



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 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.** **Food Collection** for Emmanuel Dining in the Westminster parking lot.
- 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.** **Worship** in the Sanctuary
See new guidelines on page 7.
- 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.** **Pray Ground** 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.
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- 9:50 – 10:30 a.m.** **Fellowship on the Lawn.** Join the Deacons on the lawn for water and fellowship following the service, weather permitting.

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

Today's Music: We welcome Gayle Martin, piano, as our guest instrumentalist in worship. Gayle achieved international prominence as sole American laureate in the sixth International Tchaikovsky Piano Competition in Moscow—the third American woman ever to reach the finals. The Houston native was one of the last students of Rosina Lhévinne at Juilliard and has presented solo recitals and performed as concerto soloist with orchestras around the world. Her latest CD recording, *To Keep the Dark Away*, has received rave reviews and is available on Amazon.com.

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.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Margaret Asenavage, mother of Karen Asenavage and husband Arun, daughters Sharon Jacobsen and Toni VanderHeyden and their families, gifted educator for hundreds of children, and beloved by her heavenly Father.

The rosebud on the chancel this morning is in celebration of the birth of Dax Andrew Spilecki born on July 7, 2021 to Will and Kelly Spilecki, and grandparents Sue and Jerry Spilecki.

Recently hospitalized: Spence Stradley, Randy Williamson

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 August 15, 22, and 29.

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, JULY 18, 2021

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Widmung (Dedication)
Gayle Martin, piano

Robert Schumann/arr. Franz Liszt

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather for worship aware that we hunger for many things.

We hunger for meaning, we hunger for wisdom, we hunger for peace.

Christ is the true bread of life.

He is the one who can satisfy our deepest yearnings.

HYMN NO. 393

O Day of Rest and Gladness (Vs. 1 & 3)

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O day of rest and gladness,	On you, God's people, meeting,
O day of joy and light,	the Holy Scripture hear,
O balm for care and sadness,	Christ's living presence greeting,
most beautiful, most bright;	through bread and wine made near.
on you, the high and lowly,	New graces ever gaining
through ages joined in tune,	from this our day of rest,
sing "Holy, holy, holy"	we reach the rest remaining
to the great God triune.	to spirits of the blest.

OPENING PRAYER

**Ever-present God, stir in our hearts a holy expectancy
so that we will be alert and willing 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 recognizing you we might follow you. Amen.**

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 6:30-32

ANTHEM

The Twenty-Third Psalm
Brenton Mattox, baritone
Ted W. Barr, piano

Albert Hay Malotte

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, tho' I walk thro' the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever, and evermore.

HYMN NO. 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (Vs. 1 & 2)

KINGSFOLD

<p>I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found him in a resting place, and he has made me glad.</p>	<p>I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.</p>
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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.**

HYMN NO. 541

God Be with You Till We Meet Again (Vs. 1, 2, & 4)

RANDOLPH

<p>God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.</p>	<p>God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you, daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.</p>
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God be with you till we meet again;
 keep love's banner floating o'er you;
 smite death's threatening wave before you:
 God be with you till we meet again.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Promenade in G Major

McNeil Robinson

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;
Teddy Austin, tenor; Brenton Mattox, bass
Tower Chime: Craig Checkel
Videographers: Rich Albert, Chip Pfleegor, Roger Reinicker, Baden Saathoff,
Aaron Wemhoff and Sophia Wolff

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) and check out other Education Offerings for Adults on [YouTube](#).

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=MmxuZWVhREhZSVExS3IveXQvTUhaQT09>

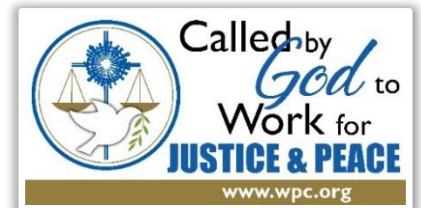
Our Bible Study, facilitated by Randy Williamson and Mary Anne Peters, continues and new faces are always welcome.

WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

Thursday, July 22, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Delaware's Impact on Racial Justice, Hockessin Colored School #107

Presented by David J. Wilk, Board Chair of Friends of Hockessin Colored School #107



Please join us on Thursday, July 22 at 7 p.m. to hear about how a lawsuit to secure equal access to transportation and education for Shirley Bulah became a cornerstone of the landmark *Brown v Board of Education*. Shirley had to walk two miles to get to Hockessin Colored School #107 and was passed by a school bus carrying white children that went right by her school. This structure still stands and there are exciting plans to transform this site into a center for Diversity, Inclusion and Social Equity. Use the Zoom link above, or go to zoom.us/join, enter Meeting ID **860 2752 1655** and click "Join."

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 21 – Gospel of Thomas | July 28 – Other Apocalypses

FELLOWSHIP ON THE LAWN



TODAY

Following 9 AM worship

The deacons will be serving bottled water. We look forward to mingling with everyone on another bright summer day!

Sunday Worship COVID Policy

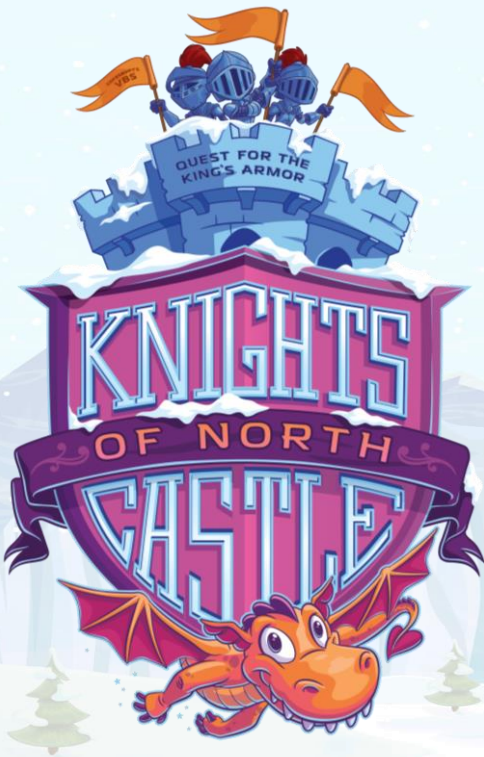
- If you are fully vaccinated and comfortable going without a mask please sit in the front part of the sanctuary and the side transepts. These sections are open seating and mask optional for fully vaccinated people. Please access these sections via the lectern-side transept door off the main hallway.
- If you are not vaccinated or choose to wear a mask, you will be able to social distance in the back part of the sanctuary and balcony. Masks must be worn at all times in these sections. Please access these sections through the Narthex (behind the screen at the rear 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 building. This is for the well-being of those who are not vaccinated.
- If you have children too young to be vaccinated, you are welcome to worship in the sanctuary, but we have also created a safe, kid-friendly space. We are calling it the **Pray Ground**. This worship space will be in Community Hall. We will 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 will be required.

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!



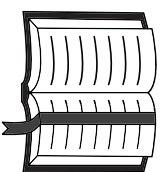
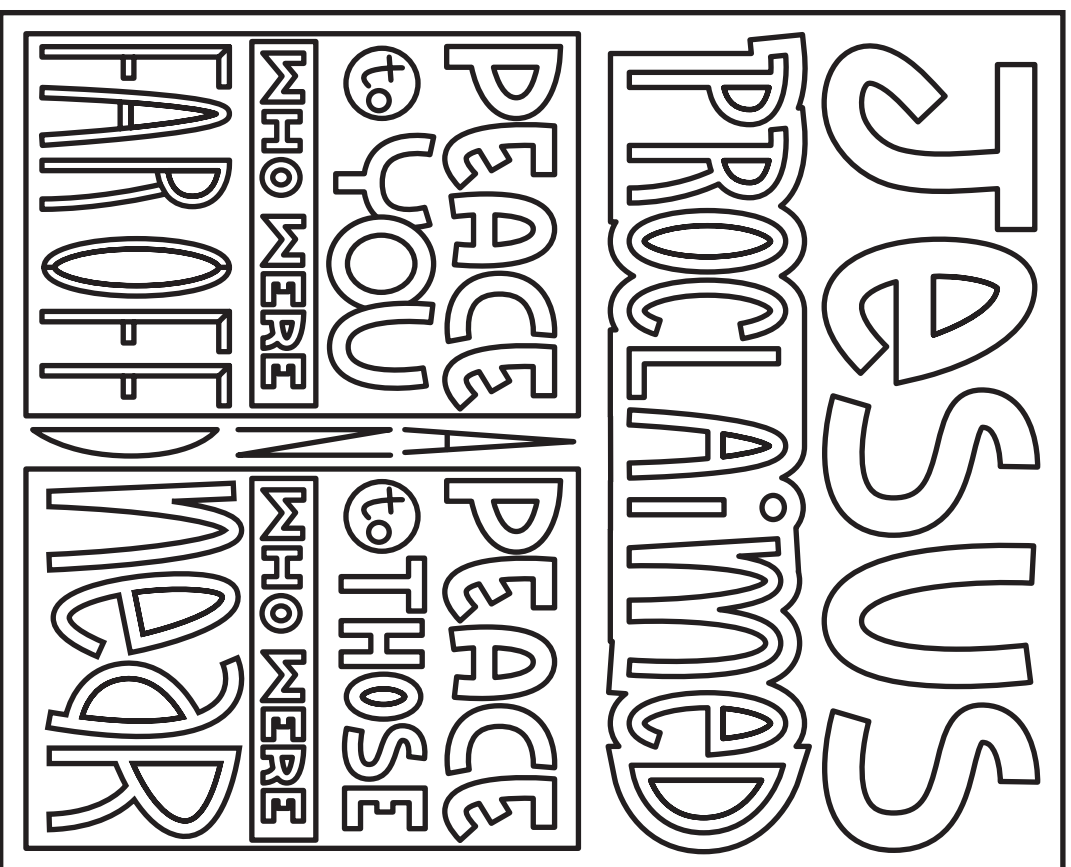
Vacation Bible School 2021 is On!

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) as soon as possible. [Click here](#) to read our COVID-19 safety guidelines for VBS this year.

COLOR IN THE WORDS



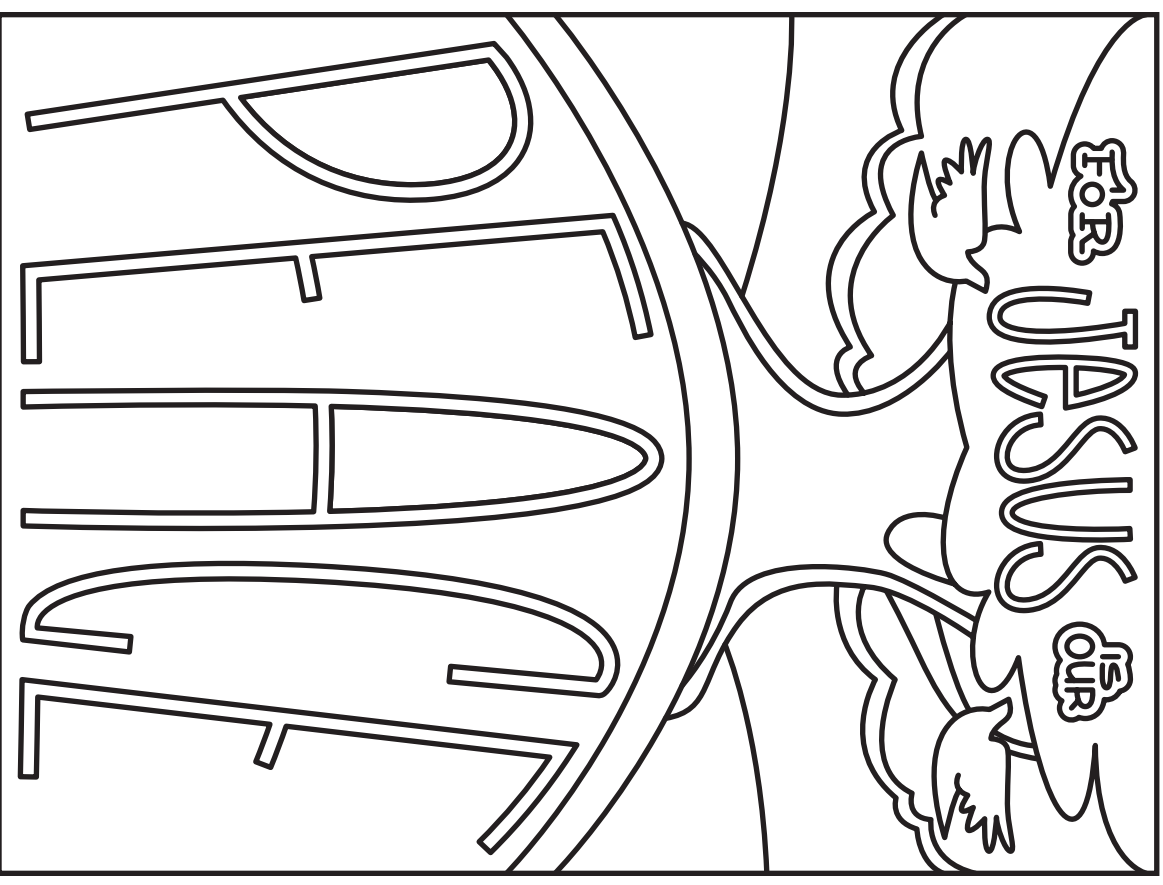
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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on 2 Samuel 7:1-14a, Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56.





DRAW IT

In Mark 6, Jesus invites his disciples to go to a quiet place to rest. They were so tired after caring for the crowds in need! Jesus needed breaks too! Draw a picture of a place you go to for rest and renewal. Thank God for that place.

UNSCRAMBLE IT

In 2 Samuel, God tells David what one of his children will someday do. This child will become a king too. Unscramble the words to learn what God shares about David's son!

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DOODLE AREA

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