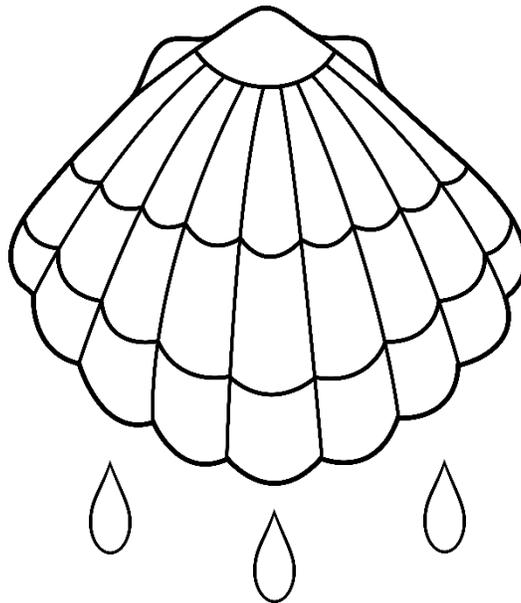




Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 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.



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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 5.
- 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 5.
- 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.** **First Sunday Speaker Series in the Sanctuary.** See page 6 for details.
- 11:15 – 12:00 p.m.** **Living Mosaics** in Rodney Chapel.
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** **180 Youth** meet in Classroom 6. See guidelines on page 5.

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! In today's anthem we hear the words of Canadian poet and theologian, Sylvia Dunstan, set to music by Michael Burkhardt, a widely published composer of organ and choral music and Artist-Professor of Organ at Eastern Michigan University.

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. Dates are available are January 16 and 30; and February 2022.

The flowers on the chancel are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the Westminster Choir by Ted Barr and Tony Thurman.

Recently hospitalized: Corrine Perkins and Chris Waisanen.

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 9, 2022

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Baptized in Water

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. 484

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

RUSTINGTON

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we do not always make the best choices.

You have invited us into new life,

yet we have closed our eyes and ears to your invitation.

You have challenged us to step out of well-worn ruts,

yet we hesitate to venture onto a new path.

Renew our spirits and strengthen our resolve,

so that we will muster the courage to make overdue changes in our lives.

We pray this in the name of Christ,

who brings us hope for new life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 3:15-22

New Testament, page 52

ANTHEM

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

Michael Burkhardt

Down Galilee's slow roadways a stranger traveled on
From Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John.
He went down to the waters like soldier, scribe, and slave,
But there within the river the sign was birth and grave.
Arising from the river he saw the heavens torn;
It seemed the sky so open revealed the Spirit's form.
The holy dove descended amide a glorious voice:
"You are my own beloved, my child, my heart, my choice."
We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place.
We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace.
But now beside this water again a voice is heard.
"You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord."
—Sylvia G. Dunstan

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

*HYMN NO. 375

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE

Vs. 1: All

Vs. 2: Men; all on Refrain

Vs. 3: Women; all on Refrain

Vs. 4: All

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. 485

We Know That Christ is Raised

ENGELBERG

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on ENGELBERG

Robert A. Hobby

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).

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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COVID-19 Mask Policy and Safety Measures

Mask Policy and Sanctuary Seating. Masks are required inside the building, including in entryways, hallways, the staff wing, Rodney Chapel, and *all* areas of the sanctuary. Masks must fully cover the nose and mouth. This change was made by Session on November 22, 2021 in order to allow congregational singing. By wearing masks, we protect our children who are not yet vaccinated and our members who are immune compromised. In addition, it adheres to the guidelines of the American Choral Directors Association.

Beginning Sunday, December 12, we are reversing seating in the sanctuary. To provide a safe place for our young children and our immune-compromised adults, we are moving the social distance section to the front of the sanctuary and the side transepts. Those who are comfortable sitting closer to one another will sit in the back half of the sanctuary and the balcony.

*If you have children too young to be vaccinated, you are welcome to worship in the sanctuary or Rodney Chapel, but we have also created a safe, kid-friendly space called the **Prayground**. This worship space is in Community Hall on Sundays from 9 to 9:45 a.m. We livestream our worship service into Community Hall and provide materials to help young children engage in worship. Masking (for those over age 2) and social distancing is required.*

Safety Measures. We are committed to your safety during the pandemic. No-touch hand sanitizing stations are located near the doors and in the hallways. The sanctuary, Rodney Chapel, the main hallway and the staff wing are all equipped with the same high grade air filters as in hospitals plus air purifying devices that use needle-point bi-polar ionization on the air handlers that operate in these areas. These devices break down viruses, bacteria, mold, allergens, smoke, and odors in the air. These devices, along with the fact that we have a very high vaccination rate among our worshipers, makes Westminster one of the safest environments you can find.

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](#).

First Sunday Speaker Series – Today in the Sanctuary from 10 to 11 a.m.

A Conversation between Governor Markell and Senator McBride

Today we will have a unique opportunity to learn about the Afghan refugee resettlement program. Immediately following the 9:00 service, State Senator and Westminster member Sarah McBride will speak with Jack Markell, who served as Governor of Delaware from 2009 to 2017 and is now the White House Coordinator for Operation Allies Welcome. Former Governor Markell and Senator McBride will discuss this project, which supports vulnerable Afghans as they resettle in the United States. Join us in the sanctuary or via the livestream on [YouTube](#) to hear their conversation and learn about this important issue.

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

Happy New Year 180! Join us at WPC for games, dinner, and plenty of time to catch up with each other. All students from 6th to 12th grade are welcome to join. Don't forget your mask! We'll see you there!

Online Bible Studies

Midweek Manna Bible Study – Wednesdays at Noon on Zoom (Resumes January 12)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89503349345?pwd=SIJrY2V2Y2tYa3JWQXk5ak1iZU1ldz09>

The Midweek Manna Bible Study, facilitated by the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson, will resume on **January 12** and begin a short study on Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Then, 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 – 6–7 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

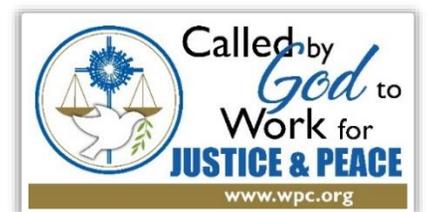
Delaware Cares: Coalition for Paid Leave

Thursday, January 13, 7 p.m. on Zoom

Liz Richards, Coalition Director

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

All of us will face a major medical event at one point in our lives. But for thousands of Delawareans, taking time away from work for a major family medical event means losing their only source of income. In Delaware, nearly 60% of workers do not even have access to **unpaid** leave at work. The COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated the pressures families go through every day. Join us to learn about the work of this coalition of health, faith, business, labor, and community groups, its efforts in support of SB1 in the Delaware legislature, and how each of us can get involved. Use the Zoom link above, or go to zoom.us/join, enter Meeting ID **860 2752 1655** and click "Join".



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

The women of Westminster connect for heartfelt and enriching discussions on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 5 to 6 p.m. The Rev. Jill Getty facilitates this group on Zoom.

Use this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/477914100>



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.

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 to distribute to those in need.

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

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The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

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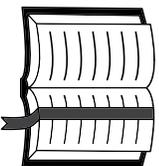
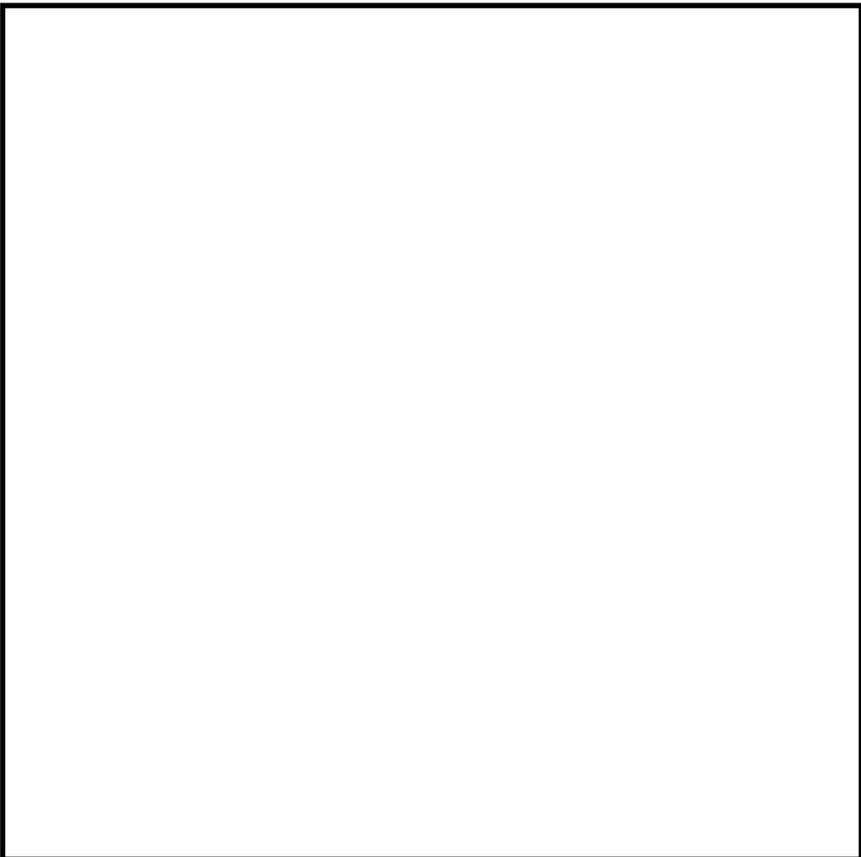
Rich Albert, Charles Babcock, Mark Gerstenschlager, Fred Iobst, Brock Jobe,
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PARTNERS IN WORLDWIDE MINISTRY

DR Congo – PCUSA Mission Co-workers: Jeff and Christi Boyd, Larry and Inge Sthresley;
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Fellowship of Middle East Evangelical Churches, Ibillin and Haifa, Israel/Palestine – Peace Drums Steel Band
Guatemala - CEDEPCA, AJPU, the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development,
PCUSA Mission Co-workers Betsey & Eric Moe

DRAW IT

Luke 3 describes the amazing day of Jesus' baptism when a dove came down from heaven and God spoke over Jesus, calling him God's Beloved. Draw how you imagine this scene looked!



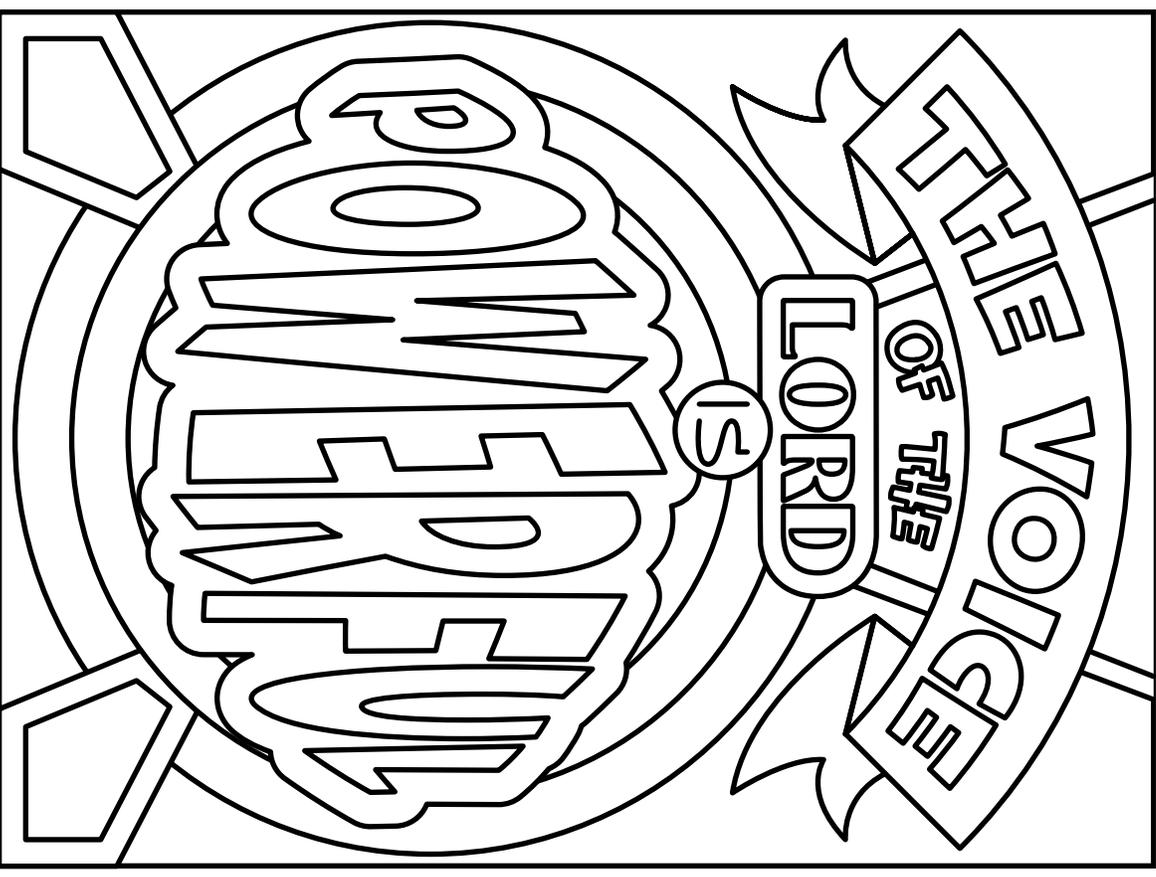
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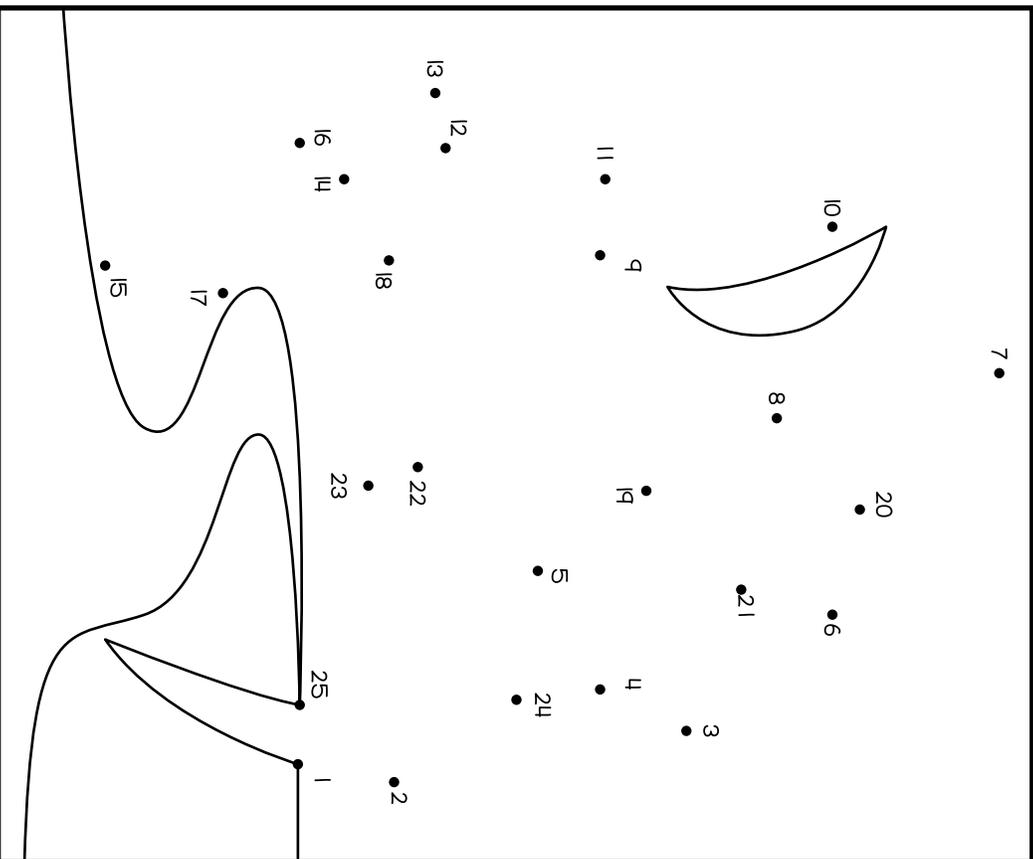
CHILDREIN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Isaiah 43: 1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8: 14-17, Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22.



CONNECT the DOTS

Isaiah 43 compares the challenges we face in life to crossing rivers and walking through fire. God promises to be with us in these challenges, giving us courage and trust. **Connect the dots** to form rivers and flames. Write or draw a challenge God is helping you face.



UNSCRAMBLE IT

What did Peter and John do with the people in Samaria? **Unscramble the words** to find out!

 Y T E H A D E Y P R O F R T M H E D N A

 D A L I H E R T I S A H N D N O H E T M O T

 C E V E E R I T E H Y O L H T R P S I I

DOODLE AREA

Draw a picture of what you want to thank God for.

