



Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 14, 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. **Collecting food** 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.

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. **180 Youth** meets on Zoom for movie night (please see p. 6).

- **Bible Box** for children ages 2 through 5th grade is available today on YouTube (please see announcement on p. 7).

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

During the month of February, we are recognizing Black History Month in our service music and anthems. Today we hear compositions by two African-American composers. Moses Hogan (1957–2003) enjoyed a great career as a pianist, arranger, and conductor before a brain tumor took his life at age 45. A graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory who also attended Juilliard, the New Orleans native is best remembered for his choral arrangements. Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941), a graduate of the Manhattan School of Music and Michigan State University, enjoys a distinguished career as a composer and educator. Dr. Hailstork is professor of music and composer-in-residence at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of George Patrick by the Patrick 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. The next available date is March 14.

Recently hospitalized: Peter Bilous.

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.



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, FEBRUARY 14, 2021

TOWER CHIME

Susan Spilecki

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world of partial truths, we need a time of truth-telling.

In a world of many gods, we need to encounter the one true God.

In a world that makes many demands on our time,
we need to be confronted by the ultimate claim on our lives.

We are here to worship the Creator of heaven and earth.

HYMN NO. 385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell
Vs. 1, 3 & 4

OLD HUNDREDTH

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell. Come ye before him and rejoice.	O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto; praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.
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For why? The Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, your son has shown us the way, the truth, and the life.
We confess to you that we do not always follow that way,
live in his truth,
or accept the life he offers us.
Having eyes, we prefer not to see;
having ears, we pretend not to hear.
Forgive us, God, for our self-deception.
Open us to the indwelling of your Spirit,
that your truth may take possession of us.
In 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

2 Peter 2:1-3; John 8:31-32

ANTHEM

Great Day

Spiritual/arr. Moses Hogan

Great day! Great day, the righteous marching.
Great day! God's gonna build up Zion's wall.
Great day my brother. Great day my sister.

HYMN NO. 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord
Vs. 1 & 4

HALL

Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;
give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.

Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all;
we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.

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. 816

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee
Vs. 1 & 3

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
with hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee,
to bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on the rock that nought can move.

Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways,
but do thine own part faithfully.
Trust the rich promises of grace;
so shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need
the soul secured by trust indeed.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata on *Great Day*

Adolphus Hailstork

*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).

PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dr. Gregory Knox Jones
The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson
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Jason Berger, tenor; Brenton Mattox, bass
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SOURCES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The resources for children attached at the end of the 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](#).

180 Youth on Zoom! Join us TONIGHT at 6 p.m. for movie night.

Join us tonight for our virtual 180 Movie Night! Keep an eye out for the Zoom Link! See you there at 6pm! For more information about 180, please contact Tommy Neilson at tommyjneilson@gmail.com.

Bible Boxes for Children (Age 2 – Grade 5)

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

Online Bible Studies

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

<https://zoom.us/j/97700423780?pwd=b1dGL2c4NXRjMIRBOWJWWEIsTTg3dz09>

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=MmxuZWFvREhZSVExS3lveXQvTUhaQT09>

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

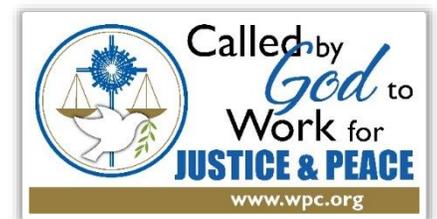
WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

Fight Corruption in Delaware

Featuring Jack Guerin, Co-chair, Unitarian Universalist DE Advocacy Network

Thursday, February 18, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

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



The Delaware legislature has used its power to exempt lawmakers from the section of the [Delaware Code](#) known as the "State Employees', Officers' and Officials' Code of Conduct" and from the oversight of the Public Integrity Commission. [In 2015 the Center for Public Integrity](#) gave Delaware an F, ranking the First State 48th in systems to deter corruption in state government. Following that report, Senator Bryan Townsend introduced bills in 2016 and 2017 to eliminate the exemption of General Assembly members from ethics oversight; these bills didn't even get a committee hearing. Join us as we learn more about the new grassroots organization "Fight DE Corruption." 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, February 21, 9:00 a.m.



We have reopened our sanctuary 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. [Click here](#) to read all of the guidelines. 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 option will continue to be available on our website at www.wpc.org.

To make your online reservation for February 21 worship in the sanctuary, [click here!](#)

Bible Box for Young Children Resumes Today



Bible Box, a very creative [YouTube series](#) for young children (age 2 – grade 5), combines Bible stories, crafts, and music. Bible Box will resume today and run through the end of April. Bible Boxes for families who have signed up to participate will be available for pickup after service on Sunday, February 14th in Grace Hall. If you have questions about the Bible Box program or would like to sign up to participate, please email Alexis Droke at alexisdroke@wpc.org.

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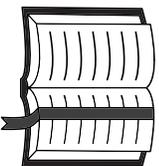
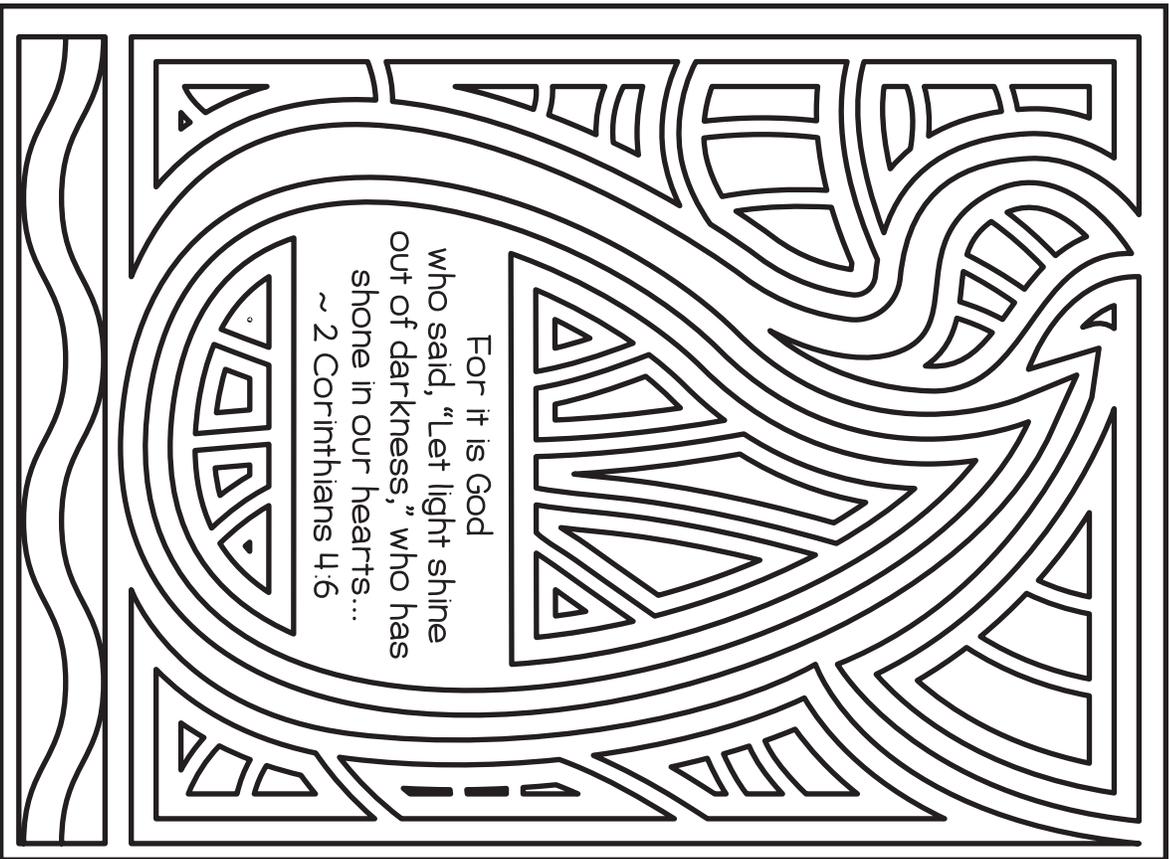
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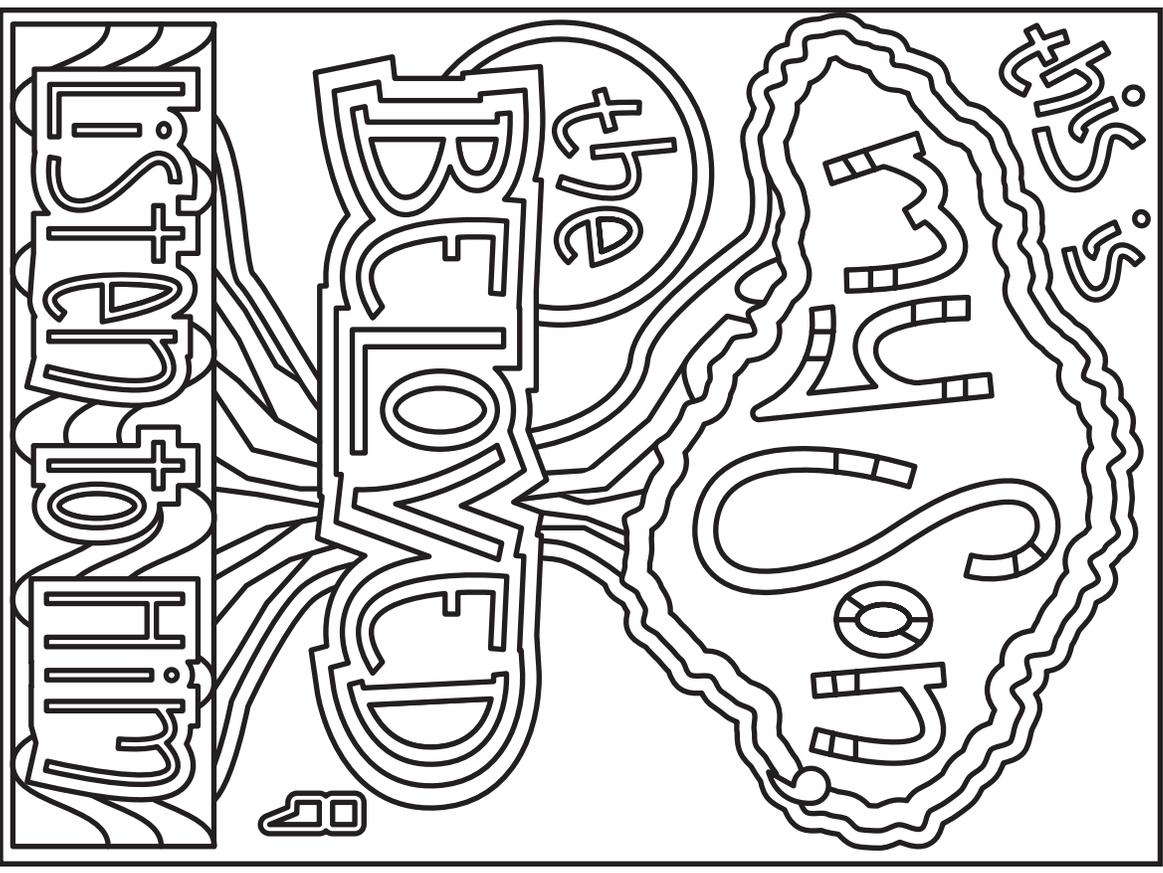


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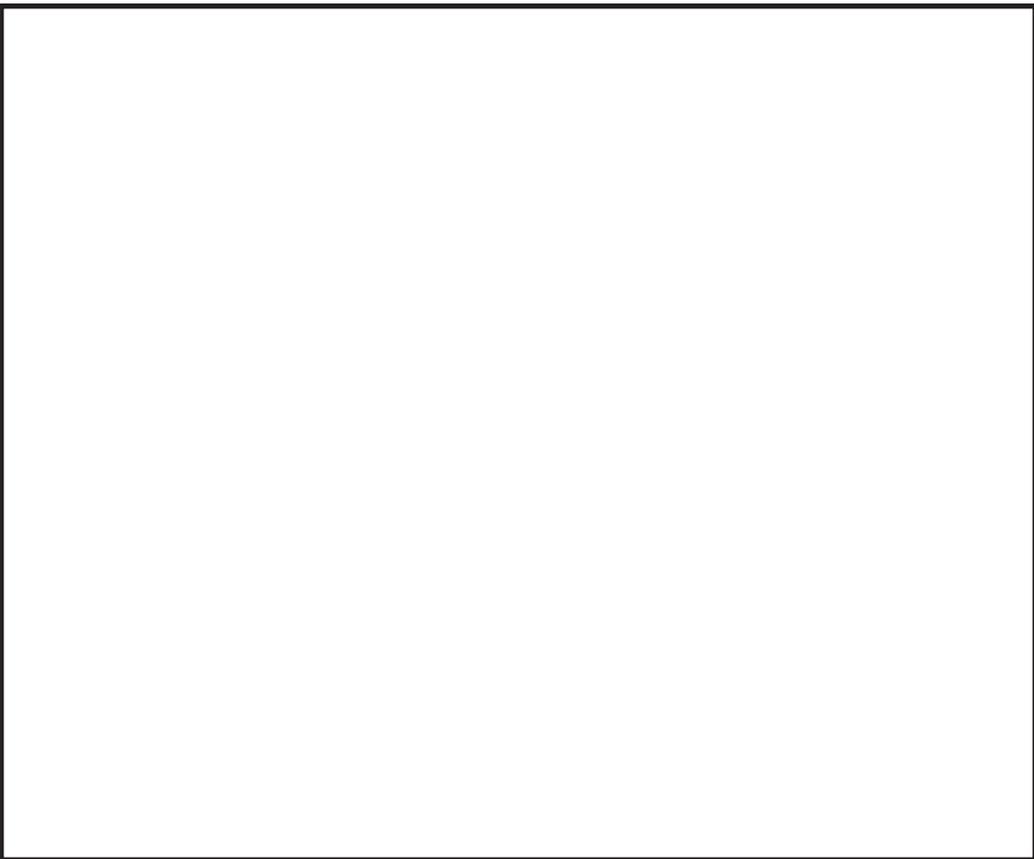
Activities based on Psalm 50: 1-6, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9.





DRAW IT

Mark 9 tells the amazing story of the “transfiguration.” In this special experience, Jesus was with some of his disciples on the mountaintop. Suddenly, Jesus changed - he was shining, his clothes were bright white, and a voice spoke from the sky. Imagine you are with the disciples watching this! What do you see?



CONNECT the DOTS

In Psalm 50, we remember God makes the sun rise every morning and set every night - a sign of God's faithfulness and promise of fresh starts. Connect the dots to form a sun. Inside, write or draw a way you experience faithfulness.

