



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

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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)
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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.
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** **Kids Zone** in Classrooms 1 and 2. See page 6 for details.
- 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.** **Speaker Event: Lisa Blunt Rochester** in the Sanctuary. See announcement on page 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. We offer our gratitude to Sharon Babcock for directing the choir, and to Ted Barr, who is filling in while Tony is traveling on business for the American Guild of Organists this weekend. A graduate of Westminster Choir College in Princeton, Ted was a church organist and director for 40 years and now enjoys spending his time as a collaborative pianist.



Westminster has been certified as an Earth Care Congregation by the Presbyterian Church (USA) for the 12th 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 memory of Jack and Janet Foster and Sara Jane Evans and Charles Pfleegor by Anne Foster and Chip Pfleegor.

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 27, 2022

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Concerto in A Minor (Adagio)

Antonio Vivaldi/transcr. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

A shepherd who scours the wilderness, looking for a lost lamb;
a woman who searches high and low for her misplaced silver coin;
a father who scans the horizon for a glimpse of his wayward son —

this is what God's love is like.

We gather 'round Jesus—our teacher and Lord—
seeking wisdom and understanding,
longing for a foretaste of the kingdom of heaven.

Our Lord welcomes us with prodigal grace!

*HYMN NO. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, your kingdom confounds us.
You challenge our assumptions about right living
and stretch our understanding of what holds worth.
You reverse our expectations
and reorder our priorities
until they reflect your vision of well-being for all.
Your kingdom surprises us with grace upon grace.
But we cling to the values of this world,
which privilege products over people,
success over service,
and competition for resources over the common good.
Open us to new ways of living
that embody your desire for creation
and contribute to a commonwealth
marked by justice and joy. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

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

Softly, tenderly Jesus is calling to you.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching for you and me.
Come home, you who are weary.
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling sinners to come home.
Time is now fleeting, moments are passing from you and me;
Shadows gathering, nighttime is coming for you and me.
Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised for you and me.
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon for you and me.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

New Testament, page 67-68

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN NO. 771

What Is the World Like

NEW WORLD

All: Vs. 1, 3, & 5

Men: Vs. 2

Women: Vs. 4

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gregory Knox 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.**

*HYMN NO. 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Maestoso

Hermann Schroeder

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.

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 worshipers, 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](#).

Kids Zone – Sundays at 9 a.m. – Classrooms 1 and 2

We are excited to share our new *Kids Zone* program. Children ages 4 to 11 are invited to join us in Classroom 1 at 9 a.m. (parents may attend the 9 a.m. worship service). *Kids Zone* includes a welcome time, songs, Bible story, games, crafts, snack, and much more. Masks are required for all students and teachers. We will socially distance during snack time.

"Psalms Alive!" – Sundays at 10:15 a.m. – 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 alexisdroke@wpc.org for more information.

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 alexisdroke@wpc.org.

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

Calling all 6th to 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! See you there! For more information about 180 Youth Ministry for grades 6 – 12, email tommyjneilson@gmail.com.

Online Bible Studies

Midweek Manna Bible Study – Wednesdays at Noon on Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89503349345?pwd=SlJrY2V2Y2tYa3JWQXk5ak1iZU1ldz09>

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. Email randywilliamson1@comcast.net and he will send the Zoom link.

Peace and Justice Thursday Evening Education Event

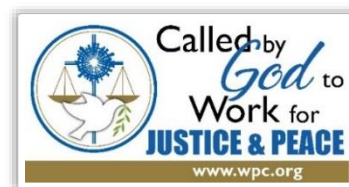
Meet ALICE – Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed

Thursday, March 31, 7 p.m. on Zoom

Dr. Stephanie Hoopes Introduces Us to ALICE

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

These are families who struggle paycheck-to-paycheck and workers who are the backbone of the U.S. economy, and during COVID became known as essential workers. ALICE families live in every county — urban, suburban, and rural — and they include people of all genders, ages, and races/ethnicities. Yet, some groups are disproportionately ALICE, notably those who have faced persistent discrimination and systemic barriers. Join us to learn about measuring poverty and financial hardship, the numbers for Delaware, and ways you can use the research for action. Hosted by Westminster's Peace and Justice Work Group. 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 Thursday 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 the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/477914100>

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2021–2022 SERVICE PROJECT

Through April 16

*Thank
you*



Through April 16, the Confirmation Class of 2022 is asking for donations toward the Hanover Food Closet. Items may include:

- Bath and hygiene supplies
- Toiletries
- Feminine hygiene products
- Infant formula, wipes, and diapers
- Cleaning and laundry supplies.

All donations can be placed inside the bins located at the church entrances.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

ADULT EDUCATION

Guest Speaker: Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester



TODAY

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

Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester will join Westminster's Speaker Series to discuss voting rights in America. Join us in person or via livestream on [YouTube](#) for this engaging conversation featuring Delaware's sole member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



2022 Easter LILIES

You are welcome to make a contribution toward our celebration of Easter in memory of, or in honor of, loved ones. Please complete this form, make check payable to *Westminster Presbyterian Church*, and drop in the blue offering box or mail to the church attention of Susan Alexander by **Monday, April 4**. For any form received *after* that date, the names will be listed in the April 24 bulletin.

DONATION AMOUNT

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

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

❖ In Memory of: (FOR THE DECEASED)

Deceased Person's Name

❖ In Honor of: (FOR THE LIVING)

Living Person's Name

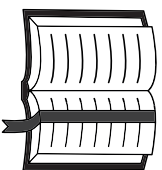
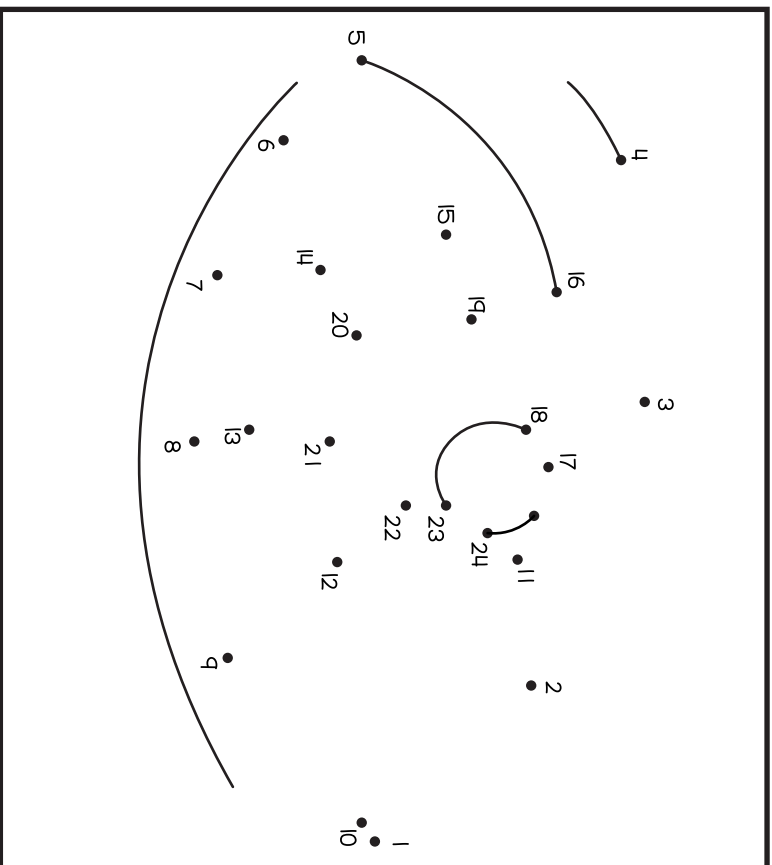
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Following Easter Sunday services, Deacons will deliver the lilies to Westminster members in retirement homes and to others in our church family who are unable to come to church. Thank you for your contribution to the beauty of our sanctuary and to brightening the lives of these individuals this Easter season.

CONNECT the DOTS

Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5 we become a new creation when we follow Jesus! He says we will see the way God sees, viewing every person as a beloved child of God. Connect the dots to form an eye. Then write the names or draw people in your life you can see through God's eyes.

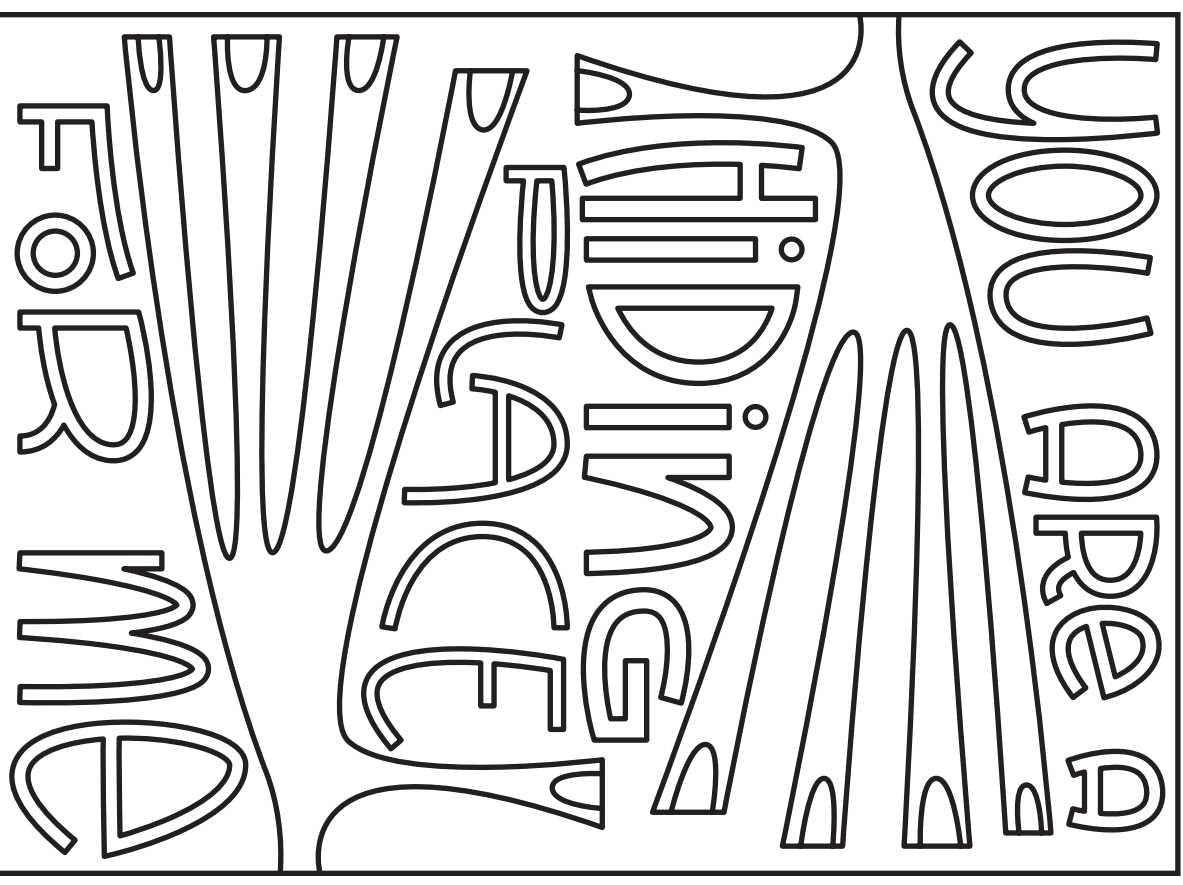


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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.



WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Psalm 32 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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

HAPPY	STRENGTH	DELIVERANCE
FORGIVEN	CONFESS	TEACH
LORD	FAITHFUL	COUNSEL
SPIRIT	PRAYER	STEADFAST
BODY	HIDING PLACE	LOVE
REJOICE	SURROUND	TRUST

DRAW IT

Luke 15 shares the powerful story of the “Father with Two Sons.” Even though the younger son made choices that hurt his father, the father forgave him and ran out to hug and welcome him home. Draw how you imagine this looked.

