



Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 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 (please see p. 6 for details).

- **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. Florence Price (1887–1953), born to mixed-race parents in Little Rock, passed herself as Mexican to avoid racial discrimination. She studied organ and piano at the New England Conservatory of Music and was the first African-American woman to enjoy success as a symphonic composer.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and to celebrate the birth of their first two great-granddaughters, Nora Emilie Carpenter and Campbell Grace Foley, by Barbara and Carl Ohmott.

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: Dave Stabler and Tom Shaw

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 28, 2021

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Adoration

Florence Price

CALL TO WORSHIP

Do you see it?
God's glory around us, in thickest cloud;
Christ before us, in dazzling white.
Do you hear it?
A voice thunders from heaven:
"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him."
Open your eyes; unstop your ears.
We are gathered on holy ground.
Let us worship the Lord!

HYMN NO. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (Vs. 1, 3 & 4)

ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.	To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all. We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
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Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Grace,
you have made us your covenant people,
marked us as your own,
and sent us to do your work.
When we value success over service, forgive us.
When we choose competition over collaboration, forgive us.
When we privilege our own desires over our neighbors' needs, forgive us.
Call us once more to take up our crosses
and, by your grace,
show us how to follow you.
In the name of Jesus 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

Mark 8:31-9:8

We have come at Christ's own bidding
to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks through our clouds and shadows;
splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word;
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the law and prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

ANTHEM

Hear My Prayer

Moses Hogan

O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the morning when I rise.
It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.
O Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within your arms.
It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.
When my work on earth is done, and you come to take me home.
Just to know I'm bound for glory, and to hear you say well done.
Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gregory Knox Jones

HYMN NO. 718

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said (Vs. 1, 2 & 4)

BOURBON

Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be; take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.	Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm; Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
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Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
it guides you to abundant life
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Roger Lowe

*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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Choristers: Hye Eun Choi, soprano; Sharon Babcock, mezzo soprano
Jason Berger, tenor; Brenton Mattox, bass
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Aaron Wemhoff and Sophia Wolff
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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 6:00 p.m.!

This Sunday is 180 Game Night on Zoom! Join us for all of our favorite virtual games. Look out for the link in your email. See you there at 6:00 p.m.! 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=b1dGL2c4NXRjMIRBOWJWWElsTTg3dz09>

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=MmxuZWFrREhZSVExS3IveXQvTUhaQT09>

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

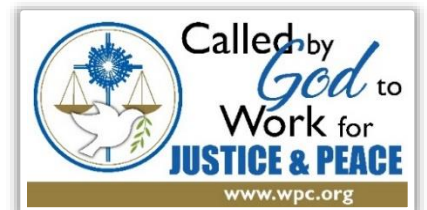
WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

People Powered Fair Maps – Voter Redistricting in Delaware

Presented by Nick Wasileski, President, DelCOG

Thursday, March 4, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

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



This is an initiative by the League of Women Voters presented by Nick Wasileski, President, DelCOG and a member of the Project. It is a redistricting effort focused on creating fair political maps. Following the 2020 Census, the Delaware General Assembly, as well as local state governments, must "redistrict" to ensure equal populations within each voting district. This presentation will discuss:

- 1) How redistricting can work in the public interest (or not)
- 2) Why the redistricting process needs to be transparent
- 3) How Delawareans can participate in the redistricting process
- 4) How to identify "communities of Interest" to strengthen voter districts and hold elected officials accountable to their constituents

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, March 7, 2021, 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 March 7 worship in the sanctuary, [click here!](#)

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.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



2021 Easter LILIES

You are welcome to make a contribution toward the decoration of the church on Easter Sunday in memory of, or in honor of, loved ones. Please complete this form, make check payable to *Westminster Presbyterian Church*, and mail to Susan Alexander at the reception desk by **Monday, March 22**. For any form received *after* that date, the names will be listed in the April 11th bulletin.

DONATION AMOUNT

☐ \$20 ☐ \$40 ☐ \$60 ☐ \$80 ☐ \$100 ☐ Other \$ _____

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

❖ In Memory Of: (FOR THE DECEASED)

Deceased Person's Name

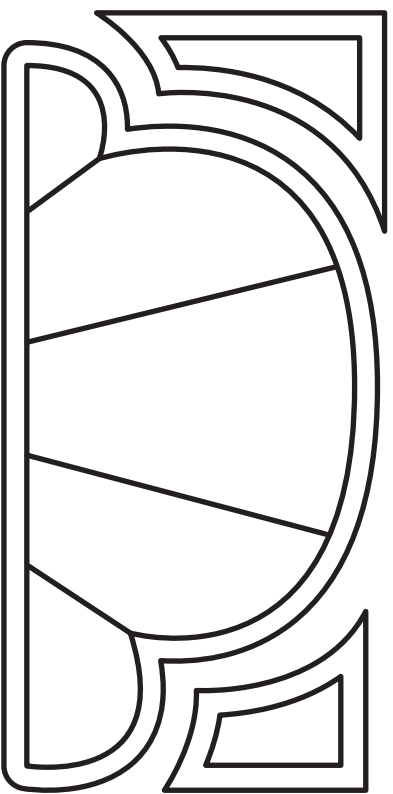
❖ In Honor Of: (FOR THE LIVING)

Living Person's Name

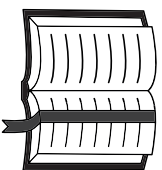
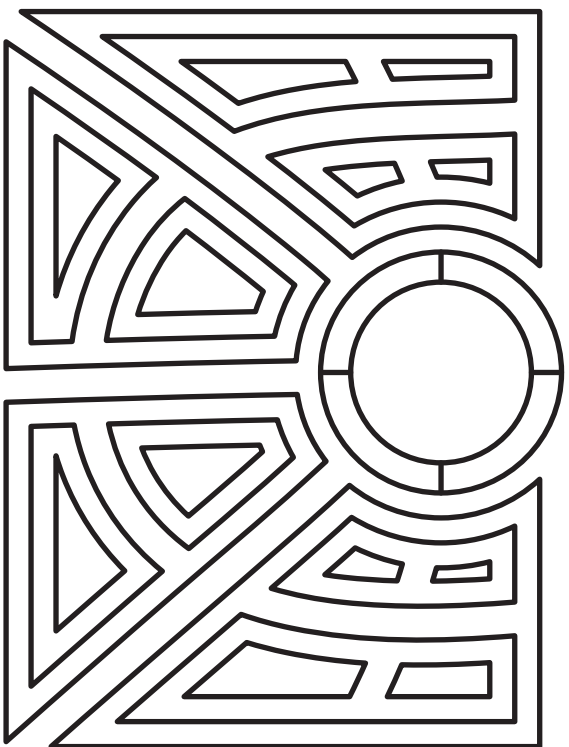
❖ Given By:

Donor's Name and Telephone Number

You may take a lily home with you following the 9:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday. We are also delivering lilies to local retirement communities to share the joy of the season.



All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to God!
~ Psalm 22:27

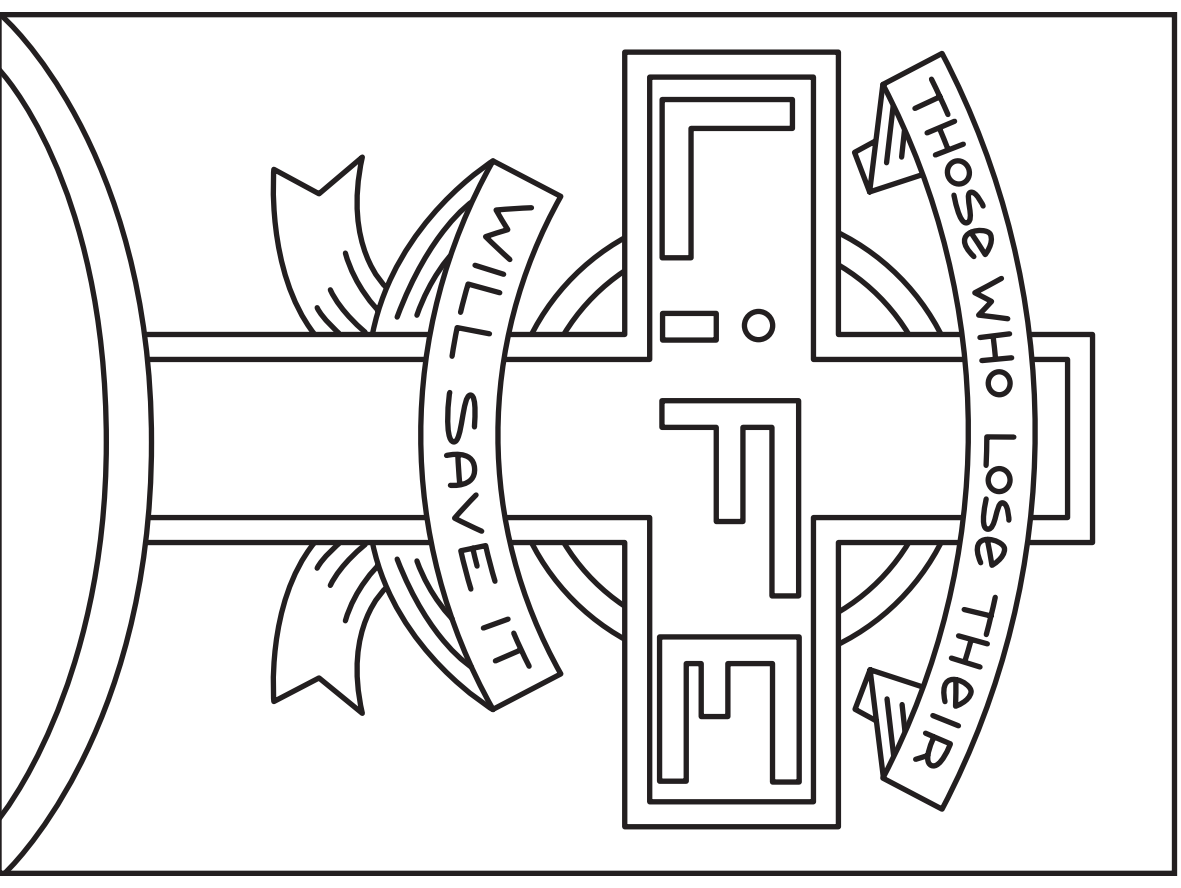


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CHILDREAN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

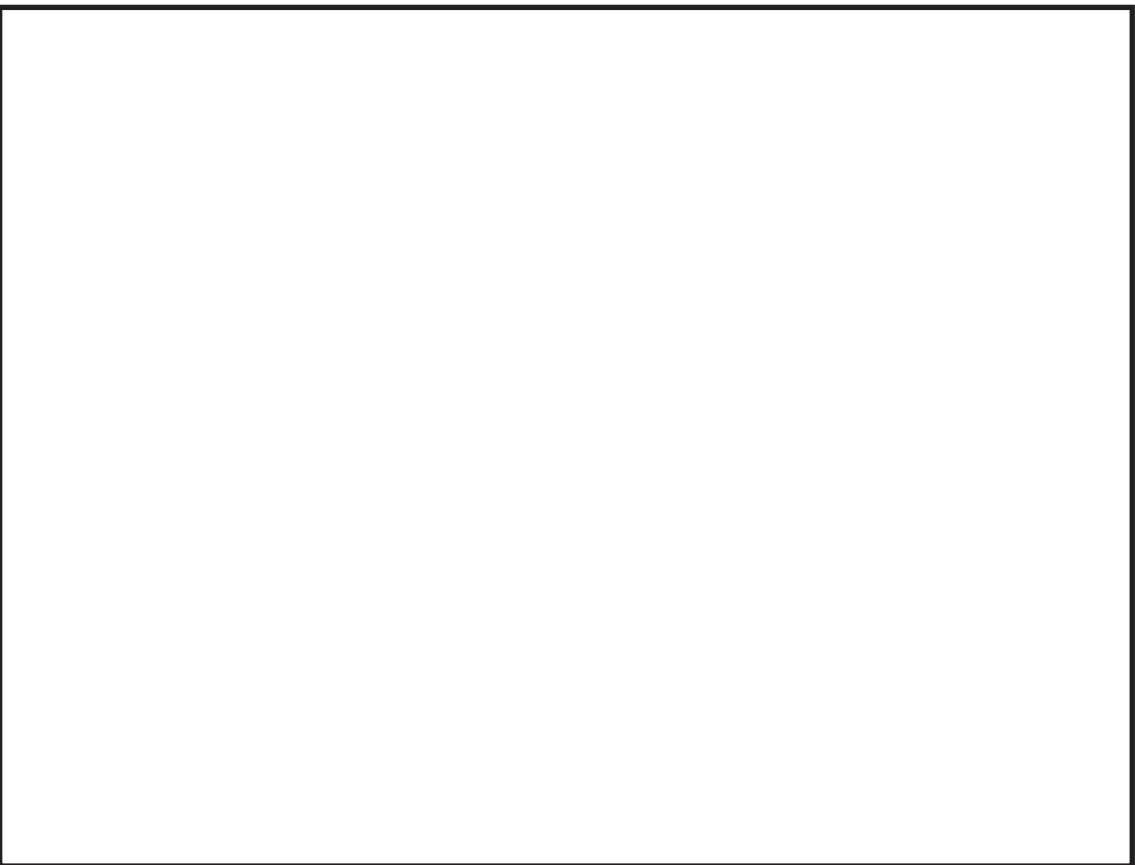
Activities based on Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31, Mark 8:31-38.





DRAW IT

In Genesis 17, God promises Abraham that he and Sarah will become the parents of many, many people who will love and serve God. Draw a picture of one way you and your family serve God.



FINISH ^{the} DRAWING

In Mark 8, Jesus says to follow him and have a truly happy life means focusing our minds on God's desires. Finish the drawing of your mind. Inside, write or draw things that might be hard, but follow Jesus' way (for example, loving your enemies, sharing what you have, and more!).

