



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 7, 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 and Cereal Sunday for the Hanover Pantry 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.

11:00 – 12:00 p.m. **Cooking with Company** on Zoom (see announcement on p. 8).

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

During the month of February, we will be recognizing Black History Month in our service music and anthems. Today we hear a stirring arrangement of *Ain'ta That Good News!* by William Dawson (1899–1990). Although the Alabama native is best remembered for his choral arrangements, it's important to note that he made significant contributions to chamber and symphonic repertoire as well. His *Negro Folk Symphony* garnered the attention of Leopold Stowkowski and was premiered by the Philadelphia Orchestra in 1934.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory and appreciation of Roger Atkins by the Board of Deacons.

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 7 and 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 7, 2021

TOWER CHIME

Susan Spilecki

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

On Eagle's Wings

Janet Linker

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is the stronghold of our lives;
of whom shall we be afraid?
Let us trust in the One who strengthens us in times of trial;
and is the foundation of life and hope.

HYMN NO. 49

The God of Abraham Praise
Vs. 1 & 4

LEONI

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above, the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love! The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed, we bow before your holy name, forever blest.	You have eternal life implanted in the soul; your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll. We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name: the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion and mercy, look with favor upon us as we confess our weaknesses:
Our faith is fragile in the face of crisis.
Our trust wavers when troubles arise.
Our hope collapses when life turns mean.
Mighty God, embolden us with your Spirit.
When our vision dims, restore our sight.
When our confidence wanes, magnify our courage.
Strengthen our resolve to live according to your ways
so that we may once again be your faithful people. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:21-31

HYMN NO. 43

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord
Vs. 1, 2 & 3

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!" And he will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.	The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: under his wings, your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. And he will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.
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You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.
And he will raise you up on eagles' wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

I got a crown up in-a the Kingdom, ain'a that good news!
 I'm a-goin' to lay down this worl', goin'a shoulder up-uh my cross,
 Goin'a take it home-a to my Jesus, ain'a that good news!
 I got a harp up in-a the Kingdom, ain'a that good news!
 I got a robe up in-a the Kingdom, ain'a that good news!
 I got a Saviour in-a the Kingdom, ain'a that good news!

**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.**

Arise, your light is come!	Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;	All you in sorrow born,
show forth the glory of your God,	bind up the brokenhearted ones
which shines on you today.	and comfort those who mourn.

*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.*

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
Videographers: Rich Albert, Chip Pfleegor, Roger Reinicker, Baden Saathoff,
Aaron Wemhoff and Sophia Wolff
Tower Chime: Susan Spilecki

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](#).

No 180 Youth on February 7

180 Youth is taking a break tonight. Enjoy the big game (or at least the commercials)! See you next week! For more information about 180, please contact Tommy Neilson 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

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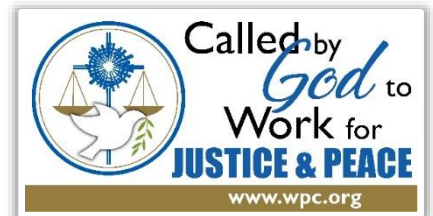
Facilitated by Randy Williamson and Mary Anne Peters. Our Bible study continues and new faces are always welcome.

WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

REACH Riverside – A Transformational Partnership

Thursday, February 11, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

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



Wilmington's Riverside community is one of the most depressed areas in Delaware with high unemployment, high crime, low education levels and low incomes. An innovative partnership among EastSide Charter School, Kingswood Community Center, Teen Warehouse, Wilmington Housing Authority and REACH Riverside Development Corporation is working on a holistic neighborhood revitalization project using the successful strategies developed by nationally acclaimed [Purpose Built Communities](#). Join us as Westminster member Charlie McDowell, REACH Riverside Board Chair, and CEO Logan Herring share with us the compelling story of this project and the hope it offers for long-term community health and well-being.

Use the Zoom link above, or go to zoom.us/join, enter Meeting ID **860 2752 1655** and click "Join."

Bible Boxes for Children (Age 2 – Grade 5)

Bible Box, a very creative [YouTube series](#) that combines Bible stories, crafts, and music, will resume February 14 and run through the end of April. 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.

Join Us for In-person Worship in Our Sanctuary

Sunday, February 14, 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 14 worship in the sanctuary, [click here](#)!

Cooking with Company

Today, 11:00 a.m. on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7282948556>

Zoom Meeting ID: 728 294 8556 | No Password Required



Are you looking for a fun new way to connect with your Westminster family? Wondering what to eat on Super Bowl Sunday? Consider joining the Deacon's Zoom Room for a cooking demonstration today from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. In order to prepare, [click here](#) for the recipe and supplies needed for Curried Vegetable Casserole with Basmati Rice. Let's join virtually to cook alongside our Host Chefs Paul and Kathy Kelly. We'll see you then! Bon Appetit.

Bible Box for Young Children Resumes February 14

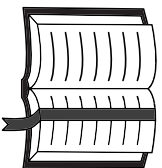
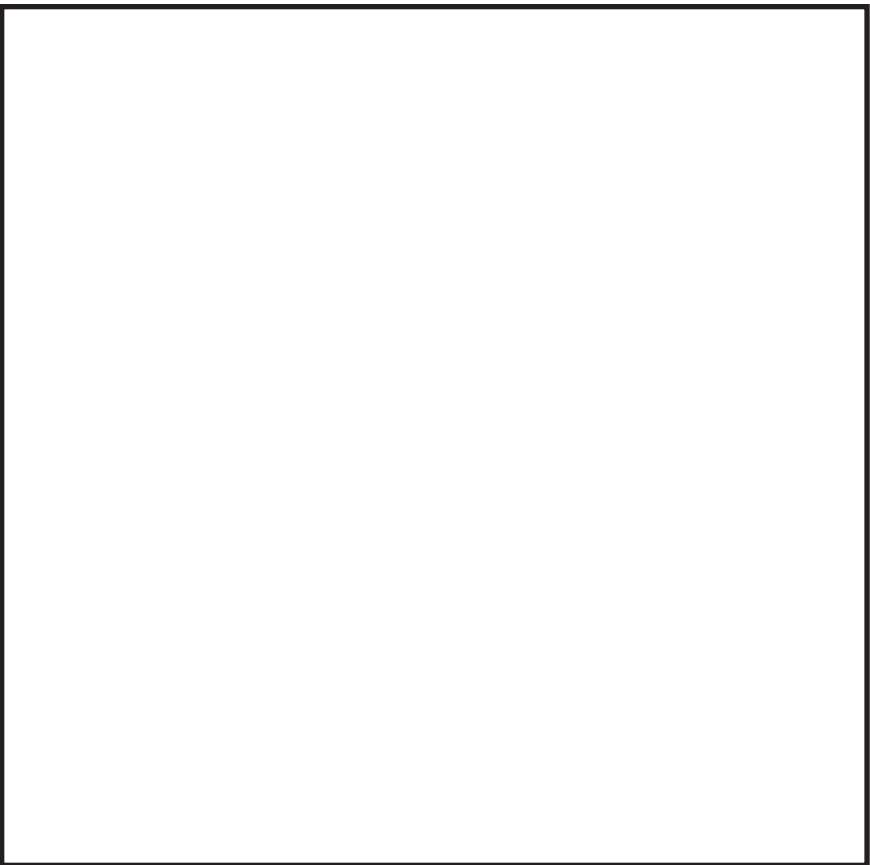


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DRAW IT

In Isaiah 40, we are told to look at the power of creation to be reminded of God's power, faithfulness, and loving promises. Draw a picture of something that reminds you of God's love and power.

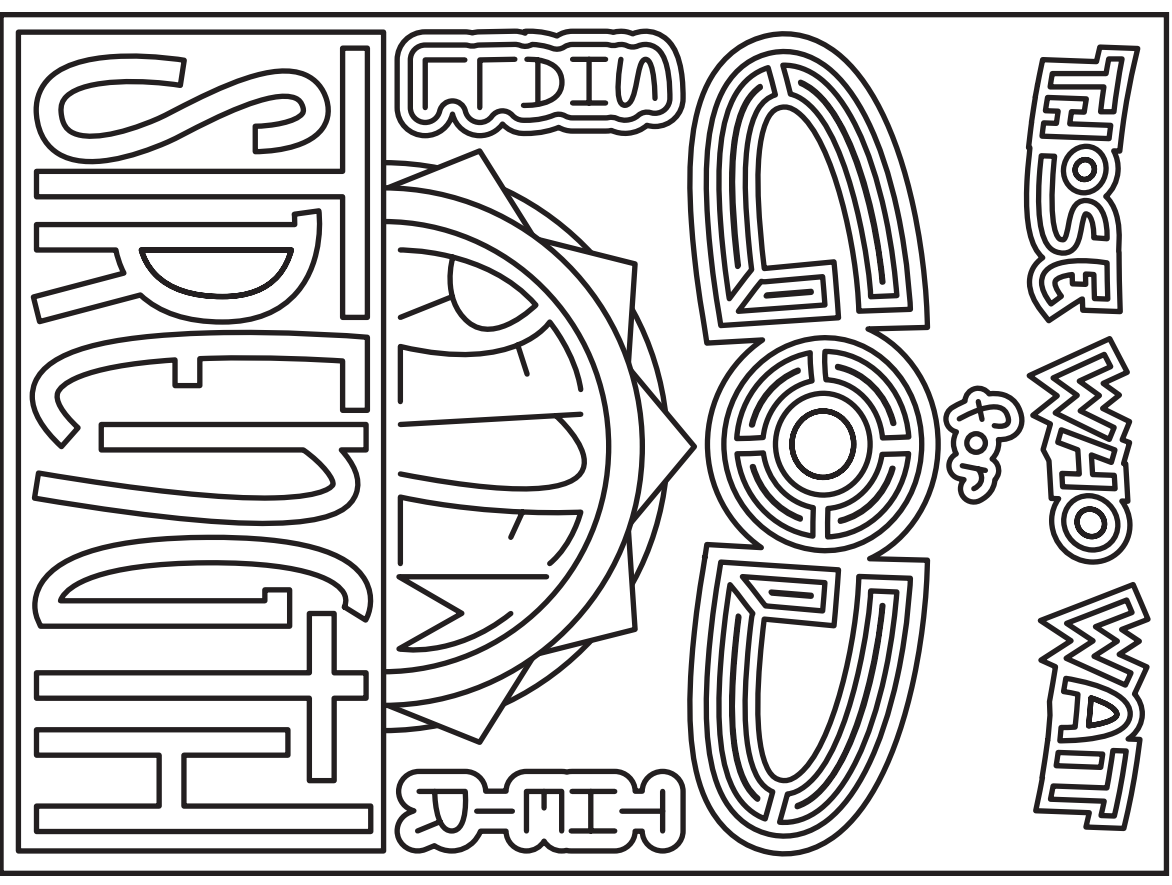


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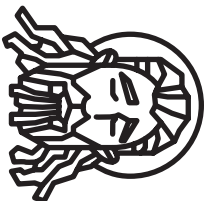
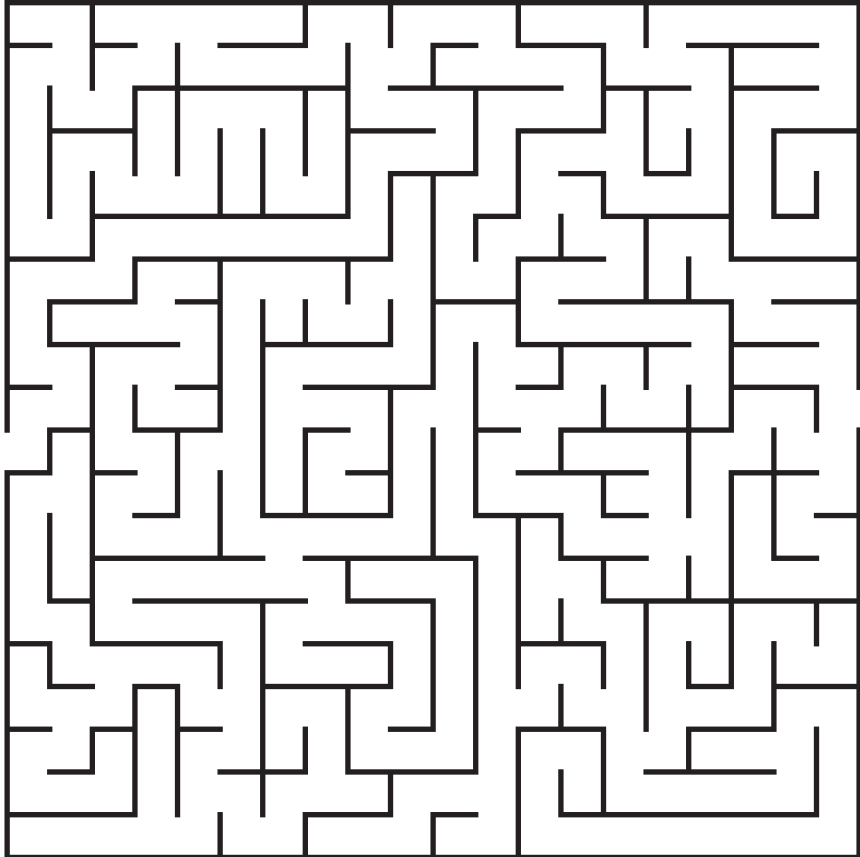
CHILDREIN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Isaiah 40:2-31, Psalm 147:1-11, 20c, Mark 1:29-39.



SOLVE the MAZE

In Mark 1, Jesus goes to a special place to pray by himself, and the disciples have a hard time finding him! Help the disciples make their way to Jesus.



WORD SEARCH

In Psalm 147, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. How do the people respond to Joshua? Unscramble the words to find out.

T C Z S I N G E E G E R G D F
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W Q C Y T L Y E O L I I L Y R
D M T E F V A H U D U G B K G
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PRAISE	STARS	HEAVEN
LORD	GREAT	RAIN
SING	POWER	ANIMALS
GRACIOUS	UNDERSTANDING	STRENGTH
BUILD	LIFT	HOPE
HEAL	MELODY	LOVE