



First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 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.

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. **Congregational Meeting** on Zoom.

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. **180 Youth** meets on Zoom (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. Marques Garret (b. 1984) is an assistant professor of music in choral activities at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The Virginia native is best known for his choral compositions, on one of which today's prelude is based. 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. Fela Sowande (1905–1987), a native of Nigeria, studied in London and became a U.S. citizen in 1977. He is considered to be the father of Nigerian Art Music and one of the most distinguished and internationally known African composers.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Anna Mae Robinson, Harry Robinson and Virginia Haycock by Charles Ingersoll and Dick Jolly.

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.

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 21, 2021

TOWER CHIME

Susan Spilecki

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Give Me Jesus

Marques L.A. Garrett

CALL TO WORSHIP

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a humble spirit.
We will strive to follow the way that leads to abundant living.

HYMN NO. 166

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days
Vs. 1-3

ST. FLAVIAN

Lord, who throughout these forty days	As you with Satan did contend
for us did fast and pray,	and did the victory win,
teach us with you to mourn our sins	O give us strength to persevere,
and close by you to stay.	in you to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence,
and through this Passiontide,
yes, evermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.

PRAYER

**God of grace and mercy,
in these forty days of Lent
you lead us into the desert of self-examination.
We pray that through a pilgrimage of prayer and reflection
we might draw closer to the life you call us to live.
May we have the strength to relinquish the false gods that lead us away from you
and the courage to embrace Christ-like ways of living, that we may draw closer to you.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

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

ANTHEM

Great Day

Spiritual/arr. Moses Hogan

Great day! Great day, the righteous marching.
Great day! God's gonna build up Zion's wall.
Chariot moved on the mountain top, brother.
My God spoke an'de chariot stopped, sister.
This is the year of Jubilee, brother.
My God set his people free, sister.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:9-13

SERMON

Gregory Knox Jones

When we are tested and wrestle alone,
famished for bread when the world offers stone,
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,
food that sustains us by night and by day.

When we have struggled and searched through the night,
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,
Savior, surround us with circles of care,
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

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. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Vs. 1 & 2

EIN' FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jubilate

Fela Sowande

*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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Join Us for In-person Worship in Our Sanctuary

Sunday, February 28, 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 28 worship in the sanctuary, [click here!](#)

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 6:00 p.m.!

180 Small Groups are on Zoom this Sunday at 6:00 p.m.! Join us to catch up, do some activities, and hear from a special guest from Westminster's Earth Care team. Look out for the link in your email. 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=b1dGL2c4NXRjMlRlYjJWZWVlTTg3dz09>

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

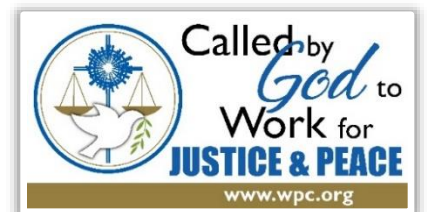
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88941171153?pwd=MmxuZWVhREhZSVExS3lveXQvTUhaQT09>

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

WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

Thursday, February 25, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Zoom

The Westminster Peace & Justice Work Group encourages everyone to participate in this event. [Register today](#) and come see how you can connect with others to create meaningful change in support of racial justice in Delaware. The first hour provides an overview of the various initiatives; the second hour offers two 30-minute breakout groups each focused on a specific initiative of interest that you choose. Join us for part or all!



Annual Kickoff 2021

Thursday, February 25, 2021 | 6:00 - 8:00pm

Calling all new and seasoned changemakers across Delaware!

Help lead the fight for racial justice in:

Education | Economics | Criminal Justice Reform | Housing | Health

This is Delaware's year of transformation for racial justice! Join our Annual Kick-off so you can lead your community in 2021.

Register to join this virtual event at

<https://actionnetwork.org/events/building-people-power-annual-kickoff-2021/>

Bible Box for Children



Bible Box is back for a second semester! This creative and interactive [YouTube series](#) for children combines Bible stories, crafts, and music. The program runs each Sunday through the last week of April and has three age groups: (1) Age 2 – PreK, (2) Kindergarten – 2nd Grade, and (3) 3rd Grade – 5th Grade. Episodes will be uploaded each Sunday afternoon. Parents/Guardians who have signed up to participate may pick up their boxes at the front desk during our limited office hours (Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM). If you have questions about the program or would like to sign up to participate, please email Alexis Droke at alexisdroke@wpc.org with "Bible Box" in the subject line.

VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT RETURNS!

Wednesday, February 24 | 7:00 p.m. | via Zoom

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

Join fellow Westminster members in a friendly and fun competition via Zoom. February's trivia theme will be "Award Season." We will use a game platform called Kahoot! No trivia experience necessary to play. All ages and families welcome! Two devices – phones, iPads, etc. – recommended for ease of game play, though not required. Questions? Email Jenn Blackford (blackfordj11@gmail.com).



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