



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 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.** **Collecting food** for Emmanuel Dining Room in the 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.
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** **180 Youth** meet in the WPC parking lot for a bonfire (please see p. 6 for details).
- **Bible Box** for children ages 2 through 5th grade is available today on YouTube.

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

During the month of March, we are recognizing the gifts of female composers in observance of Women's History Month. Elizabeth Turner (c.1700–1756) was a singer, harpsichordist, and composer, and the first woman in England to publish a substantial work. She was instrumental in reforming how people regarded women performing on stage. Today, we hear Nancy Wertsch's stirring arrangement of *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*. The Wisconsin native, a friend and colleague of our director of music/organist, enjoys a career as a pianist, mezzo-soprano soloist, composer, teacher, professional chorister, choral contractor, and consultant in New York City. Her choral music is widely published.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of their parents, BG and Ray Giboney and Jo and Richard Haden, Sr. by Mary Kay and Dick Haden.

The rosebud on the chancel this morning is in celebration of the birth of Aiden Braddock Berger, born March 2, 2021 to Erica and Greg Berger. Aiden is the grandson of Amy and Paul Bickhart.

Recently hospitalized: Chip Pfleegor, Kathleen Winter

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.

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.



The mission of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians 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 still more just and inclusive church.

Westminster is certified as an Earth Care Congregation by the Presbyterian Church (USA). This honor means that we have exhibited exceptional leadership in protecting God's creation and being good stewards of earth's resources through our worship, education, outreach and advocacy. Only 2% of the 10,000 Presbyterian congregations in this country 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP- SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

March in D Major

Elizabeth Turner

CALL TO WORSHIP

We do not live by our own strength alone.

God anchors all life, and without God there is no life.

Let us draw close to God, trusting in divine love.

Let us join with all creation in singing God's praise!

HYMN NO. 1

Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty! (Vs. 1 & 3)

NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy!	Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!	though the darkness hide thee,
Early in the morning our song	though the eye of sinfulness
shall rise to thee.	thy glory may not see,
Holy, holy, holy!	only thou art holy;
merciful and mighty!	there is none beside thee,
God in three persons,	perfect in power,
blessed Trinity!	in love and purity.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, who would have us give thanks for all things
and fear nothing but the loss of your presence;
we confess our faithless fears and our worldly anxieties.
We have done those things we ought not to have done
and left undone those things we ought to have done.
Grant us true repentance, forgive our sins
and give us grace to put away all that is harmful. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 139:1-18

ANTHEM

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Nancy Wertsch

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself;
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.
You must walk this lonesome valley, you have to walk it by yourself;
Oh, nobody else can walk it for you, you have to walk it by yourself.
I must walk this lonesome valley, I have to walk it by myself,
Oh, nobody else can walk it for me, I have to walk it by myself.
I must go and stand my trial, I have to stand it by myself,
Oh, nobody else can stand it for me, I have to stand it by myself.

HYMN NO. 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (Vs. 1, 4 & 5)

GREEN TYLER

God, be the love to search and keep me;	Walking behind to hem my journey,
God, be the prayer to move my voice;	going ahead to light my way,
God, be the strength to now uphold me:	and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.	O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
 Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
 Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
 O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

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. 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (Vs. 1 & 2)

CWM RHONDA

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,	Open now the crystal fountain,
pilgrim through this barren land.	whence the healing stream doth flow.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.	Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Hold me with thy powerful hand.	lead me all my journey through.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,	Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
feed me till I want no more;	be thou still my strength and shield;
feed me till I want no more.	be thou still my strength and shield.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Paul Manz

*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).

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
Videographers: Rich Albert, Chip Pfleegor, Roger Reinicker, Baden Saathoff,
Aaron Wemhoff and Sophia Wolff
Tower Chime: Craig Checkel

SOURCES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The resources for children attached at the end of the 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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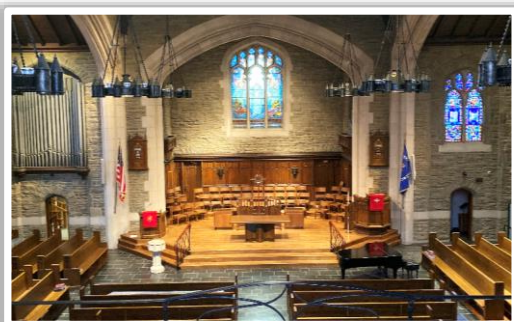
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Join Us for In-person Worship in Our Sanctuary

Sunday, March 21, 2021, 9:00 a.m.



We have reopened our sanctuary 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 host, the reservations will close. We have established a number of guidelines for your safety, which include social distancing, wearing a facial mask/covering, and the use of no-touch sanitizing stations. [Click here](#) to read all of the guidelines. The liturgy will be emailed to you after you make your online reservation.

Congregants 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 option will continue to be available on our website at www.wpc.org.

To make your online reservation for March 21 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) and check out other Education Offerings for Adults on [YouTube](#).

180 Youth In Person Bonfire! Join us TONIGHT at 5:00 p.m. in the WPC parking lot!

The weather is looking up and 180 is back in person! All middle school and high school students, join us tonight in the Westminster parking lot for a bonfire, games, dinner, and a great time. Bring your mask and dress warmly! We cannot wait to see you there For more information about 180 Youth Ministry for grades 6 – 12, contact Tommy at tommyjneilson@gmail.com.

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=MmxuZWVvREhZSVExS3lveXQvTUhaQT09>

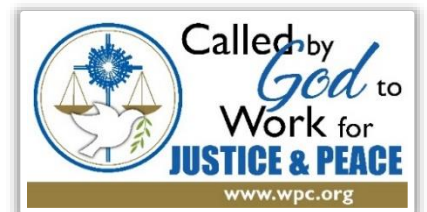
Facilitated by Randy Williamson and Mary Anne Peters. Our Bible study continues and new faces are always welcome.

WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

Unpacking Racial Microaggressions

Thursday, March 18, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

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



Alma Scott will share her experience of living among affluent, liberal Whites for the last 42 years in different states. She founded Race Talk in 2018 to educate her White neighbors, in Wilmington, about their conscience and unconscious biases. The March 18th presentation will focus on racial microaggressions and real life examples of her daily experiences of navigating microaggressions the last three years. Microaggressions are the everyday slights, indignities, put downs and insults that members of marginalized groups experience in their day-to-day interactions with individuals who are unaware that they have engaged in an offensive or demeaning way.

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

Holy Week AT WESTMINSTER

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY — MARCH 28

WORSHIP — 9:00 A.M.

Palm Sunday begins the final week in the life of Jesus. A reservation is required to attend in person (see the *Weekly Word* e-newsletter) or watch live on our [YouTube channel](#).

MAUNDY THURSDAY (APRIL 1) AND GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 2)

Journey with Jesus from the Upper Room, to the Garden of Gethsemane, to Pilate's Headquarters and, finally, to the cross. In a two-part pre-recorded service, the Westminster-by-Heart Storytellers will tell the story of Jesus' final hours, the Westminster Handbell Choir will offer prelude music, and our choristers will sing an anthem and hymns to compliment the liturgy. The first part of the service will be available on [YouTube](#) on **April 1 at 7:00 p.m.** The second part will be available on **April 2 at 12:00 p.m.**

EASTER SUNDAY — APRIL 4

VIRTUAL CHOIR — 6:00 A.M.

The Westminster Choir will release a pre-recorded virtual choir to herald in the day. Look for it on Westminster's [YouTube channel](#).

WORSHIP — 9:00 A.M.

Christ is risen! Join us for a festive worship service celebrating Christ's triumphant resurrection, with an inspirational sermon by Dr. Jones and joyous music for trumpet and organ. We will welcome Steven Heitzer back as our trumpet soloist. Susan Spilecki will play Easter hymns on the tower chime before and after the service. A reservation is required to attend in person (see the *Weekly Word* e-newsletter) or watch live on our [YouTube channel](#).

EASTER FESTIVAL! — 10:15 — 11:00 A.M. (following the 9:00 service)

Easter Egg Hunt (up to age 12), bag decorating, family-friendly crafts, and card writing! Family units will be given individual materials and their own table. Activities will take place in Community Hall, except for the Egg Hunt, which will be outside if weather permits (if not, we will hide eggs indoors). Masks and social distancing required. RSVP is a must as we have a limit of 36 children. Email emily.pfaff@me.com by **March 29** to RSVP. This is in addition to your worship reservation. We hope you will join us, especially families with younger children!

This is also a great opportunity for teens to volunteer and get involved with Westminster; reach out at the email address above if interested in helping out.



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



2021 Easter LILIES

You are welcome to make a contribution toward the decoration of the church on Easter Sunday in memory of, or in honor of, loved ones. Please complete this form, make check payable to *Westminster Presbyterian Church*, and mail to Susan Alexander at the reception desk by **Monday, March 22**. For any form received *after* that date, the names will be listed in the April 11th bulletin.

DONATION AMOUNT

☐ \$20 ☐ \$40 ☐ \$60 ☐ \$80 ☐ \$100 ☐ Other \$ _____

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

❖ In Memory Of: (FOR THE DECEASED)

Deceased Person's Name

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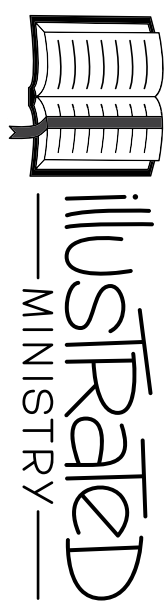
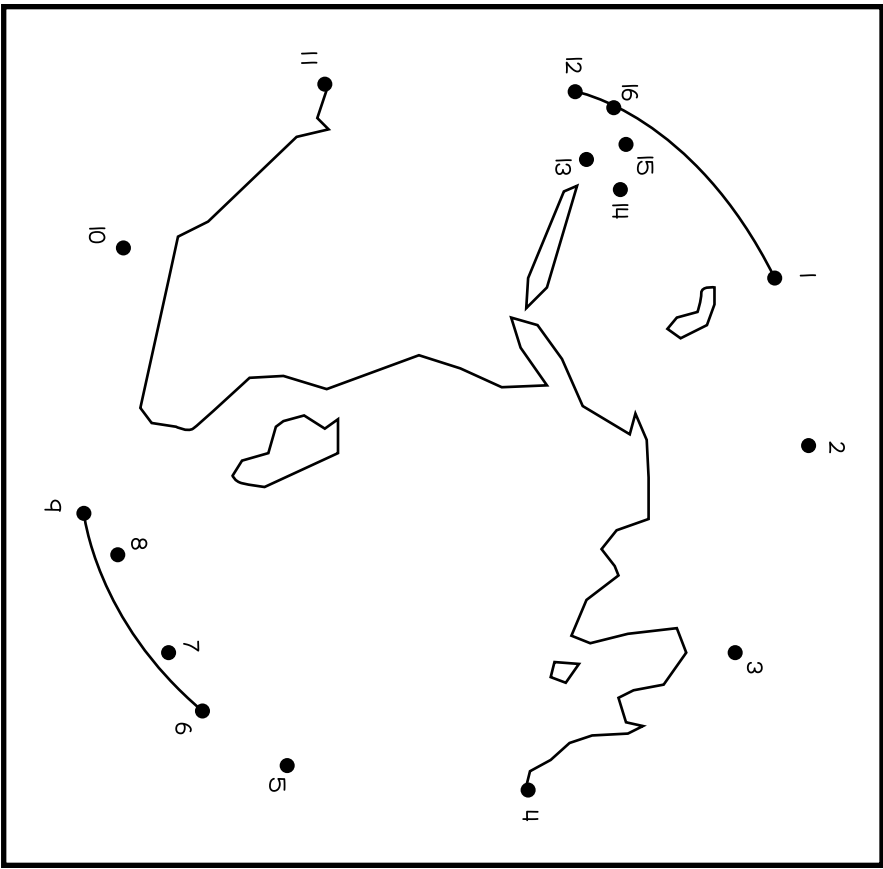
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Donor's Name and Telephone Number

You may take a lily home with you following the 9:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday. We are also delivering lilies to local retirement communities to share the joy of the season.

CONNECT the DOTS

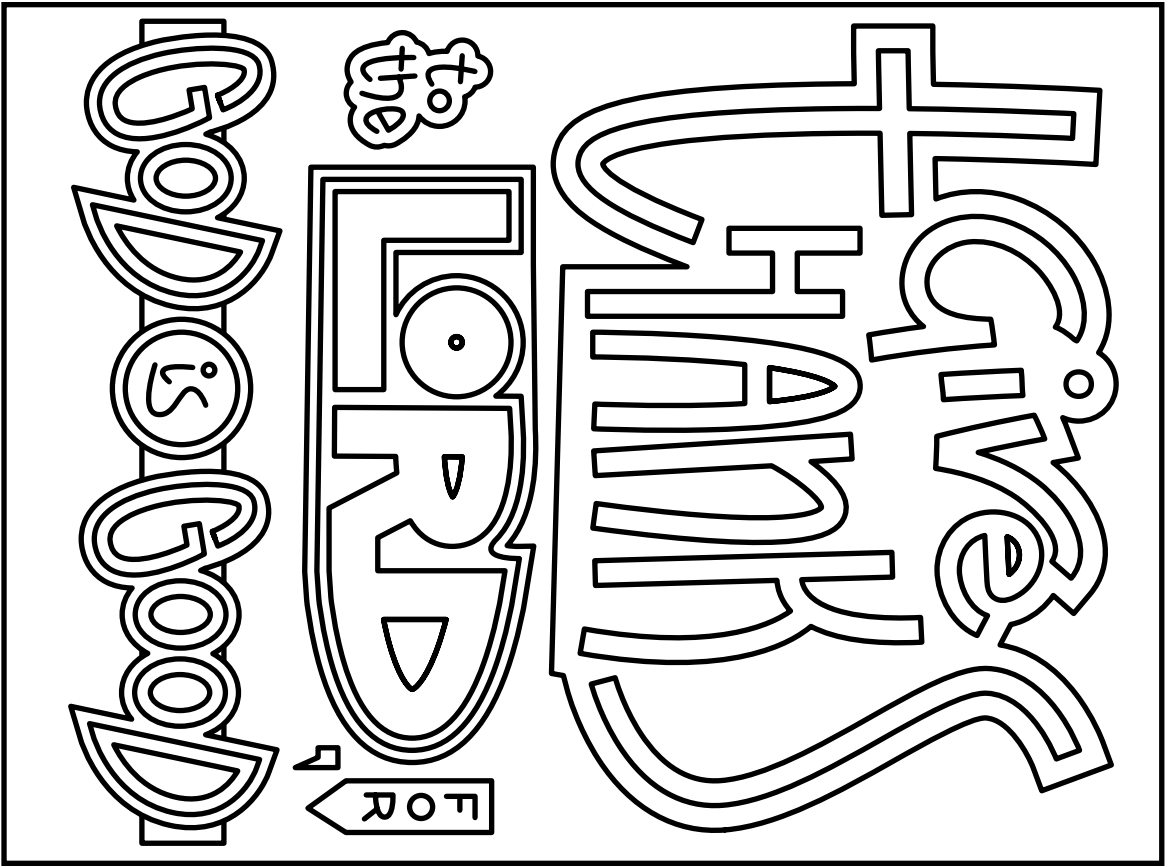
John 3:16 shares how God loved the world so much, God sent Jesus for us! Connect the dots to form the world. Inside, write or draw a way you feel God's love.



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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Numbers 2:14-9, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22,
John 3:14-21, Ephesians 2:1-10.





DRAW IT

Numbers 21 tells a story about God's people feeling impatient. They weren't sure God would give them what they needed. Can you think of a time you had to wait, trusting you'd receive what you'd asked for? Draw your picture here!

WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Ephesians 2:1-10 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

N G H C O P S E E E S D L R U
 H R I C H B I K N E V A E H J
 H G C X E W N S D Q L O G Y X
 T T R V Y K W M E R C Y L A R
 O Y I Y V O Z U D D C V Y A U
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WORLD	GOD	ALIVE
FOLLOW	RICH	CHRIST
SPIRIT	MERCY	RAISE
FLESH	GREAT	HEAVEN
DESIRE	LOVE	GRACE
CHILDREN	SIN	FAITH