



# Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 6, 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**

- 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.**      **Food Collection** for Emmanuel Dining Room and **Cereal Sunday** for the Hanover Pantry in the WPC 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.
- 9:45 – 10:30 a.m.**      **Summer Celebration** on the Church Lawn (please see announcement on page 7).

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

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**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** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Jim Brown by his wife Peggy.

**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). Date available is July 4.

**Recently hospitalized:** Eric Ruoss

**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, JUNE 6, 2021

TOWER CHIME

Susan Spilecki

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Festive Trumpet Tune*

David German

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,  
**the light no darkness can overcome.**  
Let your light scatter the darkness,  
**and illumine your people.**

HYMN NO. 315

*In the Midst of New Dimensions* (Vs. 1, 3, & 5)

NEW DIMENSIONS

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,  
who will lead the pilgrim peoples  
wandering in their separate ways?  
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,  
we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever,  
now and evermore.

As we stand, a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,  
grant that we, your global village,  
might envision wider dreams.  
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,  
we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever,  
now and evermore.

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,  
may your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again.  
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,  
we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever,  
now and evermore.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Adapted from a prayer by Ruth Duck)

**God of all times and places,  
we confess that we would rather join the crowds than stand alone.  
We prefer the popular point of view to a solitary witness for justice and truth.  
We like safety and security while shrinking from the risk of involvement.  
We do not like to admit our lukewarm response to you,  
but neither do we want to be considered fanatics.  
Grant us the courage to follow the way of Jesus  
and to be passionate about our faith. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 3:20-27, 31-35

ANTHEM

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name,  
Two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them.  
Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.  
As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup.  
Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.  
All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,  
That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.  
Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

<p>Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure, taking risks and pressing on, though the way feels less secure: pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God.</p>	<p>Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts, sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts; till we find the commonplace ripe with witness to God's grace.</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.**

<p>Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.</p>	<p>We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear. And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.</p>
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From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*

Jeremy J. Bankson

*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;  
Jason Berger, tenor; Brenton Mattox, bass  
Tower Chime: Susan Spilecki  
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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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## Join Us for In-person Worship in Our Sanctuary

**Sunday, June 13 • 9:00 AM**



Our sanctuary is open 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 safely host, the reservations will close. We have established [guidelines](#) for your safety, which include social distancing, wearing a mask, and the use of no-touch sanitizing stations. The liturgy will be emailed to you after you make your online reservation. You 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 livestreamed/recorded option continues to be available on our website ([www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org)) and on our [YouTube channel](#).

**To make your online reservation for June 13 worship in the sanctuary, [click here!](#)**

# 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=MmxuZWVvREhZSVExS3IveXQvTUhaQT09>

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

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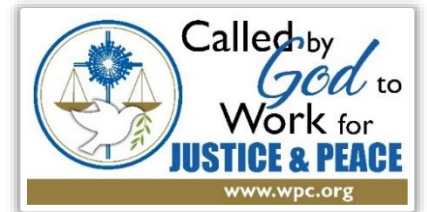
## WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

### **The Misuse of Critical Race Theory:**

### **A Handicap for Truth in Public Education**

**Thursday, June 10, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom**

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



The movement for inclusiveness in K-12 curriculum has been mischaracterized by those who deny the importance of a full accounting of the history of racism in US history. WPC congregants Sue Linderman and KC Morrison discuss critical race theory and deficits in education with Dr. Jenice View, a curriculum expert from American University; and a Delaware legislator supportive of HB 198, which is at Governor Carney's desk for signature, to require Black history education in K-12 schools in Delaware.

Use the Zoom link above, or go to [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join), enter Meeting ID **860 2752 1655** and click "Join."



# SUPPORTING OUR SISTERS

## An ECHO Giving Opportunity for the Guatemala Partnership

After your overwhelming support for last year's emergency food kit and egg-laying chicken projects, it is clear that our sisters in Guatemala hold a special place in our hearts!

In this same spirit, we are excited to share this **Supporting Our Sisters** initiative, which aims to help sustain the many ongoing projects that uplift these Guatemalan women. From fuel-efficient stoves to family gardens to empowerment training, the list is impressive.

We invite you to make an undesignated gift which will allow us to direct funds where they are needed most. Learn more and give online today at [ncpguatemala.com/donate](https://ncpguatemala.com/donate) or by using the [ECHO Giving form](#). Thank you for supporting our sisters!



Supporting Our Sisters



# Summer Celebration



*It's been too long! Come see your church friends!*  
*All Ages • Ice Cream • Games*



**TODAY**

**9:45 AM on the Church Lawn**  
(after 9 AM worship)

The deacons are sponsoring a Summer Celebration today after worship on the front lawn. There will be socially-distanced activities for *all ages* including Minute to Win It Games, Side Walk Chalk, Noodle Tag, as well as ice cream treats and other refreshments. We look forward to having everyone – adults and children – join us!

# 2021 Summer Concert Series

Presented by Artcinia and Westminster Presbyterian Church

## Fridays at 7 PM



**June 11**

*Four Seasons and More*

Piano Trio

**June 18**

*A Musical Evening  
with Spanish Flare*

Violin and Piano Duo

**June 25**

*From Bach to Coleman*

String Quartet

For free tickets and information:  
**artcinia.com**

Limited seating available. Please reserve ticket(s) online. Concerts will take place on the front lawn of Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1502 West 13th Street, Wilmington, DE 19806. Please bring your own blankets or lawn chairs! In case of inclement weather, the concert(s) will move indoors to the Westminster sanctuary. The church parking lot is located at the corner of North Rodney and West 13th Streets.



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more about  
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