



Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 23, 2022

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

- 8:30 – 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 4.
- 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 4.
- 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.** **Confirmation Class** in Classroom 7.
- 11:15 – 12:00 p.m.** **Living Mosaics** in Rodney Chapel.
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** **180 Youth** meet in Classroom 6. See page 6 for details.

Please see page 6 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! Today's anthem was written by Jane Marshall, a prolific composer of choral music and hymns, who died in 2019 at the age of 94. The Texas native was a longtime member of the Meadows School of the Arts theory faculty and the Sacred Music graduate faculty at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. She began her career in sacred music as a volunteer church choir member and enjoyed hundreds of published works over the course of her lifetime.



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 2% of the 10,000 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.

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 February 27; March 6, 13 and 20.

The flowers on the chancel are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Hanson and Emily Hodge and Bob and Dick Geuder by Sara Geuder.

Recently hospitalized: Fay Barnaby and Paul Robinson.

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, JANUARY 23, 2022

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Let All Things Their Creator Bless

Alfred V. Fedak

CALL TO WORSHIP

Those who trust in the Lord
will find their strength renewed.

They will soar like eagles!

They will run and not become weary;

they will walk and not grow weak!

*HYMN NO. 15

All Creatures of Our God and King (Vs 1, 2, 4 & 6)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God, we are grateful for your grace
that nurtures and sustains us for the journey ahead.
We pray that when the journey is fraught with danger
and when dreams of the future are shrouded in mist,
your Spirit will meet us anew with a message to keep hope alive.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Old Testament, pages 402-403

ANTHEM

Lord of All Hopefulness

Jane M. Marshall

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day. —Jan Struther

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

SERMON

Gregory Knox Jones

*HYMN No. 50

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

SHEPHERDS' PIPES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sudie Niesen Thompson

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

*HYMN No. 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Roger Lowe

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 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).

For a link to our **revised COVID policy** go to:

https://www.wpc.org/uploads/Westminster_COVID-19_Mask_Policy_and_Safety_Measures.pdf

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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TASTE AND TRAVEL: A GUATEMALAN EXPERIENCE

Thursday, February 10, 7:00–8:15 p.m. on Zoom



Enjoy the sights, sounds and flavors of Guatemala without leaving your home! This 75-minute virtual event will combine an interactive chocolate tasting with a special travelogue update. Westminster members Cathy Higgins and Carrie Saathoff have just returned from Guatemala and can't wait to share about their trip! Your registration fee (\$58) includes four artisanal Guatemalan chocolate bars delivered to your front door and a \$25 tax-deductible donation. Makes a great Valentine's Day experience.

Register by January 28 at: <https://bit.ly/3lqfoQ1>

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](#).

180 Youth – Sundays from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. – Meet in Classroom 6

Calling all students, 6th-12th grade! There will be games, dinner, and small group time! Don't forget your mask!

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, has begun a short study on Paul's Letter to the Philippians. On **January 26**, Midweek Manna will take on something a bit different ... a novel! We will discuss *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd, which tells the story of a remarkable young woman named Ana who, in the author's imagination, becomes the wife of Jesus of Nazareth. Pick up a copy of this engaging novel and join us for our conversation on January 26! New faces always welcome.

Thursday Evenings – 6:00–7:00 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.

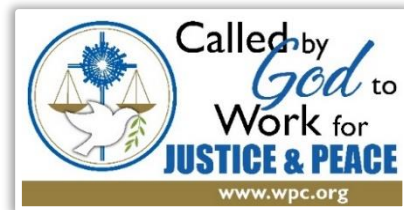
WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

One Book, One Church – Sign Up for a Discussion Group

Thursday, January 27, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

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

Are you participating in our all-church read of *The Sum of Us*? Have you found yourself writing notes in the margins, Googling the events Heather McGhee references, or sharing with others something you learned from the book? There's A LOT to discuss! Here's your chance to talk about *The Sum of Us* with others in our family of faith. Whether or not you've finished the book, we hope you'll join us for a One Book, One Church discussion group! You can sign up to participate in a group via SignUpGenius. [Click here](#), then enter access code: **McGhee**. Discussion groups occur Thursday, January 27, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom **OR** Monday, January 31, at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom.



Women's Online Community Group – 2nd and 4th Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

The women of Westminster connect for heartfelt and enriching discussions on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Rev. Jill Getty facilitates this group on Zoom. Use the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/477914100>

Interested in Membership at Westminster?

Membership Exploration Class – Wednesday, February 9, 5:00 p.m. via Zoom

Are you interested in learning more about Westminster Presbyterian Church? Are you thinking about becoming a member of our congregation? Join us via Zoom on February 9 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. for a Membership Exploration Class! This is a chance to hear about Westminster's work and witness, to meet representatives from various ministries of the church, and to discover ways to connect with our community of faith. There will also be an opportunity to join the Westminster congregation at the end of the class. **RSVP by February 7** to the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson: sniesenthompson@wpc.org

Helping Hands Glove Project

January 2022



Please remember to bring new gloves, mittens, hats, and/or scarves to Westminster during the month of January to benefit men, women and children in need.

Collection boxes are set up inside the entry doors and by the reception desk. Bring your donations anytime you plan to be in or near church and we will deliver them to the Friendship House Clothing Bank so that they may be distributed to those in need.

Thank you for providing warmth to those battling the winter elements!



JANUARY 30, 2022

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 30, 2022 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 2021;
4. To receive the budget report for 2022;
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 24 with the Zoom meeting information.

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The Rev. Dr. Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff
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The Rev. Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

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