



6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020

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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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our virtual worship service. We invite you to participate in the liturgy by joining the worship leaders on lines printed in **bold**.

The materials attached at the end of the bulletin for worshipping with children are provided by Illustrated Ministry. Please print them to participate in this service or for family devotions throughout the week. Westminster's educational offerings have also moved online. You can find this week's opportunities at the end of this Order of Worship.

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).

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our Dad, Sam Ferguson Musser, his energy, his drive, his spirit from his loving daughters, Barbara Hoy, Carol Ann Rose, and Susan Alice Musser.

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 for available dates. The next available dates are July 19, 26; August 2, 23 and 30.

Let us worship God!

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's word is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.

**We come to root ourselves in sacred story
and grow in faith.**

God's teachings are our heritage;
they bring joy to searching hearts.

**We gather in God's presence
to offer our thanks and praise!**

HYMN NO. 369

"Blessing and Honor"
Vs. 1 & 3

Blessing and honor and glory and power,
wisdom and riches and strength evermore,
be to the Lamb who our battle has won,
whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

Ever ascending the song and the joy,
ever descending the love from on high;
blessing and honor and glory and praise:
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God the Sower,
we confess that we do not always live
as people who obey your law.
Sometimes, we are like rocky ground.

**We welcome your word when life is simple.
But as soon as we face challenge,
we forget your teachings and our faith withers.**

Sometimes, we are a thicket full of thorns.
**We clamor for more and step over the needy.
Your word is choked out of our hearts.**

Forgive us, Lord.
Let your Spirit work within and among us;
make us good soil.

**Weed out our resistance
and water us with your grace,
that your word might grow within us
and we might bear fruit
for the sake of your kingdom. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Greg Jones

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON

"What's Growing?"

Sudie Niesen Thompson

HYMN NO. 630

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Vs. 1 & 4

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,	Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations,
O thou of God to earth come down,	Son of God and Son of Man!
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,	Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.	now and forevermore be thine!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Greg Jones

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>Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.</p>	<p>O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.</p>
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BENEDICTION

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).

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (John 14:27). We invite you to share signs of Christ's peace with those with whom you are gathered, or to pass the peace virtually by calling, emailing, or texting your family and friends in our congregation and beyond.

Participants

The Rev. Dr. Gregory Knox Jones
The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson
Alexis Droke: Director of Music for Children and Youth
Soloists/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Olivia Forney, Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox
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We are grateful to Westminster John Knox Press for making available the complete list of public domain hymns included in the *Glory to God* hymnal and to Illustrated Ministry (www.illustratedministry.com) for our children's bulletins.

Educational Offerings

A list of all virtual Christian education and small group opportunities can be found on the homepage of the Westminster website (www.wpc.org). Midweek Bible studies continue through the summer, and new faces are always welcome!

Compassion Camp LIVE on Zoom

Today, and Sundays, July 19, July 26, and August 2
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.



We are using Illustrated Ministry's COMPASSION CAMP online VBS curriculum for five weeks of Sunday School fun, live on Zoom! There will be music, movement, Bible stories, games, crafts, and friends! Compassion Camp is designed for kids 4-11, and younger kids are welcome at parents' discretion. For security reasons, there be a **unique link every week** in our Christian education email blast on Tuesdays. Email Chesna (chesnahinkley@wpc.org) to be added to the list.

Online Bible Studies

Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. or Thursdays 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. on Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/4937200361>

Presenter: Chesna Hinkley

Our Bible studies are continuing the book of Exodus this week. New faces are always welcome! Contact Chesna (chesnahinkley@wpc.org) with questions.

“Let’s Talk About It” – Next Sunday at 10:10

Next session is Sunday, July 19, at 10:10 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/4937200361>

Facilitated by Sue Linderman

While we may not be able to gather in person, we still need opportunities to experience the challenges and benefits that come from bringing racial issues into the light of day. The coronavirus pandemic has laid bare much of the bias that still informs life in America. All are welcome to join us today as we share our perspectives on the various ways that racial injustice is showing itself and what steps we might take to counter the poisonous impact it has on our nation’s soul. Go to zoom.us/join, enter Meeting ID 493 720 0361 and click "Join." There is no password, but you will be placed in a waiting room and admitted at 10:10.

Women’s Online Community Group

Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

Coordinator: Jill Getty

For women of the church to provide connection and friendship, this group meets on Zoom. If you are interested, please email Jill Getty at jgetty@wpc.org and she will add you to the weekly participant email list to receive the Zoom link and password.

180 Youth Ministry (Rising 6th – 12th graders) Summer Schedule

Outdoor movie on the church lawn!

Thursday, July 16, 8:30 – 10:30 p.m.

Bring bug spray and something to sit on outside!



See your email blast for details or contact Chesna (chesnahinkley@wpc.org) with questions. Follow us for more on Instagram @180youth_wpc.

WPC Peace & Justice Education Events



Westminster's Peace & Justice Work Group is excited to continue an ongoing program of education events on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. While the effects of the coronavirus pandemic continue, these classes/discussions will take place online. We will also record many of these programs and make them available as YouTube videos for viewing at your convenience. Look for class topics and information in the *Weekly Word* e-newsletter and on the WPC [Facebook](#) page.



Join us on Zoom on **Thursday, July 16, from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.** as the Peace & Justice Work group presents the viewing and discussion of a 17-minute video that provides a no-nonsense summation of the history of race in America. In the video, Phil Vischer, creator of Veggie Tales, gives a crash course on the inequities that have disadvantaged black people in this country, helping us all to learn about aspects of our history not often taught in schools. Sandie Reinicker leads discussion: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84768977211>.

UPCOMING DEACON EVENTS

Socially Distanced Hike

Saturday, July 18, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Westminster Deacon **Debbie Wise** will lead our second hike at a local park (TBD) for the first 10 people who sign up. Masks must be worn. If interested, please contact Debbie at djwise99@gmail.com.

Family-Friendly Virtual Trivia

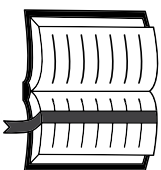
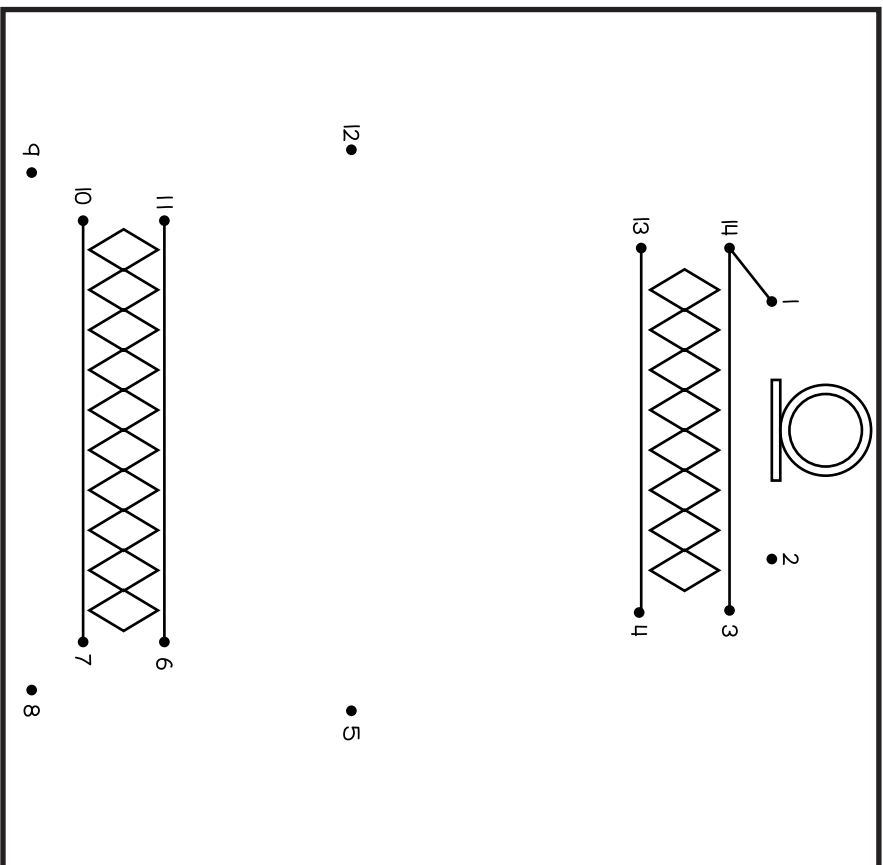
Wednesday, July 22, 7:00 – 7:45 p.m.

All are welcome to join us for fun game time on Zoom! Deacon **Jenn Blackford** will be our host. Please reach out her at blackfordj11@gmail.com if interested in participating and for the Zoom link.



CONNECT the DOTS

Psaln 119 describes God's word as a lamp that lights our path as we walk through life. Connect the dots to form a lamp. Draw or write a favorite Bible story of yours inside the lamp.



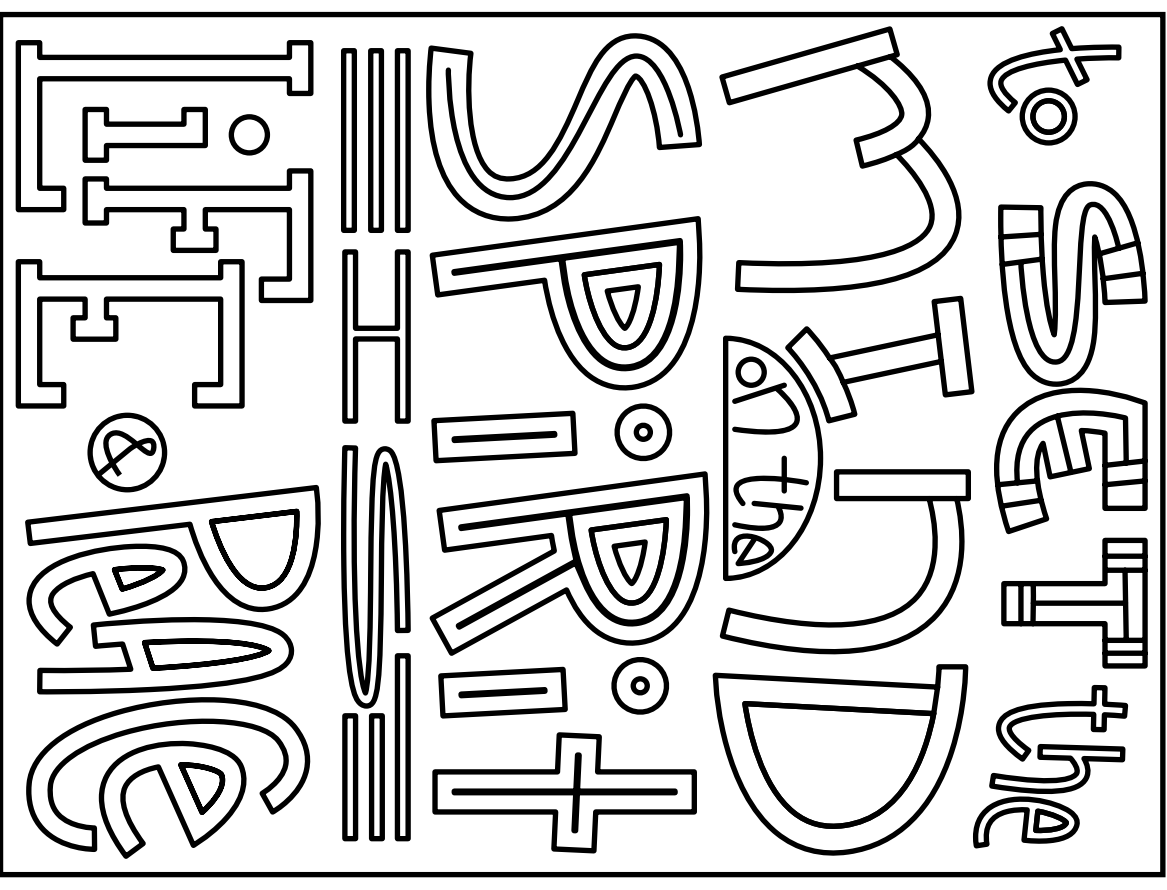
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CHILDRENN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Genesis 25:19-34, Psalm 119:105-112, Romans 8:1-11,
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.



WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Genesis 25 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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

ISAAC	PEOPLE	JACOB
REBEKAH	ELDER	FIELD
PRAY	YOUNGER	COOK
CHILDREN	BIRTH	STEW
TWO	RED	BREAD
NATION	ESAU	BIRTHRIGHT



DRAW IT

In Matthew 13, Jesus tells the Parable of the Sower. He compares people's hearts to different kinds of soil - a path, rocky soil, thorny soil, and good soil. Draw the seeds falling on these different places. Remember the good soil represents a heart that receives God's word and follows it!