



Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 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.

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 Emily and Hanson Hodge and Dick and Bob Geuder, by Sara Geuder.

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@ycest.com. Dates available are March 7 and 14; April 11 and 18.

Recently hospitalized: 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 24, 2021

TOWER CHIME

Susan Spilecki

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Fanfare and Processional

Lynn Trapp

CALL TO WORSHIP

A new day has dawned; a day ripe with possibilities.

**Now is the time for new beginnings,
a time to encounter God anew.**

God calls us to new commitments and new actions.

We pray that we may be faithful to God's calling.

HYMN No. 15

All Creatures of Our God and King
Vs. 1 & 2

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam, sing praises!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind with clouds and rain,
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain. Alleluia! Alleluia!
O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for your Lord to hear. Sing praises!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

**Ever-present God, stir in our hearts a holy expectancy
so that we will be ready and open to hear your voice.**

**May our spirit be open to the call of your Spirit,
that in listening for you we might hear you,
that in searching for you we might meet you,
that in meeting you we might follow you. Amen.**

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

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:14-20

ANTHEM

Follow Me

Roger C. Wilson

I heard him call, "Come, follow," that was all.
My gold grew dim, my soul went after him, I rose and followed, that was all.
Who would not follow if they heard him call?
Him evermore I behold, walking in Galilee, through the cornfields' waving gold,
In the hamlet, or grassy wold, by the shores of the beautiful sea.
He toucheth the sightless eyes, before him the demons flee;
To the dead he saith, "Arise!" To the living, "Follow me!"
—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

SERMON

Gregory Knox Jones

God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs, through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise. Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder: God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?	God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers, through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair. Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading: God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sudie Niesen Thompson

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN NO. 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore
Vs. 1 & 3

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones; you only asked me to follow humbly. O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me. By your side I will seek other seas.	You need my hands, full of caring, through my labors to give others rest and constant love that keeps on loving. O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me. By your side I will seek other seas.
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Promenade in G Major

McNeil Robinson

*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
Director of Music/Organist: Dr. F. Anthony Thurman
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) and check out other Education Offerings for Adults on [YouTube](#).

180 Youth on Zoom! Join us TONIGHT (January 24) at 6 p.m.

Hey 180 students! Join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom for our next Kickback! We'll be playing games and hanging out! See you there! 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.

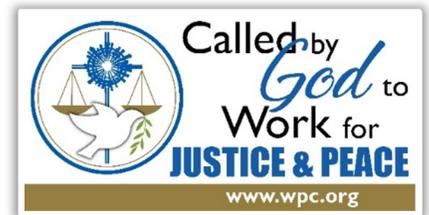
WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

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

Thursday, January 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

Today (January 24) at 1:00 p.m.

<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 Us for In-person Worship in Our Sanctuary

Sunday, January 31, 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 31 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 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.

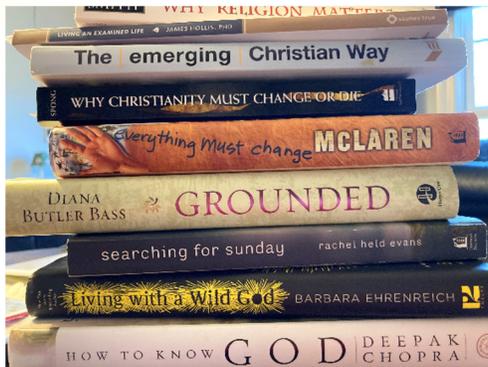
Join the Conversation: God in Our Midst, Grounded, and the Emerging Church

Sunday, January 31 | 1:00 p.m. | via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86291826216?pwd=WFVVVHFSejhZMDNpTDNRbE82cDg0UT09>

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 862 9182 6216 | Passcode: 437324



There's a lot of resonance between Diana Butler Bass' book, *Grounded*, and what's going on at Westminster. Join the Discernment Team's second discussion on where we're finding God. You can listen to Butler Bass' interview on *Grounded* in the Washington Cathedral on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/tHFskOBnz7Y>. Read the book or just come because you're interested in discussing what's good at Westminster, what you enjoy engaging with, and what you'd like to see more of. Hope to see you on the 31st!

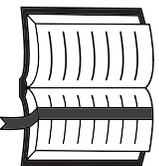
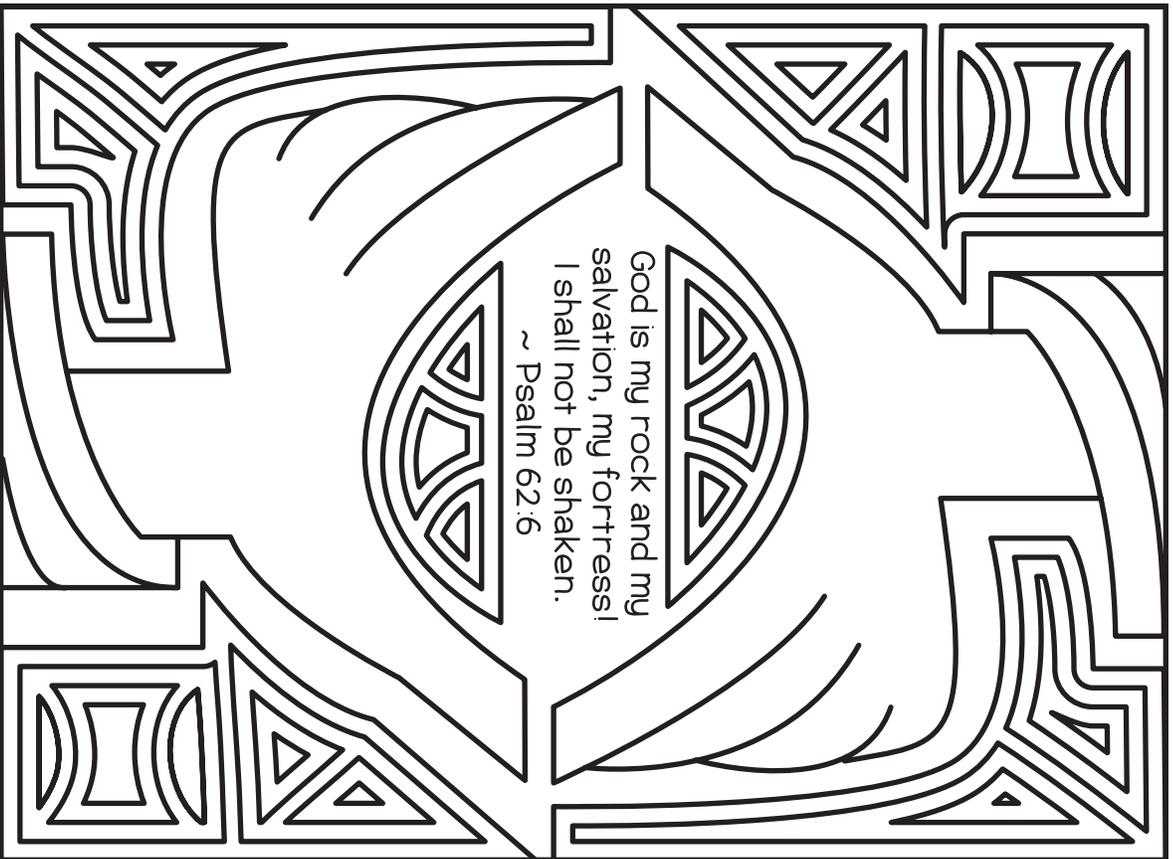
VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT RETURNS!

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).





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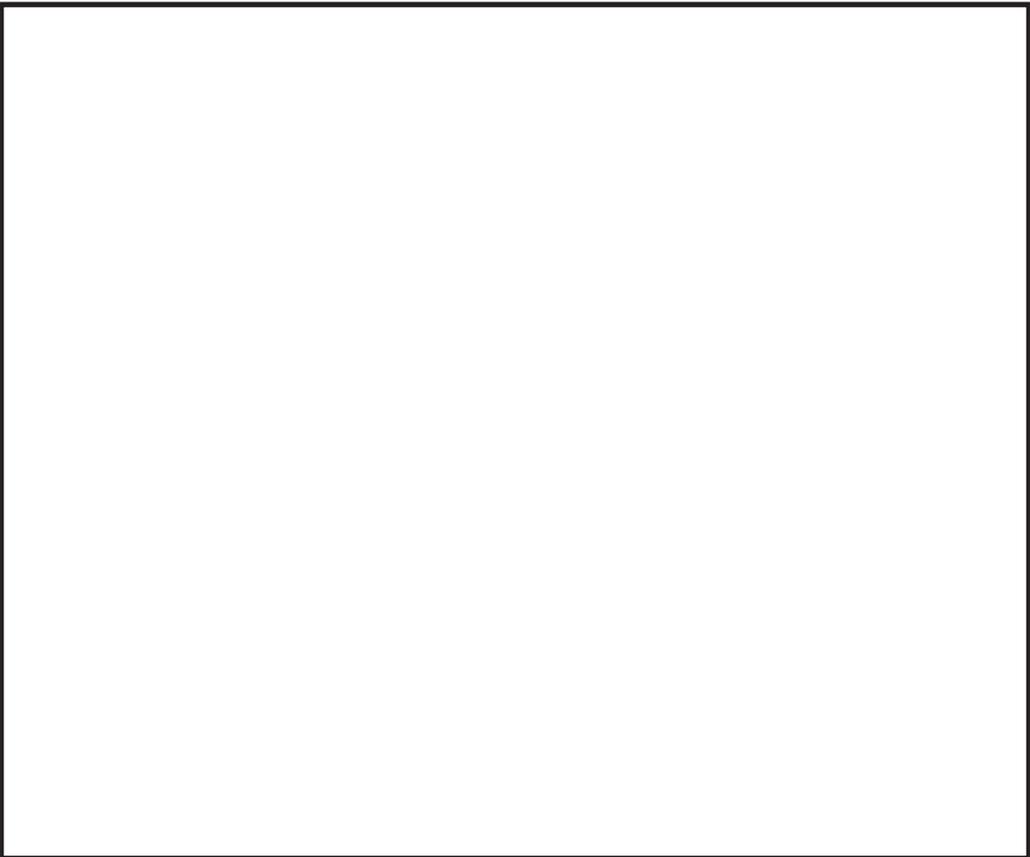
Activities based on Psalm 62:5-12 and Mark 1:14-20.





DRAW IT

When Jesus called his disciples, they were going about their daily lives - working at their jobs, in their homes, etc. Imagine Jesus is coming to call you as his disciple. Where are you and what are you doing when Jesus asks you to follow him? Draw a picture in the box of Jesus calling you.



FOLLOW the PATH

In Mark 1, what was Jesus' message to the people as he traveled through Galilee and called people to follow him? Follow the path of letters, and each time you come to a capital letter, write that letter down at the bottom of the page. When you get to the end of the path, see Jesus' words spelled out.

