



Transfiguration of the Lord

February 27, 2022

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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)
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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.
- 10:15 -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.
- 5:00 – 7:00 p. m.** **180 Youth** in Classroom 6. See page 6 for details.
- **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.

Please see page 6 and 7 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! Would you like to add your voice to the Westminster Choir? Contact TonyThurman@wpc.org. The anthem is an arrangement of an African American spiritual by William Dawson. Like many other well-known antebellum spirituals, the text of *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit* served two purposes. These spirituals were written not only to express faith in God, but also contained hidden messages for slaves to run away on their own or through the Underground Railroad.



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 with gratitude for all who work on delivering the WPC virtual content by Josh, Rick, Alejandro and Leonardo.

The rosebud on the chancel this morning is in celebration of the birth of Luna Marvel Eaton, born February 21 to Hayley Rosser and Bryan Eaton. Luna is the granddaughter of Robin Rosser.

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. Available dates are March 13; May 8, 22 and 29.

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 27, 2022

TOWER CHIME

Susan Spilecki

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Beautiful Savior

Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

The One who said, “Out of darkness, light shall shine!”
**is the same God who glorified Christ,
making his face shine like the sun.**
May this light shine in our hearts
as we come before the Holy One.

*HYMN NO. 673

Jesus, Light of Joy (Vs. 1 & 3)

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One,
we search for you amidst
the grand and glorious,
the sacred and serene.
We are eager to bask in your splendor
and dwell with you in sanctuaries
that shelter us from the sorrow of this world.
We forget you are also present in
the ordinary and profane,
the desperate and despised.
You send us back down the mountain
to proclaim your law of grace
and live your command of love—
to tread the path that Jesus tread.
Transform us,
embolden us,
and free us from fear,
that we might be beacons of your light. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

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

ANTHEM

Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit
Jerry Polman, baritone

Spiritual/arr. William Dawson

Ev’ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, ev’ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
Jordan river, is chilly an’ cold, it chills the body, but not the soul.
There ain’t but one train upon this track, it runs to heaven an’ right back.

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

**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.**

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).



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 2, 6 p.m.

Lent – the 40-day season during which we prepare for Easter – begins on March 2. Please join us as we mark the beginning of the Lenten journey with our Ash Wednesday service at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. This quiet, reflective, and meditative service includes a reminder of our mortality with the imposition of ashes.

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.

180 Youth – Sundays from 5 to 7 p.m. – Meet in Classroom 6

180 is on this Sunday! Join us for a night of fun games, good food, and great small group discussions! See you there and don't forget your mask! 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.

Lenten Small Groups – Sign Ups Open!

Weekly during the Season of Lent (March 2 through April 16)

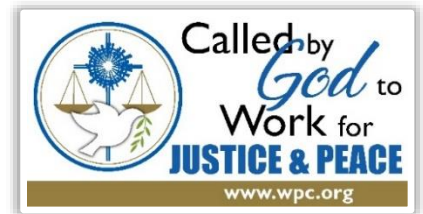
Lent is a time to open wide the doors of our hearts so that, when Easter comes, we can fully celebrate the grace God offers. This Lent, the Adult Education Committee invites you to nurture your relationship with God and others by joining a small group! Some groups will use the *Animate: Bible* curriculum, which incorporates videos featuring prominent Christian voices, journaling, and discussion. Another group will use *Moral Ground*, a collection of essays from over 80 visionaries that, together, "present a compelling call to honor our individual and collective moral responsibility to the planet." Visit the homepage of our website (wpc.org) to learn more and sign up for a group!

PEACE AND JUSTICE THURSDAY EVENING EDUCATION EVENT
The Delaware Voting Rights Coalition's 2022 Efforts to Improve Voting Rights Access in Delaware

Thursday, March 3, 7:30 p.m. on Zoom

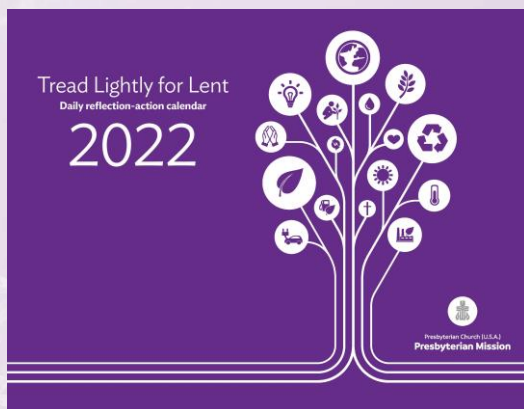
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The Delaware Voting Rights Coalition (DVRC) is Delaware's first statewide coalition of voting rights organizations and advocates. The coalition encourages voters and policy makers to consider reforms that will improve access to voting. The DVRC seeks to empower communities, especially communities of color, people who speak English as a second language, people involved in the justice system, and young people, to identify and remedy barriers to the ballot box. The DVRC seeks to work with legislators, local election officials and the Department of Elections to make these reform recommendations a reality. Please join in learning about this important work.



The Earth Care Task Force is distributing PC(USA)'s Lenten calendar:

Tread Lightly for Lent



This calendar provides suggestions for reflection, prayer and Bible study during the Lenten Season. Hard copies are available on the literature table in the main hallway, or [click here](#) to download a digital version (PDF). The calendar is another piece that reflects WPC's role as an Earth Care Congregation. We hope that you will find it a useful and interesting tool. It could be used for discussion in the home and as a resource to learn more about how the church family is trying to honor/respect God's creation.

Visit www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-for-lent for additional information and activities.

Did You Complete a Code Red Earth Care Pledge This Month?



February was "Code Red" month at WPC to learn more about the climate crisis and ways to help. We asked everyone to sign an Earth Care Pledge. On **Sunday, March 6**, members of the Earth Care Task Force will be available to collect your signed Earth Care Pledge and hand you a WPC travel mug before and after each service. Unable to attend church? You can drop your signed pledge off during the week and get your mug. Don't want a mug? We would still like to know you completed the pledge! Just drop your signed pledge off at church on Sunday morning or during the week (Tue – Fri, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.). ***Thanks to everyone who took the Code Red Pledge! Now spread the word!***

Mozart and Beethoven: The Piano Quintets

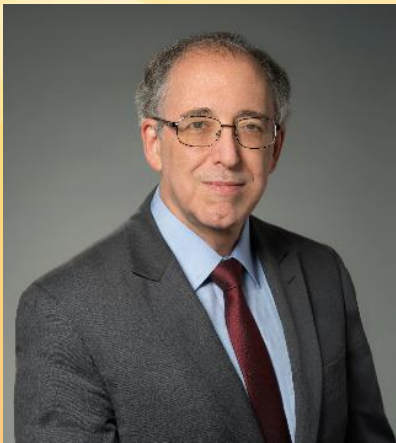
Sunday, March 6, 3 p.m.

Join us in person or via livestream!

The 2021–2022 Westminster Concert Series continues on March 6 at 3 p.m. The program will feature piano quintets of Mozart and Beethoven performed by Antonello Di Matteo, clarinet; Lyndsie Wilson, horn; Meghan Woodard, oboe; Juliette Anglouvant, bassoon; and Thomas Weaver, piano. The concert is presented in cooperation with Artcinia and Partners for Sacred Places. A free-will offering is requested.



ADULT EDUCATION Alzheimer's and Memory Care



Sunday, March 13

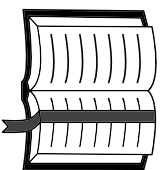
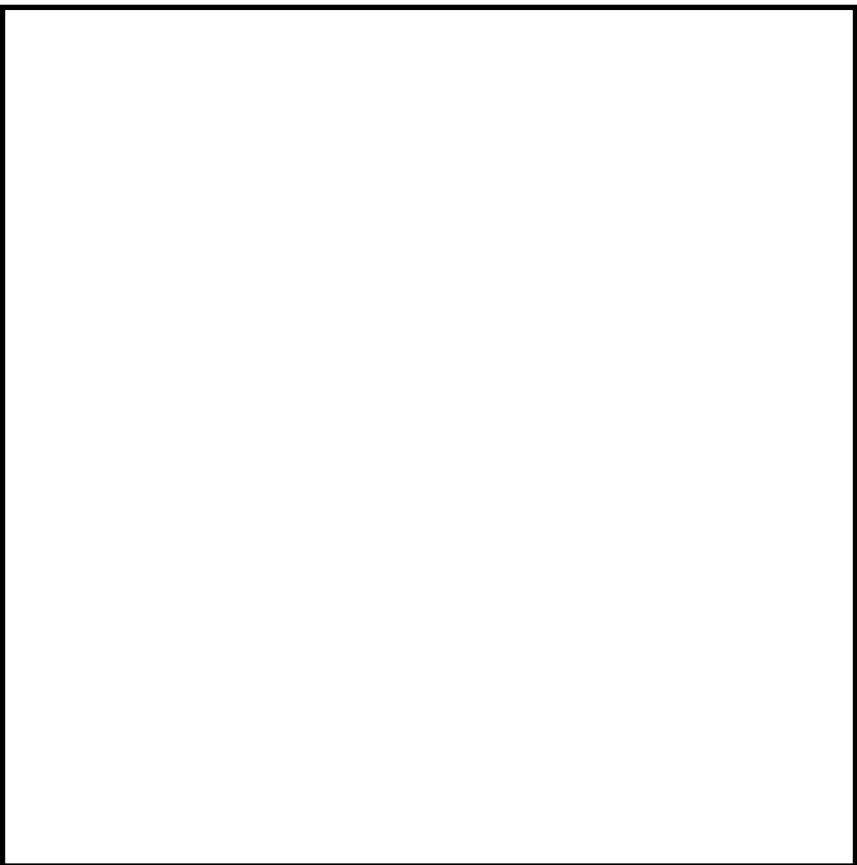
**10 a.m. in the sanctuary
(after the 9 a.m. service)**

As the USA's population is living longer, the instance of Alzheimer's and memory loss is becoming more prevalent. This is causing hardships within many families in Wilmington and across the nation. To find out more about this and how to interact with people with Alzheimer's, come to a presentation on March 13 by Dr. Jim Ellison ([see bio](#)) at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary.



DRAW IT

Whenever Moses talked with God, his face shone afterward! Being in God's presence changed Moses. Draw how you imagine the conversation between God and Moses looked.

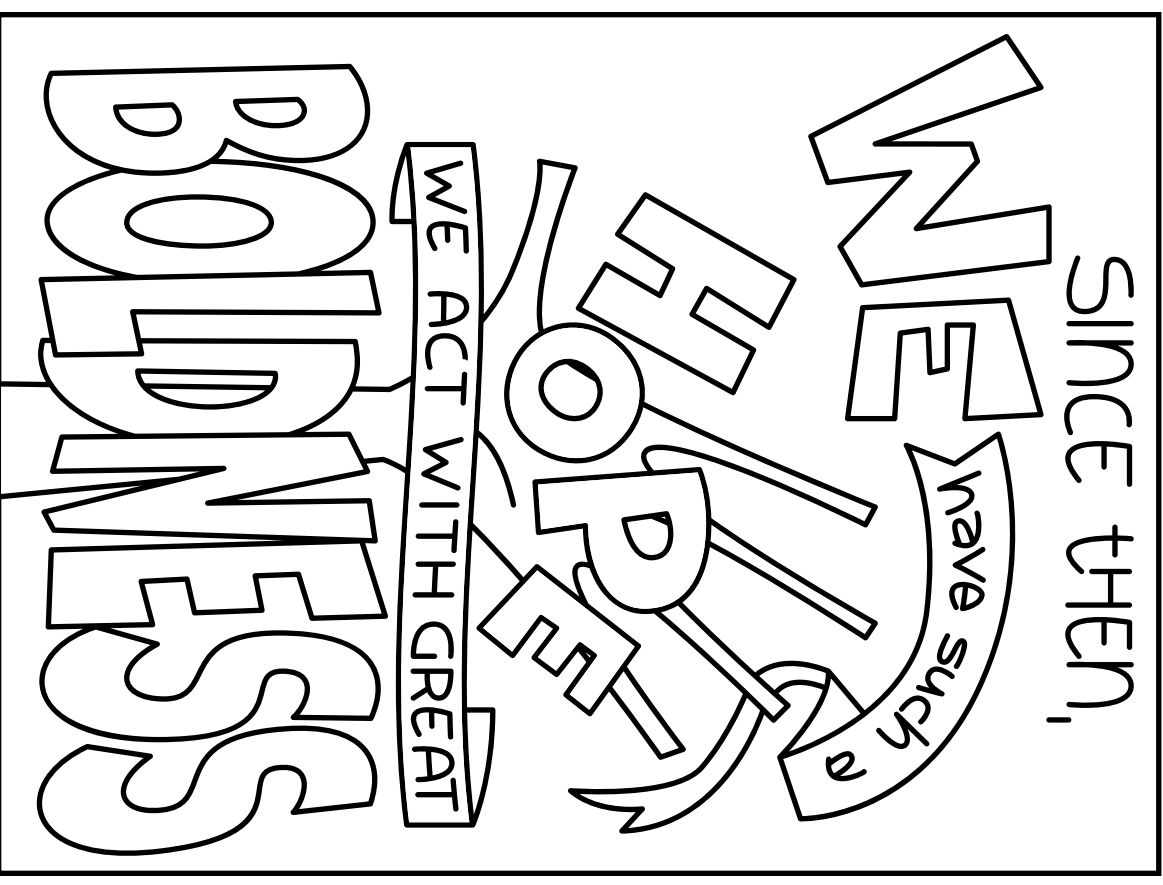


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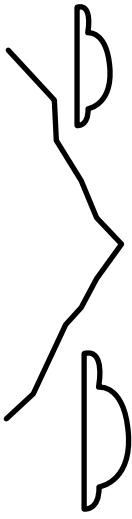
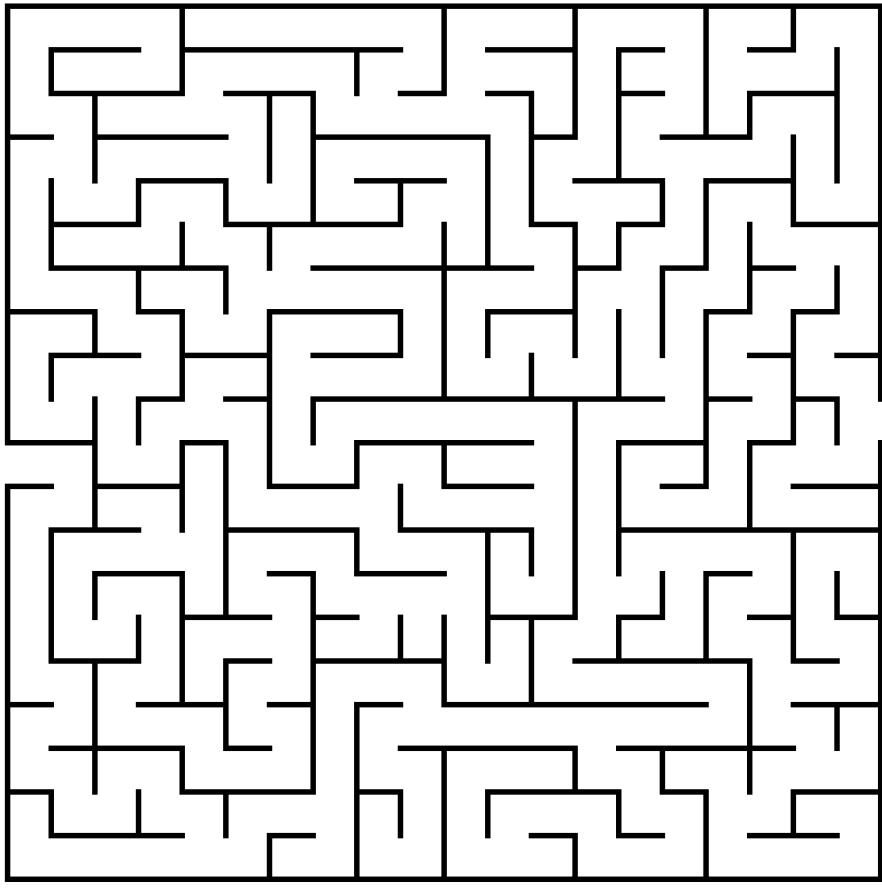
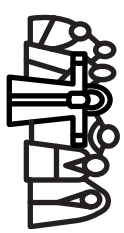
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Exodus 34:29-35, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a).



SOLVE (the) MAZE

Jesus is ready to go up the mountain to pray, and the disciples want to go with him. Help them find their way up the mountain.



FOLLOW the PATH

What is the story of Jesus being transformed on the mountaintop called? Follow the path of letters, and each time you come to a capital letter, write that letter down at the bottom of the page. When you get to the end of the path, see the name of this amazing story spelled out below.

