



# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 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](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.**     **Food Collection** for Emmanuel Dining in the Westminster parking lot.
- 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.**     **Worship** in the Sanctuary  
Anyone over the age of five is required to wear a mask and children must remain with their parents.

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

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**Today's Music:** We welcome Kimberly Reighley as our guest instrumentalist in worship. Dr. Reighley is professor of flute at West Chester University and principal flute with the Delaware Symphony and OperaDelaware. The Temple University graduate performs on piccolo with the Reading Symphony, is a substitute with the Philadelphia Orchestra, and enjoys a distinguished solo performance career throughout the Delaware Valley.

**Westminster has been certified as an Earth Care Congregation** by the Presbyterian Church (USA) for the 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The flowers in the sanctuary today** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Arthur C. Butters by his wife, Anna.

**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). Available dates are August 15, 22, 29; and September 19.

**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.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP- SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2021

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Morceau de Concours*  
Kimberly Reighley, flute

Gabriel Fauré

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ has passed through the door of death and opened the way to new life.

**Because Christ has conquered death, we can truly live.**

His presence penetrates our fears and lifts us from despair.

**Let us give thanks to God for new beginnings.**

HYMN NO. 804

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! (Vs. 1 – 3)*

MARION

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!	With voice as full and strong
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!	as ocean's surging praise,
Your festal banner wave on high,	send forth the sturdy hymns of old,
the cross of Christ your King.	the psalms of ancient days.
Rejoice! Rejoice!	Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!	Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Yes, on through life's long path,  
still chanting as ye go, from youth to age,  
by night and day, in gladness and in woe:  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

OPENING PRAYER

**God of our lives,  
you are always calling us to follow you into the future,  
inviting us to new ventures, new challenges,  
and new ways to touch the hearts of all.  
When we are fearful of the unknown,  
give us courage.  
When we worry that we are not up to the task,  
remind us that you would not call us  
if you did not believe in us. Amen.**

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 3:1-17

ANTHEM

*May the Word of Christ Dwell in you Richly*  
Sharon Babcock, mezzo soprano

Ralph C. Schultz

May the word of Christ dwell in you richly,  
And the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
So that ev'ry word you say, and ev'ry thing you do  
May give glory to his holy name.  
Cast away the earthly, set your minds on things above,  
Kindness and compassion, humility and love,  
Love that shows forgiveness, bears all things patiently,  
Binding hearts together in perfect harmony.

—Dorothy R. Schultz

<p>Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.</p>	<p>Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son. As members of each body joined, in him we are made one.</p>
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Let us forgive each other's faults  
as we our own confess,  
that we may love each other well  
in Christian gentleness.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sudie Niesen Thompson

THE 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.**

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

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

Robert A. Hobby

*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 please 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  
The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson  
Director of Music/Organist: Dr. F. Anthony Thurman  
Choristers: Hye Eun Choi, soprano; Sharon Babcock, mezzo soprano;  
Teddy Austin, tenor; Brenton Mattox, bass  
Tower Chime: Craig Checkel  
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## 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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# 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

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=MmxuZWVREhZSVExS3IveXQvTUhaQT09>

Our Bible Study, facilitated by Randy Williamson and Mary Anne Peters, continues and new faces are always welcome.

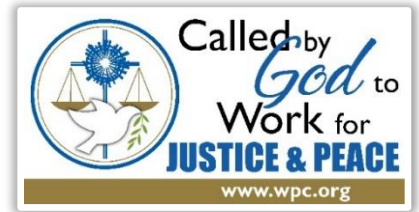
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## WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

### 2021 Delaware Legislative Actions (Postponed from July 8)

Thursday, July 15, 7 PM on Zoom

*Presented by Kyra Hoffner, League of Women Voters*



Many of us devoted time and energy during this past session of the Delaware legislature to advocate for bills that would address issues of injustice and seek to improve the lives of thousands in our communities. Some of these bills were enacted; others await the 2022 session of the legislature. Join us as we discuss the work accomplished and the challenges that lie ahead. Use the Zoom link above, or go to [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join), enter Meeting ID **860 2752 1655** and click "Join."

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## Adult Education Series – “After the New Testament: Early Christian Apocrypha”

### Wednesday evenings in July, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

*Facilitated by Bob Cox*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89904680006?pwd=UDg0M0lzbWNCa1NqcEc3V0pjd1ZVdz09>

Christians didn't stop writing after the first century. The gospels, letters, and other writings in our New Testament canon are not the only writings early Christians were reading in the first centuries of the church. Some of those writings fill gaps and answer questions arising from the works that were later canonized. "Why was Mary chosen to be the mother of Jesus?" "What was Jesus like as a child?" "If Mary was a perpetual virgin, who were Jesus' siblings?" "Why isn't Joseph in the gospels?" "What's going to happen to the people who don't go to heaven?" We'll explore these and other questions over the four weeks of this study.

July 14 – Infancy Gospel of Thomas | July 21 – Gospel of Thomas | July 28 – Other Apocalypses

# Sunday Worship COVID Policy Update

## **Through Today:**

- We will continue our current policies, which require everyone to wear masks, except for worship leaders who are in the act of leading worship.
- Reservations are required to attend worship and limited to 48 reservations (1-5 people per reservation).
- Everyone is required to practice social distancing in the sanctuary as well as while entering or exiting our building.

## **Beginning next Sunday, July 18:**

- Worship reservations will no longer be needed.
- Those who are fully vaccinated and comfortable going without a mask will sit in the front of the sanctuary and side transepts. This section is open seating and mask optional for fully vaccinated people. Worshippers may access this section via the lectern-side transept door off the main hallway.
- Those who are not vaccinated or those who choose to wear a mask will be able to social distance in the back part of the sanctuary and balcony. Masks must be worn at all times in this section. Worshippers may access this section through the Narthex (behind the screen of the sanctuary).
- Ushers at both entrances will be masked and available to direct you to the proper section.
- *Everyone* is required to wear a mask when entering or exiting the sanctuary. This is for the well-being of those who are not vaccinated.
- We hope to begin livestreaming the worship service to Rodney Chapel. Masking (for those over age 2) and social distancing will be required in Rodney Chapel. This space will be open to all, but it will be especially welcoming for families with children too young to be vaccinated. Materials to engage young children in worship will be provided.

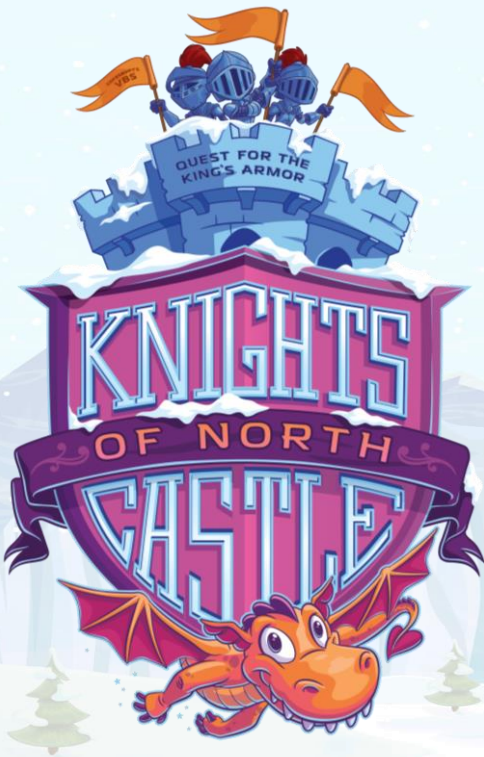


# SHARE YOUR GARDEN'S BOUNTY WITH THOSE WHO HAVE LESS!

**Sunday, July 25**  
**Before/after the 9 AM service**



We have all heard of food deserts where fresh food is not available to residents. The REACH Riverside Community refrigerator addresses the food desert problem with its community refrigerator. The refrigerator is accessible to anyone, 24/7. Westminster's Peace and Justice Work Group and Earth Care Task Force are sponsoring a collection of vegetables from our gardens to contribute to the Riverside refrigerator. **Collection will be at the back of the WPC parking lot on Sunday, July 25, before and after the 9 AM worship service.** Help us make a great contribution of garden-fresh vegetables!



## Vacation Bible School 2021 is On!

**Monday, July 26 – Friday, July 30**  
**9 AM – 12 PM**

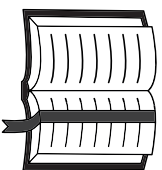
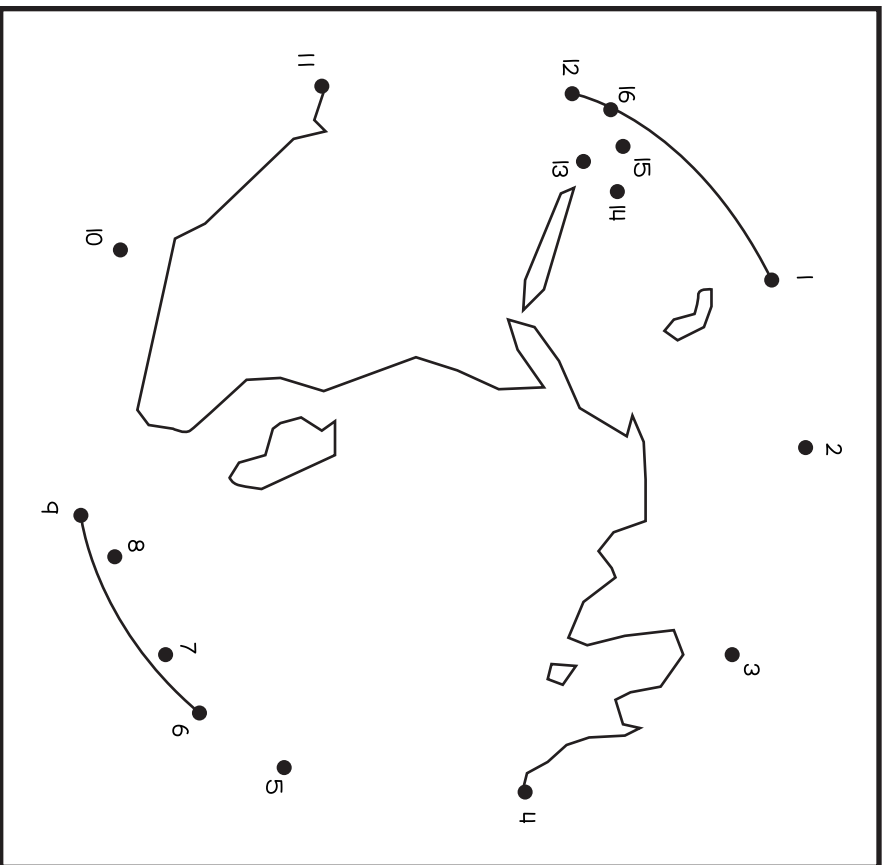
**\$25 per child / \$40 maximum per family**

All children Pre K – 6th grade are welcome to participate in “Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King’s Armor”. Stories, music, crafts, and games will be lively and fun as we explore Bible stories about the armor of God in our lives. Ready to register your child(ren) for VBS? Fill out this short form (<https://forms.gle/t2eq4Q49HqRV8WhX7>) to let us know, and we’ll send you an online registration packet! The registration fee is \$25 per child or \$40 maximum per family. Teen and adult helpers are invited to contact VBS Director Robin Rosser ([rlrosser@aol.com](mailto:rlrosser@aol.com)) as soon as possible. [Click here](#) to read our COVID-19 safety guidelines for VBS this year.



# CONNECT the DOTS

Psalm 24 says, "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it!" Connect the dots to form the world. Inside, write or draw parts of creation you'd like to praise and thank God for!



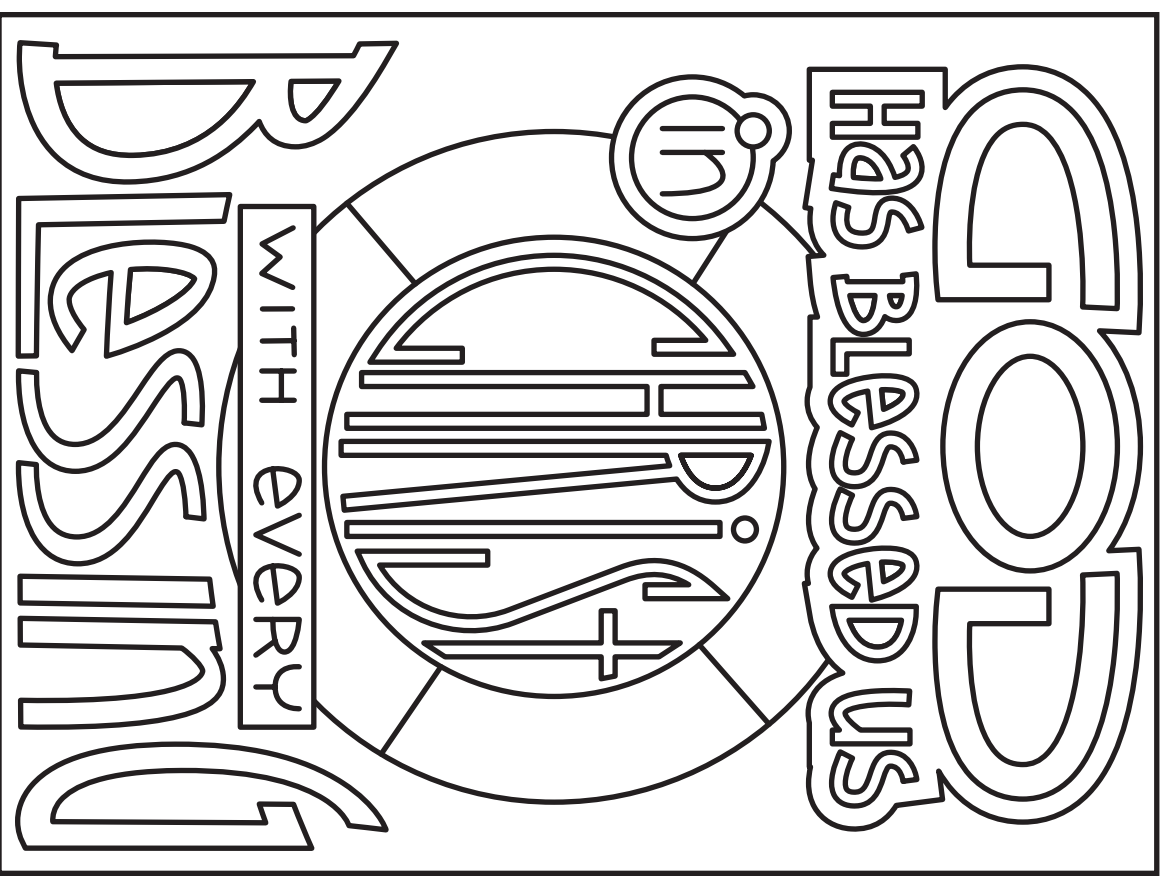
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# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19, Psalm 24, Ephesians 1:3-14.





# DRAW IT

2 Samuel describes how King David danced with all his strength and energy for God! In the first box, draw a picture of David dancing for God. In the second box, draw a way you like to praise and worship!

# WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Ephesians 1:3-14 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

C E K W P G A T H E R U D Y S  
S E S S G L S L G C U D E M E  
U Q Z V M S P I R I T O D R S  
S W D O G N L W P H K Z L P A  
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V Q U F R L I Y R O L G D D Z

BLESSED	PRAISE	PURPOSE
GOD	FREE	HOPE
JESUS	FORGIVENESS	GLORY
HEAVEN	TIME	TRUTH
CHILDREN	GATHER	GOSPEL
ADOPTION	EARTH	HOLY SPIRIT