



Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 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.



**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

- 8:30 – 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.** **Second Sunday Speaker Series** in the Sanctuary; Dr. Ellison on Alzheimer’s and Memory Care. See page 7 for details.
- 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.** **Confirmation Class** in Classroom 7.
- 10:15 -10:45 a.m.** **Psalms Alive!** in Grace Hall. See page 6 for details.
- 11:15 – 12:00 p.m.** **Living Mosaics** in Rodney Chapel.
- 5:00 – 7:00 p. m.** **180 Youth** in Classroom 6. See page 6 for details.
- **Bible Box** - New episodes of our interactive, children's web series *Bible Box* will be available on our [YouTube](#) channel today. See page 6 for details.

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! Would you like to add your voice to the Westminster Choir? Contact TonyThurman@wpc.org. Members of the Society for Women Organists, the Royal College of Organists, and the American Guild of Organists are commemorating International Women's Day, March 8, by programming organ and choral music by female composers this week. Today's anthem is Donna Butler's *In This Place*, which was commissioned by Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, Kansas. The Oklahoma native is an accomplished pianist, soloist, and composer of more than 100 works in print today.



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 3% of the 9,000 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 on the chancel are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of a Clark House resident who passed away unexpectedly last month. Our prayers are with the entire Friendship House family.

The rosebud on the chancel this morning is in celebration of the birth of Landon Charles Pamm, son of Kelly and R. Chris Pamm Jr., and grandson of Mary Lu and Roland Pamm.

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 May 8, 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, MARCH 13, 2022

TOWER CHIME

Susan Spilecki

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Church's One Foundation
(Trumpet Tune on AURELIA)

Michael Helman

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here as God's people gathered for worship.

We have come to praise God and seek God's strength for our lives.

Let us celebrate the gift of life that God has given us.

Let us affirm the love and hope of people who follow Jesus Christ.

*HYMN No. 305

Come Sing, O Church in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God we pray that you will fill our church with your life-giving Spirit so that we may feel your grace and discern your guidance.

Fill us with enthusiasm to share your abundant love with others and fill us with energy to confront the ills of our troubled world.

May your Spirit bind us together as faithful and loving servants and release within us the special power to truly become the Body of Christ.

In your holy name we pray. Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 3:8-10

New Testament, page 146

ANTHEM

In This Place
Ted W. Barr, piano

Donna Butler

In this place we honor all the spirits who dreamed this sacred space,
Reaching out and reaching in to share the gift of faith.
Ev'ry soul is welcome in this covenant of grace.
Beloved child of God, join our table, take your place.
It was only brick and stone when I first walked through the door,
But something stirred my spirit here and now it's so much more.
Our hearts and doors stand open, surely God is in this place.
May the light of loving kindness shine from each and ev'ry face in this place.
In this place we gather to soar on hope and awe.
With your wisdom, clear our vision, help us face our flaws.
Equip us with a growing understanding of your grace.
Then, send us out to those in need of your embrace.
What is the future? What are we called to do?
We're filled with possibility because we follow you.
—Kathy Burdette

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

SERMON

Gregory Knox Jones

*HYMN No. 301

Let Us Build a House
Vs. 1, 3, & 5: All
Vs. 2 Women; all sing Refrain
Vs. 4 Men; all sing Refrain

TWO OAKS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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. 315

In the Midst of New Dimensions

NEW DIMENSIONS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Westminster Carillon

Carson Cooman

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 and must fully cover the nose and mouth. This change makes it possible for 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.

To provide a safe place for our young children and our immune-compromised adults, the front of the sanctuary and the side transepts are reserved for social distancing. The back half of the sanctuary and the balcony are reserved for those who are comfortable sitting closer to one another.

*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 9:00 a.m. 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 worshippers, 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](#).

Bible Box for Children – YouTube

For children two years old through 5th grade, *Bible Box* is back again for another semester of stories, crafting, and fun. Join Ms. Alexis on [YouTube](#) for this virtual and interactive Sunday School experience. Materials for the crafts are provided for free. New content is uploaded every Sunday. The 2022 spring program runs through April 3. If you have questions, please email Alexis Droke at alexisdroke@wpc.org.

"Psalms Alive!" – Sundays at 10:15 a.m. in Grace Hall

Come worship, jump, and jive with *Psalms Alive!* This innovative and custom-made program fuses elements of worship and music education together to create a God-focused music program for families. Due to space constraints, participation is limited and registration is required. Please email Alexis Droke at alexisdroke@wpc.org for more information.

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

Calling all 6th-12th graders! Come on out to 180 this Sunday night at WPC! There will be games, dinner, and small groups. You don't want to miss it! Don't forget your mask! For more information about 180 Youth Ministry for grades 6 – 12, contact Tommy at tommyjneilson@gmail.com.

Online Bible Studies

Midweek Manna Bible Study – Wednesdays at Noon on Zoom

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

The Midweek Manna Bible Study, facilitated by the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson, is reading through Luke's Gospel. 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.

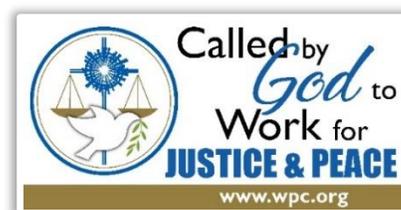
PEACE AND JUSTICE THURSDAY EVENING EDUCATION EVENT

Treasure in the Ordinary: A Two-Part Conversation with Mission Co-worker for Syria and Lebanon

Thursdays, March 17 and 24, 7 p.m. on Zoom

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

On March 17, the Rev. Elmarie Parker will share an update on the situation in Syria and discuss the work that Presbyterian partners are doing to address the challenges and advocacy efforts to reduce sanctions that have crippled Syria. Then, on March 24, the Rev. Parker will share stories and street art to reveal the current severe challenges facing Lebanon and their impact on Syria. She will cover the work of Presbyterian partners addressing these difficulties and discuss the work of World Mission's Middle East/Europe Office. Hosted by Westminster's Peace and Justice Work Group and Middle East Task Force. Use the Zoom link above or go to zoom.us/join and enter Meeting ID 860 2752 1655.



Women's Online Community Group – 2nd and 4th Thursdays 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>

ADULT EDUCATION

Alzheimer's and Memory Care



Today
10 a.m. in the sanctuary
(after the 9 a.m. service)

As the USA's population is living longer, the instance of Alzheimer's and memory loss is becoming more prevalent. This is causing hardships within many families in Wilmington and across the nation. To find out more about this and how to interact with people with Alzheimer's, come to a presentation by Dr. Jim Ellison ([see bio](#)) at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary (after 9 a.m. worship). If you are watching online, go to our [YouTube channel](#) and under "Education Offerings for Adults" click on the picture of Dr. Jim Ellison.

ADULT EDUCATION

Guest Speaker: Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester



Sunday, March 27
10 a.m. in the sanctuary
(after the 9 a.m. service)

Save the date!
Please plan to join us following
the service to hear our Representative
speak about voting rights.

PASTORAL STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff
The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

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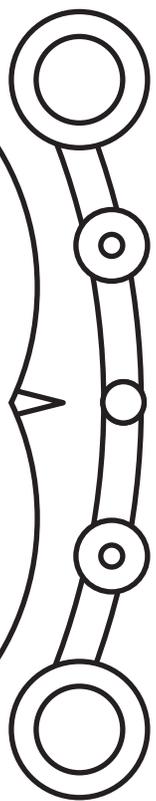
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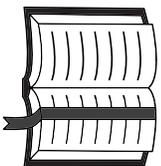
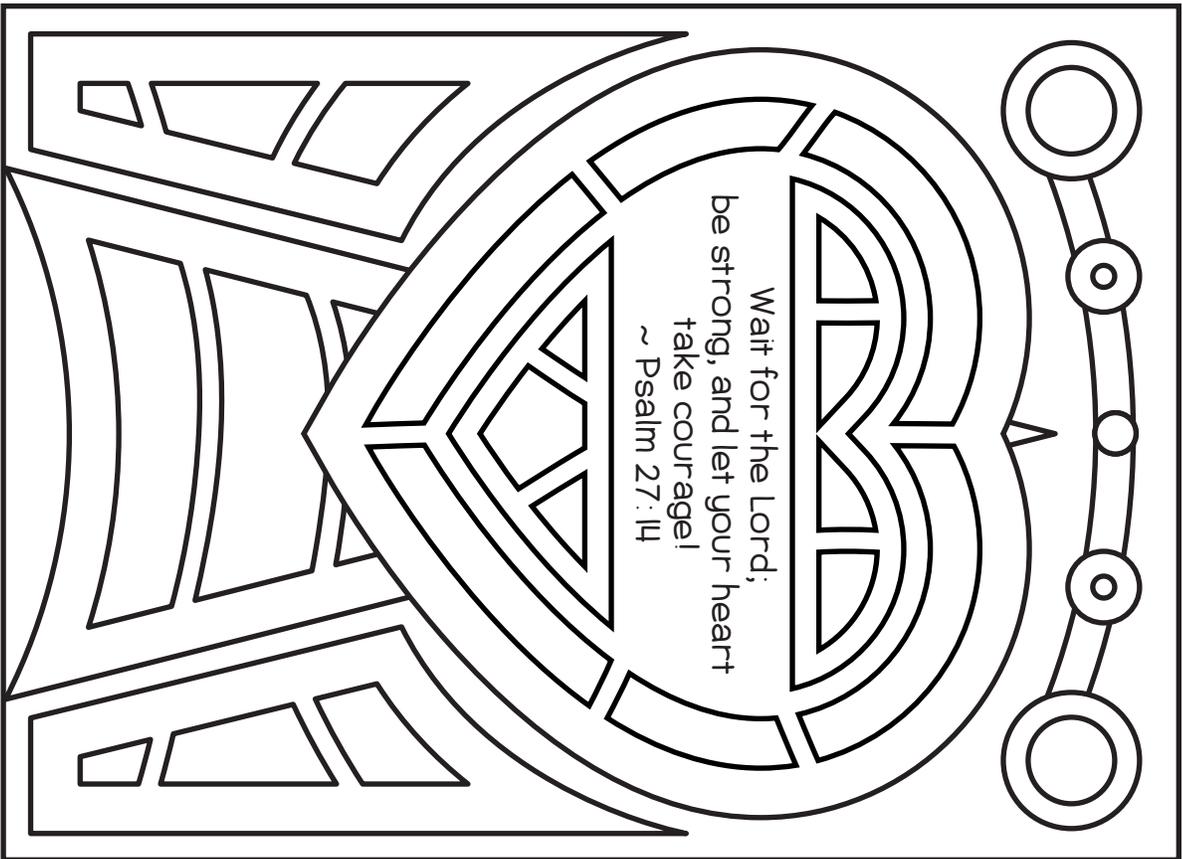
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DR Congo – PCUSA Mission Co-workers: Jeff and Christi Boyd, Larry and Inge Sthreshley;
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Fellowship of Middle East Evangelical Churches, Ibillin and Haifa, Israel/Palestine – Peace Drums Steel Band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



Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart
take courage!
~ Psalm 27:14

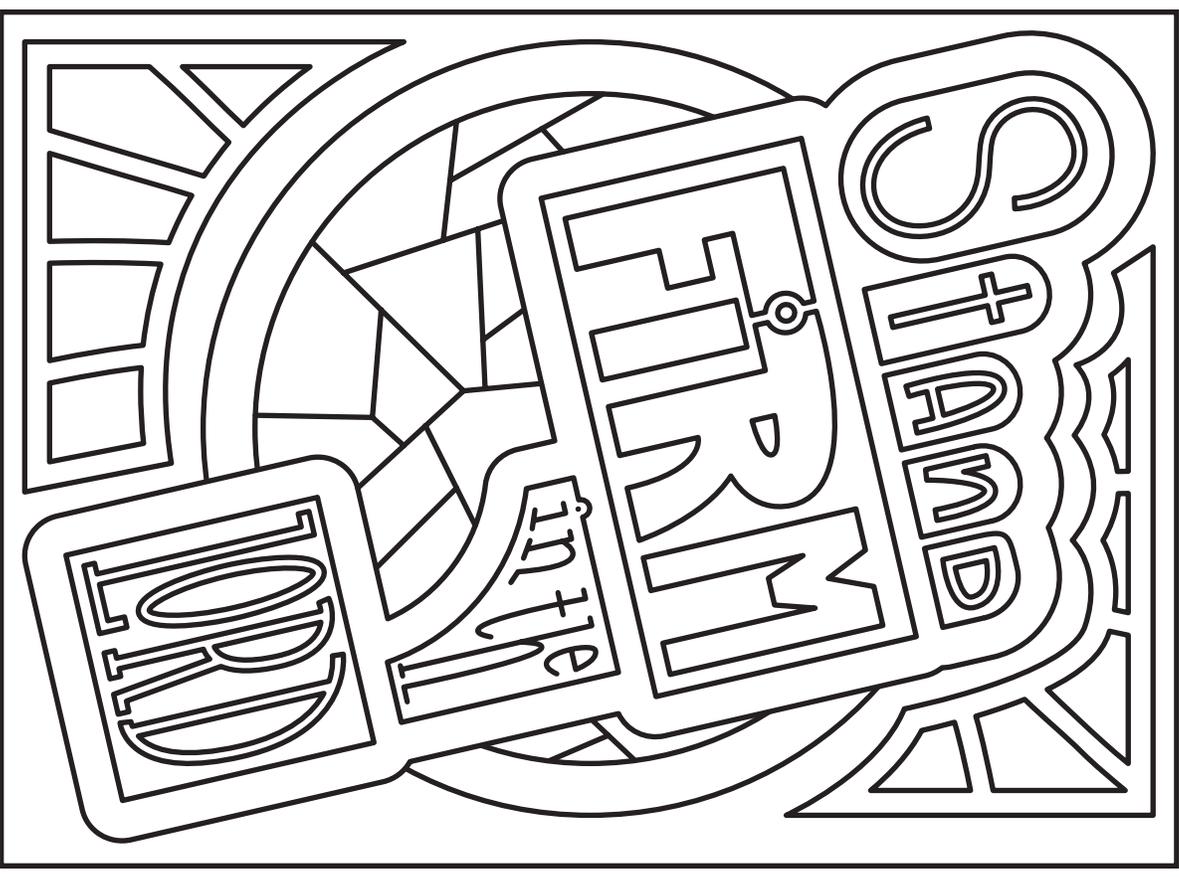


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CHILDRENS' WORSHIP • BULLETIN

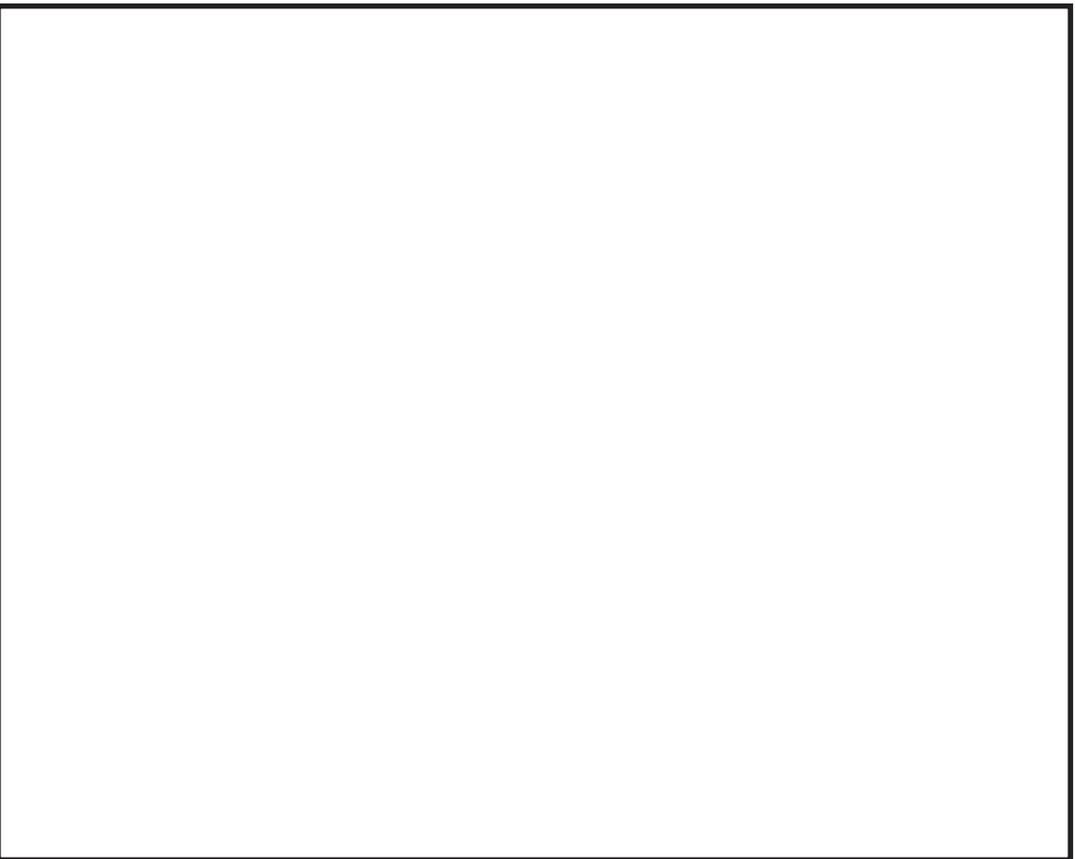
Activities based on Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17-4:1.





DRAW IT

Psalm 27 says God is our light and our stronghold, and we don't need to be afraid. Draw a picture of something that feels scary to you. Then draw a picture of God's arms around you next to the scary thing.



FINISH the DRAWING

In Genesis 15, God shows Abram the night sky filled with stars as a part of God's promise. Finish the drawing of the stars. Inside or around the stars, write and draw some of the promises God has given you.

