in Gaza and the effects of the ongoing water crisis on Gazans. Mark will discuss an innovative initiative which provides solar-powered water desalination units at schools operated by UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency). Each installed unit provides clean drinking water to more than 1,000 Palestinian refugee children. Hosted by Westminster's Peace & Justice Work Group. Use the Zoom link above, or go to zoom.us/join, enter Meeting ID **860 2752 1655** and click "Join".



Women's Online Community Group – 2nd and 4th 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>

ADULT EDUCATION

Jim Lee to Speak on Transhumanism



TODAY, February 13
10 a.m. in the sanctuary
(after the 9 a.m. service)

"Transhumanism and Beyond:
The Future of Human Evolution"

How have we changed as a species during the past 10,000 years? And perhaps more importantly, where are we going? Join professional futurist Jim Lee in this exploration of human potential.

February is Code Red Month at WPC!

Want to learn more about the climate crisis and make changes to help? Take the pledge! Pick up an Earth Care Pledge and Progress Card from the literature table (also available in the [January/February Chimes](#) newsletter).



This week we are asked to take action to combat climate change. Here are some ideas:

- Don't buy bottled water.
- Take your own shopping bags.
- Combine your trips.
- Change your light bulbs.
- Turn off water while brushing your teeth.
- Take shorter showers.
- Try Meatless Mondays.
- Buy unpackaged fruits and vegetables.
- Buy local or grow your own.
- Use the back of paper.

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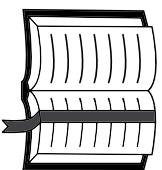
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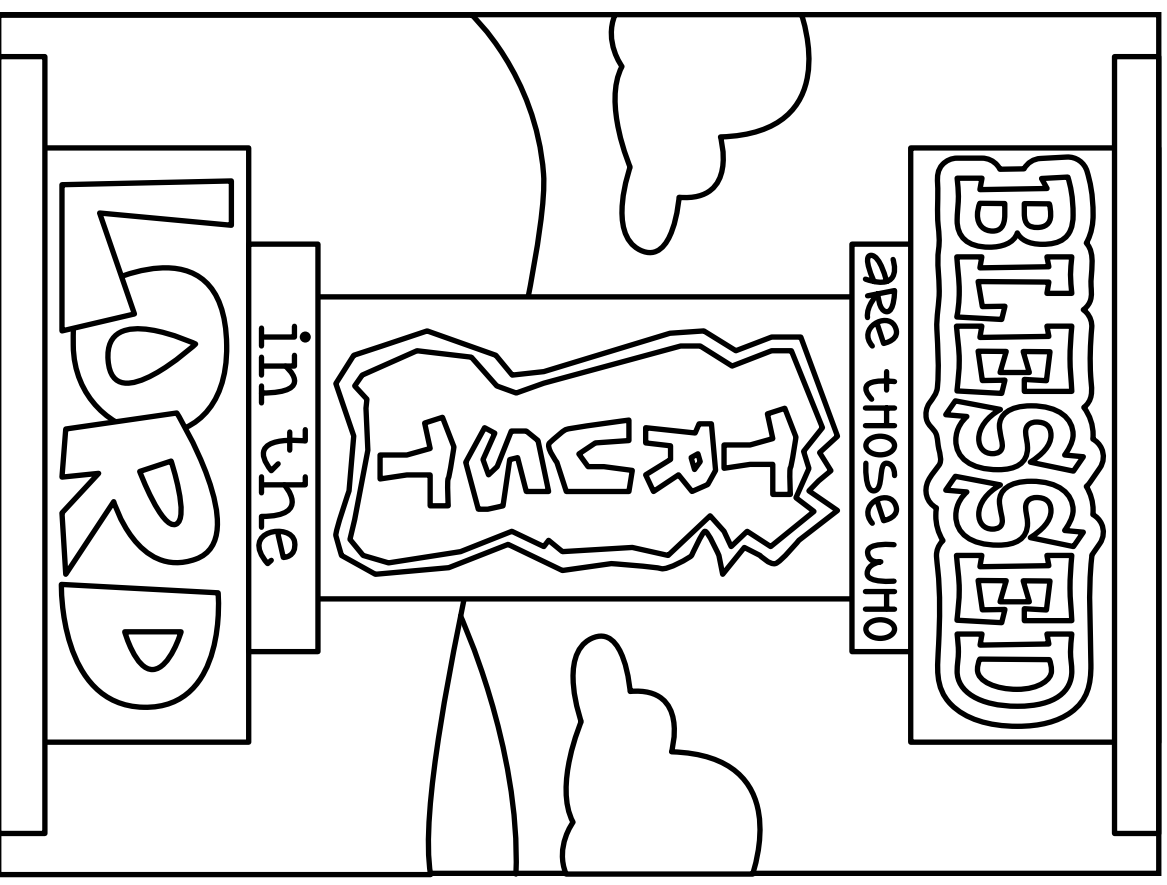
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DR Congo – PCUSA Mission Co-workers: Jeff and Christi Boyd, Larry and Inge Sthreshley;
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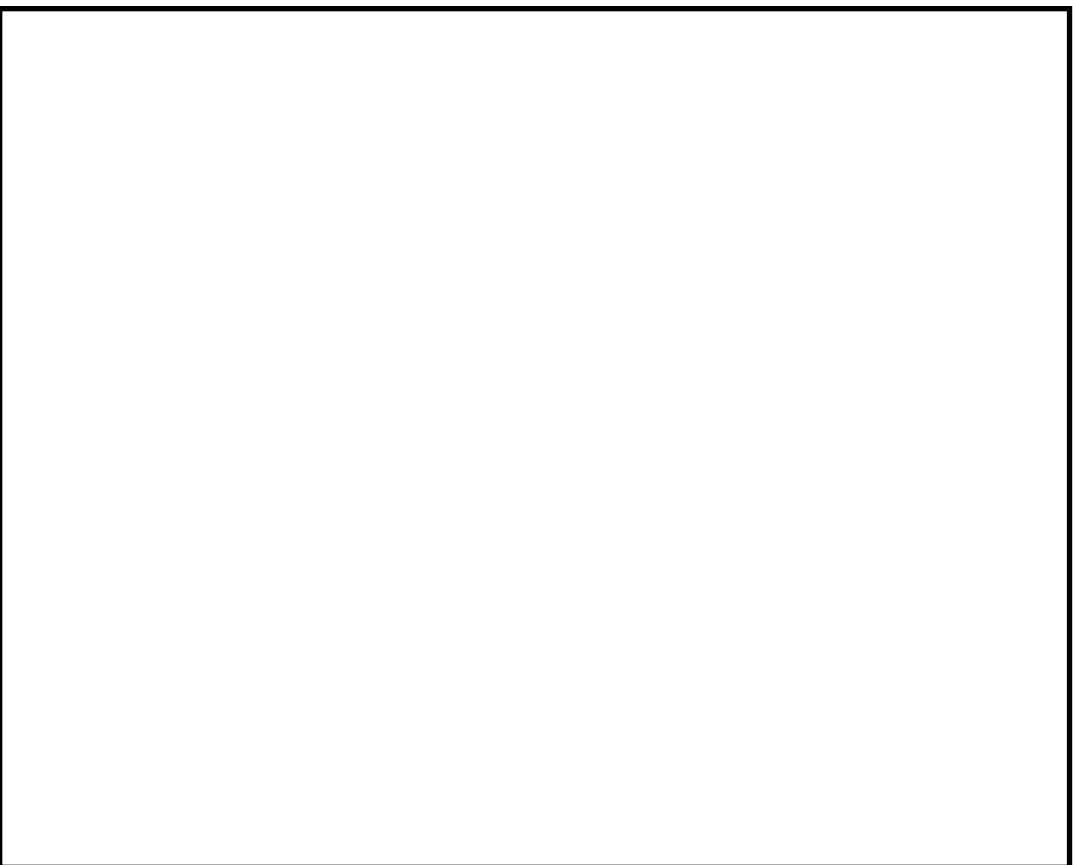
Activities based on Jeremiah 17:5-10, Psalm 1, Luke 6:17-26.





DRAW IT

In Luke 6, Jesus promises blessing to those who are poor, hungry, and excluded. Everyone in the crowd is trying to reach out to Jesus for healing and hope. Draw yourself in the crowd, and how you imagine this looked. What would you ask Jesus for?



CONNECT the DOTS

Psalm 1 says those who listen to God and God's word are like fruitful trees planted beside streams of water. Connect the dots to form a tree. Inside the tree, write or draw some ways you try to follow God!

