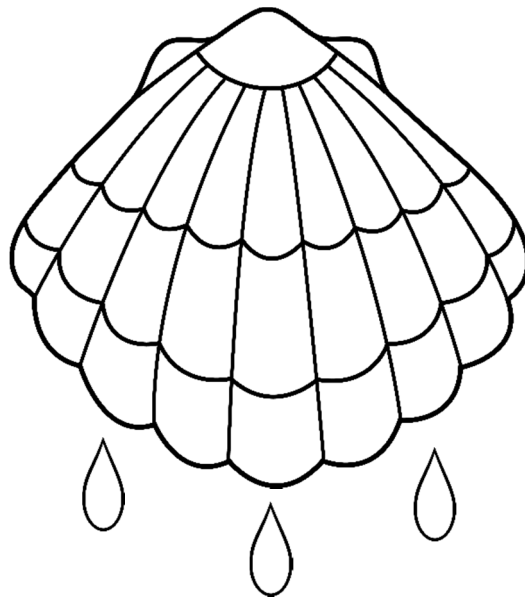




# Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 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)**

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](http://www.wpc.org)), liking us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware](https://www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware)), or following us on Instagram ([www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware](https://www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware)).

### **Today at Westminster**

**8:45 – 10:00 a.m.**      **Collecting food** for Emmanuel Dining Room – parking lot

**9:00 – 9:45 a.m.**      **Worship**  
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** on Zoom

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

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**The sanctuary flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of teachers, who are far too often not recognized for how they shape the lives of their students, from Jordan Maxwell.

**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](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com). Dates available are January 31; February 7 and 28.

**Recently hospitalized:** Roger Atkins, Kimberly Hickman-Bowen and Julie West.

**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](mailto:wpcprayerlist@gmail.com).

**You can make a contribution** to Westminster Presbyterian Church by visiting our website [www.wpc.org](http://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, JANUARY 10, 2021

TOWER CHIME

Susan Spilecki

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Morning Has Broken*

Fred Bock

CALL TO WORSHIP

As Jesus stood in Jordan's muddy waters,  
**we stand in the muddy waters of our lives.**  
As Jesus submitted to John's baptism,  
**we submit our lives to God's transforming touch.**  
As Jesus trusted God's Spirit to fill him with wisdom,  
**we trust God's Spirit to illumine our minds.**  
As Jesus emerged from the Jordan to give his life to God,  
**we will leave worship with a renewed sense of God's presence in our lives.**

HYMN NO. 35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*  
Vs. 1 & 3

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!	Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we confess that we do not always live for you.  
You have invited us into new life,  
yet we have closed our ears to your invitation.  
You have challenged us to step out of well-worn ruts,  
yet we hesitate to venture onto a new path.  
Enter our lives and renew our spirits,  
so that we will muster the courage to make overdue changes in our lives.  
We ask this in the name of Christ,  
who brings us hope for new life. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:4-11

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,  
to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,  
magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound:  
myrrh and frankincense and gold  
grave and God and king foretold.

Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,  
“I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do.”  
Then from heaven a double sign—  
dove-like Spirit, voice divine—hailed the true Anointed One:  
“This is my beloved Son.”

SERMON

Gregory Knox Jones

ANTHEM

*When Jordan Hushed His Waters Still*

Stanford Scriven

When Jordan hushed his waters still, and silence slept on Zion's hill;  
When Bethlehem's shepherds through the night watched o'er their flocks by starry light;  
Hark! From the midnight hills around, a voice of more than mortal sound  
In distant hallelujahs stole wild murm'ring o'er the raptured soul.  
On wheels of light, on wings of flame, the glorious hosts of Zion came;  
High heaven with songs of triumph rung, while thus they struck their harps and sung:  
“O Zion, lift thy raptured eye, the long expected hour is nigh;  
The joys of nature rise again, the Prince of Salem comes to reign.  
He comes to cheer the trembling heart, bids darkness and his host depart;  
Again the day-star gilds the gloom, again the bow'rs of Eden bloom.”  
—Thomas Campbell

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN NO. 485

*We Know That Christ Is Raised*  
Vs. 1, 2 & 4

ENGELBERG

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.	We share by water in his saving death.
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold,	Reborn we share with him an Easter life
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!	as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Johann C. Kittel

*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 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](http://www.wpc.org)).*

## PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dr. Gregory Knox Jones  
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Choristers: Hye Eun Choi, soprano; Sharon Babcock, mezzo soprano  
Jason Berger, tenor; Brenton Mattox, bass  
Videographers: Chip Pfleeger, 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](http://www.wpc.org)) and check out other Education Offerings for Adults on [YouTube](#).

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## 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

Midweek Manna Bible Study, facilitated by the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson, returns Wednesday, January 13. We will have a full reading of the Gospel of Matthew in the new year. New faces always welcome!

### Wednesday evenings, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88941171153?pwd=MmxuZWFrREhZSVExS3lveXQvTUhaQT09>

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

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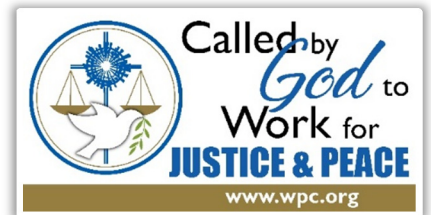
## WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

### Today's Age of Conflict: Causes, Cures and Challenges

Thursdays, January 14, 21, 28, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

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

Join us each Thursday evening in January as Westminster member David McBride presents a four-part series offering insightful perspectives on the historical context of our current national conflict, considering the causes of both the economic and social divides, and the political realities that must be addressed in order to accomplish productive change. Use the Zoom link above, or go to [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join), enter Meeting ID **860 2752 1655** and click "Join."



### A Special Education Opportunity: Racism in America

Sundays at 1:00 p.m. – TODAY (January 10), January 17, and 24

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82039285274?pwd=cDI1M2V4ckMrekRyK2lrTkNaeWwrZz09>

This series of seven one-hour classes, hosted by The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew, includes both presentation and discussion. Please join us! (January 10: Mass Incarceration & The War on Drugs)

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## 180 Youth on Zoom! Join us TONIGHT (January 10)

It's time to kick off 180 for a brand new semester! Join us at our first Kickback tonight at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom for catch-up time and games. See you there! For more information about 180, please contact Tommy Neilson at [tommyjneilson@gmail.com](mailto:tommyjneilson@gmail.com).

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## Bible Boxes for Children (Age 2 – Grade 4)

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 in the spring of 2021, please email Alexis Droke at [alexisdroke@wpc.org](mailto:alexisdroke@wpc.org).

# Join Us for In-person Worship in Our Sanctuary

**Sunday, January 17 | 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](http://www.wpc.org).

**To make your online reservation for January 17 worship in the sanctuary, [click here!](#)**



## JANUARY 31, 2021

**9:00 a.m. – One Worship Service in the Sanctuary**  
**10:30 a.m. – Annual Meeting on Zoom**

The annual congregational meeting of Westminster Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. for the purpose of conducting the following business:

1. To receive the report of the Church Officer Nominating Committee and to elect elders, deacons, and trustees;
2. To elect congregational at-large members to the Church Officer Nominating Committee;
3. To receive the financial report of 2020;
4. To receive the budget report for 2021;
5. To consider changes to the calls of the pastors; and
6. To consider any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

*By order of Session: Gregory Knox Jones, Moderator, and Jan Patrick, Clerk of Session*

***An email will be sent the week of January 25 with the Zoom meeting information.***



# Join Discernment Team in Discussing God in our Midst

**Sunday, January 17 | 11:00 a.m. | via Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83626422670?pwd=cGFYZ1d5dVF5K3hWcm1sMU5NTHVvQT09>

Zoom Meeting ID: 836 2642 2670 | Passcode: 050189



The Discernment Team is reading *Grounded* by Diana Butler Bass, and wants to discuss with you the idea of finding God in the world and at Westminster. "Grounded ... an anthem to the sacred unity of the physical and the spiritual in the formation of human faith and in the maturation of the human soul." You can listen to Butler Bass' interview in the Washington Cathedral on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/tHFsK0BNz7Y>. Hope to see you on January 17 at 11:00 a.m. with your beverage of choice for one hour of robust discussion on the future of Faith, Church and Spiritual Engagement.

## VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT RETURNS!

**Wednesday, January 27 | 7:00 p.m. | via Zoom**

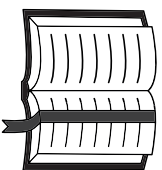
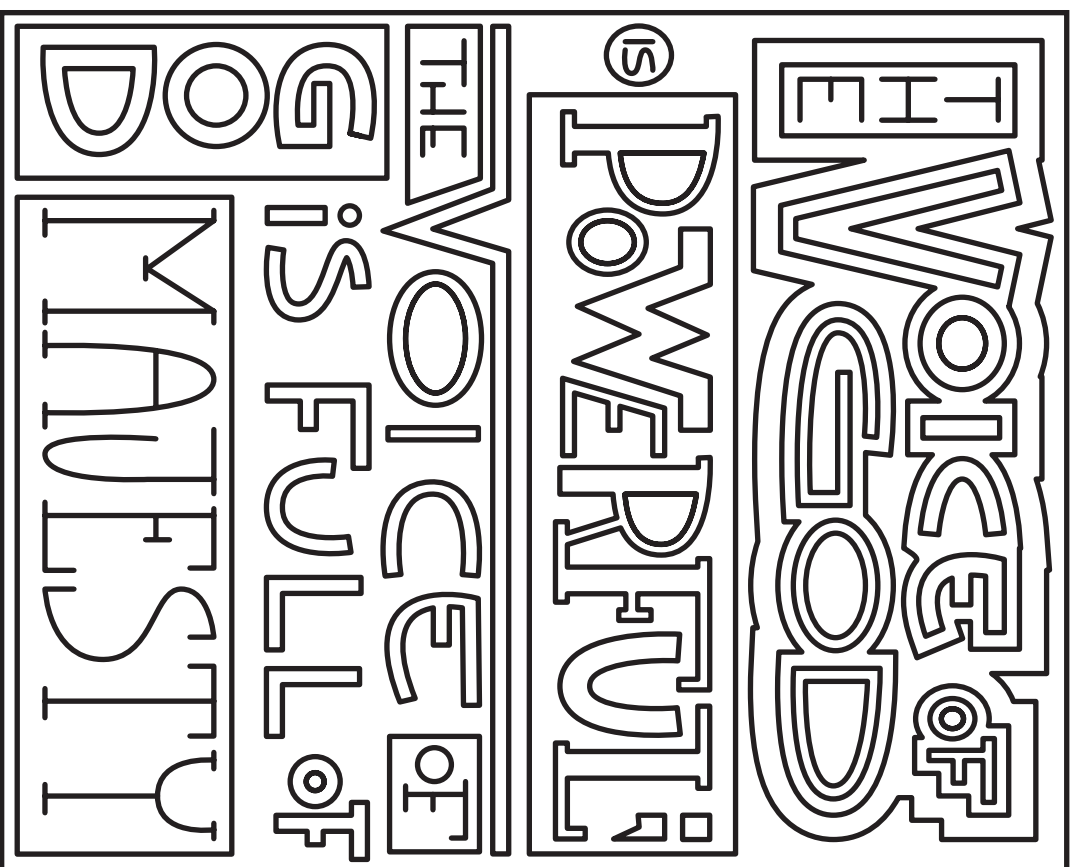
Check back for the Zoom link!

Join fellow Westminster members in a friendly and fun competition via Zoom. January's trivia theme will be all things DISNEY! 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](mailto:blackfordj11@gmail.com)).





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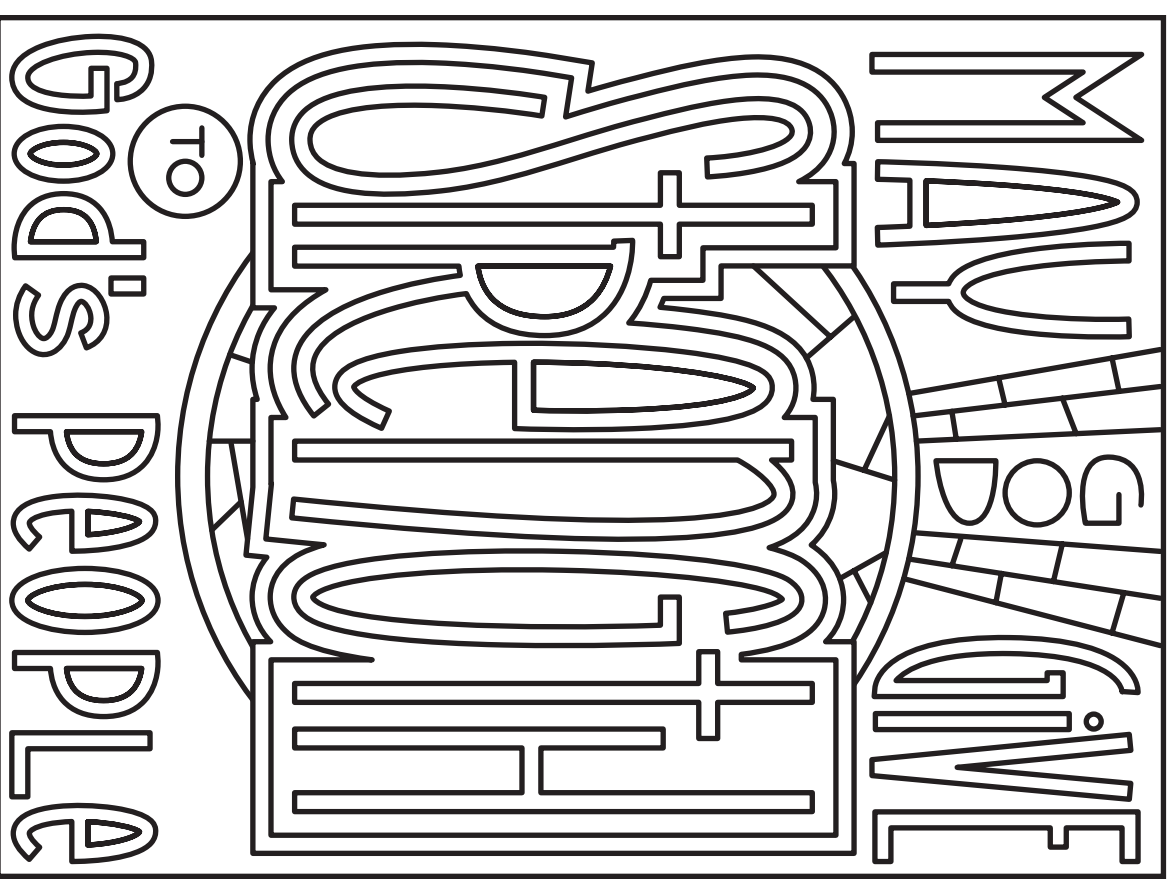


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# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Mark 14:11.





# DRAW IT

Mark 1 describes John baptizing Jesus in the Jordan River. The Holy Spirit - looking like a dove - came down from the sky, and a voice from heaven said, “this is my Son, the Beloved.” Draw what you imagine this amazing event looked like!

# UNSCRAMBLE IT

What was the very first thing God created according to the poetry of Genesis? Unscramble the words to find out!

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