



Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 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 – 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.

11:00 – 12:00 p.m. **Discussion:** God in our Midst and Diana Butler Bass' *Grounded* (see p. 7).

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. **180 Youth** on Zoom (please see p. 6).

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

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my brother Peter Charles Weinberg, Rick's mother, Ruth Virginia Hale Howard, and my mother, Jean Stevenson Maloney Weinberg from Rick and Mary-beth Howard.

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. Dates available are February 7 and 28.

Recently hospitalized: Roger Atkins 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.

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, JANUARY 17, 2021

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies

Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Seek, not a superficial faith, but a deep trust in the Creator of the cosmos.

**We come with a mixture of both faith and doubt,
and a yearning for more assurance.**

Open your mind to mystery, your heart to holiness and your soul to Spirit.

We come to affirm God's presence in our lives.

HYMN No. 386

Come, Worship God
Vs. 1 & 4

O QUANTA QUALIA

Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor;
enter God's presence with thanks and a song!
You are the rock of your people's salvation
to whom our jubilant praises belong.

Now let us listen, for you speak among us;
open our hearts to receive what you say.
Peace be to all who remember your goodness,
trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Everlasting God, by your Spirit you raised Christ from the dead,
and by your Spirit you raise us to new life.**

**We give thanks that you are our Source and Sustainer,
and you show us the path to holy adventures and a rich life.**

**Continually renew us in faith, hope and love
in order that we may proclaim with joyous words and integrity of life
the good news of your love and your hope for the world,
through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

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

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

ANTHEM

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Roy Ringwald

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night,
Through the dark, through the storm, to thy light.
I have been to the mount, I have seen the promised land: precious Lord, take my hand.
Precious Lord, take my hand, bring thy child home at last,
where the strife and the pain all are past;
I have dreamed a great dream that thy love shall rule our land: precious Lord, take my hand.
Precious Lord, take my hand, take thy child unto thee,
with my dream of a world that is free.
For that day when all flesh, joins the glory thou hast planned: precious Lord, take my hand.

SERMON

Gregory Knox Jones

For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase,
fear will die and hope increase.

All that spoils abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, self or custom, precepts that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span,
may we hallow life's brief span.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sudie Niesen Thompson

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN NO. 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Vs. 1 & 3

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on, till victory is won.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

J. Christopher Pardini

*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).

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: Chip Pfleeger, Roger Reinicker, Baden Saathoff, Aaron Wemhoff and Sophia Wolff

Tower Chime: Craig Checkel

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, January 24, 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 January 24 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 (January 17) at 6:00 p.m.

Small Groups start at 180 this Sunday! Small Groups are a great opportunity for students to get to know each other better, learn about Scripture, and connect the things we learn to our lives! See you Sunday at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom! 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=b1dGL2c4NXRjMIRBOWJWWEIsTTg3dz09>

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=MmxuZWVvREhZSVExS3IveXQvTUhaQT09>

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

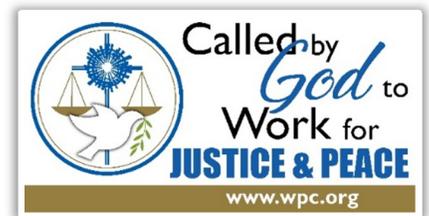
WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

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

Thursdays, January 21 and 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. Use the Zoom link above, or go to 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 17) and January 24

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

Much of the racial turmoil in our country today can be traced directly to elements of our history, even before the founding of the United States. Many of the racial stereotypes we hear – or hold – are a direct consequence of intentional economic and public policy. Understanding this history gives us a foundation for action to address the profound inequities that exist in our society today. This series of one-hour classes, hosted by The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew, includes both presentation and discussion. Please join us!

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.

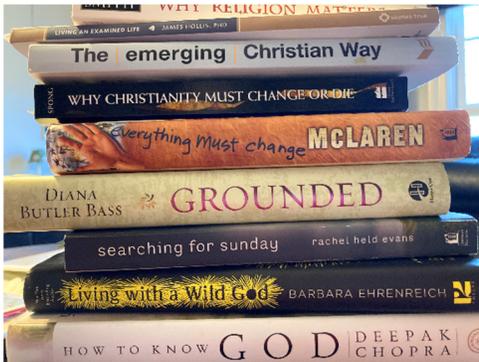
Join Discernment Team in Discussing God in our Midst

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

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

Or call in by dialing +1 (929) 205-6099 **OR** +1 (301) 715-8592

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. and/or January 31 at 1:00 p.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

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

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).



Taste of Guatemala: Virtual Chocolate Tasting and Celebration

Thursday, January 28 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



The Guatemala Partnership of New Castle Presbytery invites you to an evening filled with sweet bites, celebration and camaraderie! Registration is \$52 per household. This includes: four hand-crafted Guatemalan/Nicaraguan chocolate bars from [Triangle Roasters](#) and [Diego's Chocolates](#) (delivered right to your front door), an interactive tasting with chocolate sommelier [Estelle Tracy of 37 Chocolates](#), a virtual journey to visit with our partners in Guatemala and see their work in action, and a \$20 tax-deductible donation. All are welcome!

Click here to register!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZc9f-ioqDloGNJicfrBkwfrrEG-tbi80mBr>

Please register by Monday, January 18 to ensure that your chocolate is delivered to you in time for the event.



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 on Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. for the purpose of conducting the following business:

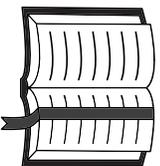
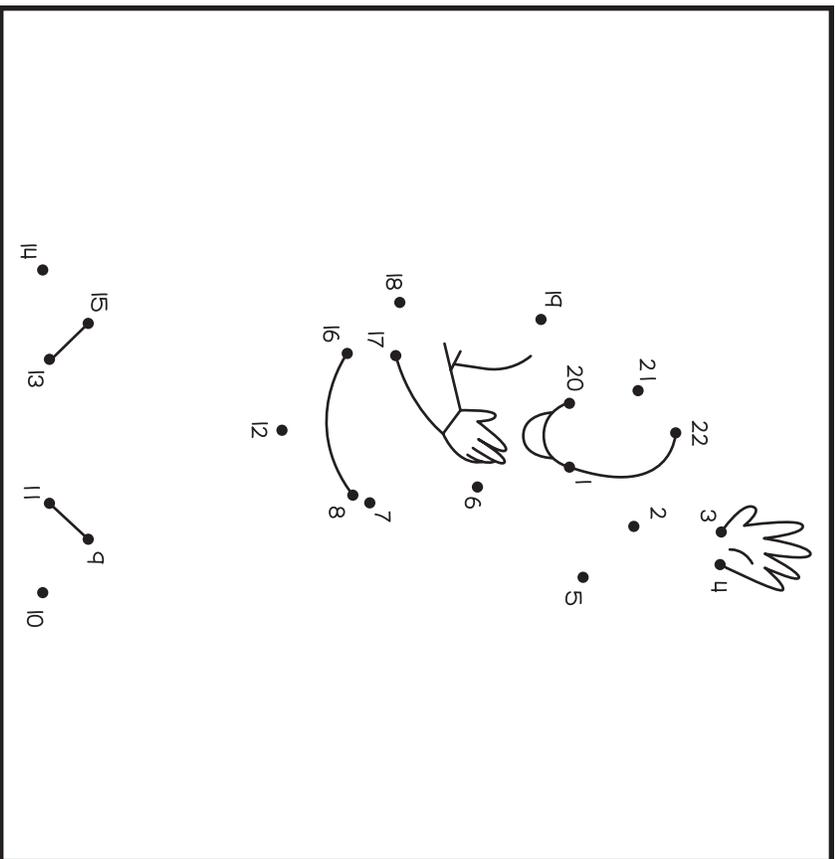
1. To receive the report of the Church Officer Nominating Committee and to elect elders, deacons, and trustees;
2. To elect congregational at-large members to the Church Officer Nominating Committee;
3. To receive the financial report of 2020;
4. To receive the budget report for 2021;
5. To consider 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.

CONNECT the DOTS

In 1 Corinthians 6, we are reminded that our bodies are temples for the Holy Spirit, and that we can praise God in amazing ways with our bodies! Connect the dots to form a body. Then write or draw some ways you can bring glory to God through your body!

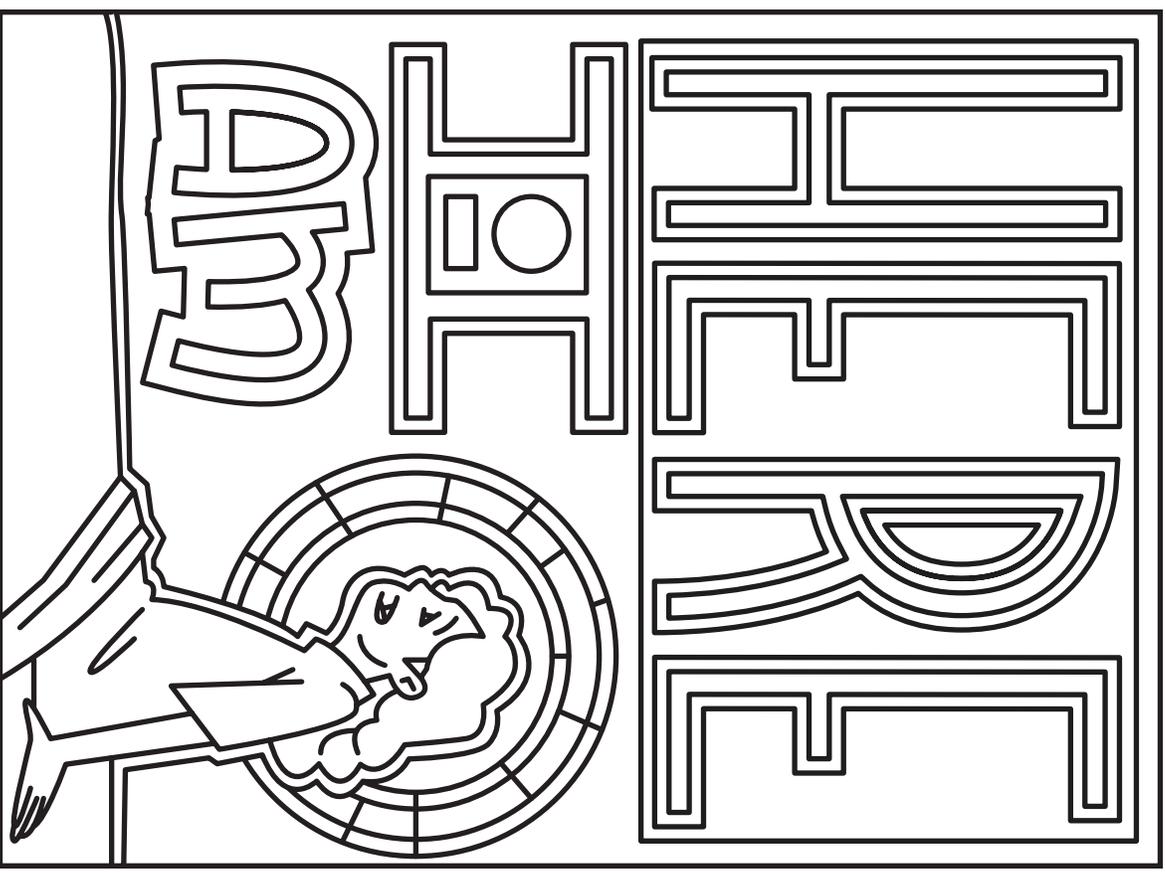


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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20), 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 14:3-5:1.





DRAW IT

In 1 Samuel 3, a young boy, Samuel, has a special experience. He hears God call out and speak to him during the night. In the first box, draw what you imagine this looked like for Samuel. In the second box, draw a picture of how you feel God's presence.

SOLVE (the) MAZE

John 1 describes Jesus' journey to call some of his first disciples. Help Jesus and his friends make their way through Galilee.

