



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 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)
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 and **Cereal Sunday** for Hanover Food Pantry 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.
- 10:15 -10:45 a.m.** **Psalms Alive!** in Grace Hall. See page 6 for details.
- 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.** **Confirmation Class** in Classroom 7.
- 11:15 – 12:00 p.m.** **Living Mosaics** in Rodney Chapel.
- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.** **Artcinia Concert** in the Sanctuary. See announcement on page 7.
- 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 weekend. Today's anthem is Rosephanye Powell's setting of *Walk with Me, Lord*, which was commissioned by the American Guild of Organists for the 2018 AGO National Convention. The Alabama native (b. 1962) and Westminster Choir College alumna has been hailed as the most often performed and published African American female composer of choral music of our time.



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 George Evans, whose memorial service was held yesterday.

The rosebud on the chancel this morning is in celebration of the birth of Brooks Graham Faux-Dugan, son of Aimee and Tyler Faux-Dugan, and grandson of Kathy and Gary Graham.

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 6, 2022

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Fugue in E-Flat Major (“St. Anne”)

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world of partial truths, we need a time of truth-telling.

In a world of many gods, we need to encounter the one true God.

In a world that makes many demands on our time,
we need to be confronted by the ultimate claim on our lives.

We are here to worship the Creator of heaven and earth.

*HYMN NO. 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and mercy,

in these forty days of Lent

you lead us into the desert of self-examination.

We pray that through a pilgrimage of prayer and reflection

we might draw closer to the life you call us to live.

May we have the strength to relinquish the false gods that lead us away from you

and the courage to embrace Christ-like ways of living,

that we may draw closer to you.

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

New Testament, page 53

ANTHEM

Walk with Me, Lord

Rosephanye Powell

Walk with me, Lord, all along this tedious journey.
When I’m burdened, Lord, walk with me.
When my head is bowed down in sorrow, Lord, walk with me.
You are my shield. You are my sword.
Until I make it safely home, Lord, please walk with me.

SERMON

Gregory Knox Jones

*HYMN NO. 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Blessed are you who hunger for justice,
for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who thirst for righteousness,
for you will drink deeply of the cup of hope.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Eternal God...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (page 35 in our *Glory to God* hymnal, using "debts" and "debtors")

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Loving God, we give you thanks for this holy meal of bread and wine
that makes us one with Christ.
Fill us with Christ-like compassion, a thirst for justice
and a determination to work for peace,
so that all may live the rich lives you desire for us. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 166

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Shche ne vmerla Ukraina
(Ukrainian National Anthem)

Mykhailo Verbytsky
arr. Nicholas Papadimitriou

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! See you there!

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 – 6:00 – 7:00 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 INNOCENCE PROJECT

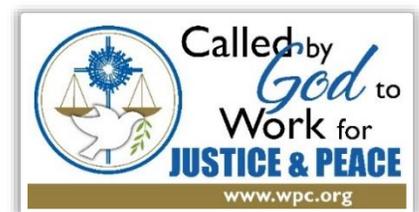
Judith Ritter, President of the Board of Directors

Megan Davies, Executive Director

Thursday, March 10, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

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

Exonerated Defendants have collectively spent over 25,000 years in prison for crimes they did not commit. Innocence Delaware was formed in 2017 and formally began accepting cases in 2020. Judy and Megan will speak about the creation of Innocence Delaware and why this organization was long overdue for our state. They will provide a background on the history of innocence work, the major causes for wrongful convictions, and the barriers to finding relief. Judy and Megan will provide updates on initiatives across the country and where Delaware stands on a national scale. Sponsored by the Peace & Justice Work Group.



Women's Online Community Group - 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

The women of Westminster connect for heartfelt and enriching discussions on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 5:00 – 6:00 PM. The Rev. Jill Getty facilitates this group on Zoom. Use the Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/477914100>

Mozart and Beethoven: The Piano Quintets

Today, 3 p.m.

Join us in person or via livestream!

The 2021–2022 Westminster Concert Series continues today at 3 p.m. The program will feature piano quintets of Mozart and Beethoven performed by Antonello Di Matteo, clarinet; Lyndsie Wilson, horn; Meghan Woodard, oboe; Juliette Anglouvant, bassoon; and Thomas Weaver, piano. The concert is presented in cooperation with Artcinia and Partners for Sacred Places. A free-will offering is requested.



Did You Complete a Code Red Earth Care Pledge?



February was “Code Red” month at WPC to learn more about the climate crisis and ways to help. We asked everyone to sign an Earth Care Pledge. Today members of the Earth Care Task Force will be available to collect your signed Earth Care Pledge and hand you a WPC travel mug before and after each service. Unable to attend church? You can drop your signed pledge off during the week and get your mug. Don’t want a mug? We would still like to know you completed the pledge! Just drop your signed pledge off at church on Sunday morning or during the week (Tue – Fri, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.).

Thanks to everyone who took the Code Red Pledge! Now spread the word!

The Earth Care Task Force is distributing PC(USA)'s Lenten calendar:

Tread Lightly for Lent



This calendar provides suggestions for reflection, prayer and Bible study during the Lenten Season. Hard copies are available on the literature table in the main hallway, or [click here](#) to download a digital version (PDF). The calendar is another piece that reflects WPC's role as an Earth Care Congregation. We hope that you will find it a useful and interesting tool. It could be used for discussion in the home and as a resource to learn more about how the church family is trying to honor/respect God's creation.

Visit www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-for-lent for additional information and activities.

ADULT EDUCATION

Alzheimer's and Memory Care



Sunday, March 13

10 a.m. in the sanctuary

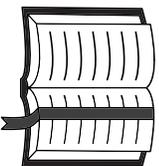
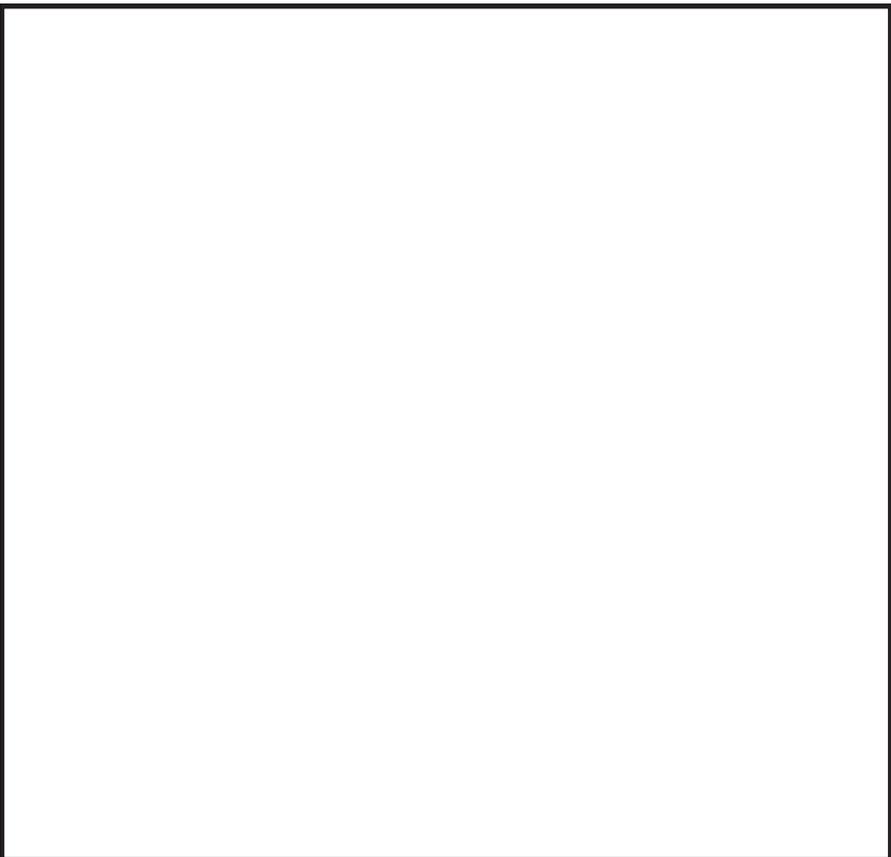
(after the 9 a.m. service)

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 on March 13 by Dr. Jim Ellison ([see bio](#)) at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary.



DRAW IT

Psalm 91 describes God as a fortress and shelter who protects us. Draw a picture of what it looks like for God to protect and take care of you.



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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13.

EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD

SHALL BE

SAVED.

WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Luke 4:1-13 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

C J Y P T N E U T E L P M E T
 A P I S E K Z M N C F S P Y F
 T O E R Z X X G E Q Q T R X S
 C T S K A N F Z T W M O G B W
 E N L Q K Y J Q T O P N E I M
 T T E M P T E E D I R R E L O I
 O I G V I R E A R L E E D D F T
 R Z N K H O Y E W D E G Y Y X
 P P A O S F V R G R I O S X H O
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| JESUS | STONE | WRITTEN |
| HOLY SPIRIT | BREAD | TEMPLE |
| JORDAN | KINGDOM | ANGELS |
| WILDERNESS | WORLD | PROTECT |
| FORTY | GLORY | GOD |
| TEMPTED | WORSHIP | TEST |

FOLLOW THE PATH

Where did Jesus go immediately after his baptism? Follow the path of letters, and each time you come to a capital letter, write that letter down at the bottom of the page. When you get to the end of the path, see the place Jesus went spelled out below.

