Third Sunday in Lent
March 7, 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)

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](http://www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware)), or following us on Instagram ([www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware](http://www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware)).
Today at Westminster

8:45 – 10:00 a.m.  **Collecting food** for Emmanuel Dining Room and **Cereal Sunday** for the Hanover Pantry 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.

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  **180 Youth** meet on Zoom (please see p. 6 for details).

- **Bible Box** for children ages 2 through 5th grade is available today on YouTube (please see announcement on p. 7).

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

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During the month of March, we will be recognizing the gifts of female composers in observance of Women’s History Month. Today we hear 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) has been hailed as the most often performed and published African American female composer of choral music. Janet Linker (b. 1938) was a member of the faculty and taught organ at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, for more than 30 years, and has held church positions in Texas, California, and Ohio. The Ohio native has published eighteen books of organ music.

The rosebud on the chancel this morning is in celebration of the birth of Frances Carol Hogue, born March 2, 2021, daughter of Alex and Ruth Hogue and granddaughter of Carol and Tom Hogue.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Fred Thurman, (March 2, 1929–April 11, 2016) by Betty Thurman, Tony Thurman, and Lucinda Thurman Wright.

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. The next available date is March 14.

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](http://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 7, 2021

TOWER CHIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

If Thou Art Near
(from the Anna Magdalena Bach Notebook)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship the One who is the Alpha and the Omega.

God is the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Holy, holy, holy is the Creator of heaven and earth.

The whole universe is full of God’s glory.

HYMN NO. 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies (Vs. 1 & 2)

LAUDES DOMINI

When morning gilds the skies, does sadness fill my mind?
my heart awaking cries: a solace here I find:
may Jesus Christ be praised! may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer or fades my earthly bliss?
to Jesus I repair: my comfort still is this:
may Jesus Christ be praised! may Jesus Christ be praised!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our ancestors, we often make you a relic of the past.
By our inattention, we act as if you are irrelevant for our lives today.
We are often ruled by fears more than faith,
by doubt more than hope,
and by a sense of failure more than confidence in your victory.
Forgive our misuse of the precious days we have,
and help us to see the signs of your presence
so that we may overcome our doubts
and trust your everlasting love for us.
In the name of the Risen One, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Click here to watch today’s TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN on Westminster’s YouTube channel.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 5:1-5

ANTHEM

Walk with Me, Lord

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.
Hymn No. 686  

God of Our Life (Vs. 1 & 3)  

SANDON

God of our life, through all the circling years,  
we trust in thee.  

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,  
thy hand we see.  

With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,  
we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown  
we follow thee.  

When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone.  
Our refuge be.  

Be thou for us in life our daily bread,  
our heart’s true home when all our years have sped.

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. 687  

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Vs. 1 & 3)  

ST. ANNE

Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home.  

Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.

Benediction

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past  

Janet Linker

Postlude

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
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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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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 Meet on Zoom! Join us TONIGHT at 6:00 p.m.!

It’s Small Group week on Zoom this Sunday! Join us at 6:00 p.m. for catch up, games, and discussion time in our small groups. 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=b1dGL2c4NXRjMIRBORWjWWEIsTTg3dz09
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=MmxuZWFvREhZSVEsS3IvXQvTUNaQ0T9
Facilitated by Randy Williamson and Mary Anne Peters. Our Bible study continues and new faces are always welcome.

WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

ChristianaCare Launches Hospital Violence Intervention Program
Thursday, March 11, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86027521655

Hospital Violence Intervention Programs (HVIP) are an emerging strategy by health care systems and partners across the world to reverse the health inequities associated with traumatic intentional violent injury, especially those from firearm or stabbing wounds. ChristianaCare Health System has been developing a program and is currently launching Empowering Victims of Lived Violence (EVOLV) in 2021. Dr. David Chen, hosted by the Peace & Justice Work Group, will discuss:

• The physical, mental, social, and other health factors of violent intentional injury in Wilmington
• How community violence exposures impact the greater community
• Evidence from public safety and public health that inform successful strategies
• The unique opportunities and challenges for HVIPs
• The ways in which communities can advocate and work to reverse inequities

Use the Zoom link above, or go to zoom.us/join, enter Meeting ID 860 2752 1655 and click "Join."
Join Us for In-person Worship in Our Sanctuary

Sunday, March 14, 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 14 worship in the sanctuary, click here!

Bible Box for Children

Bible Box is back for a second semester! This creative and interactive YouTube series for children combines Bible stories, crafts, and music. The program runs each Sunday through the last week of April and has three age groups: (1) Age 2 – PreK, (2) Kindergarten – 2nd Grade, and (3) 3rd Grade – 5th Grade. Episodes will be uploaded each Sunday afternoon. Parents/Guardians who have signed up to participate may pick up their boxes at the front desk during our limited office hours (Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.). If you have questions about the program or would like to sign up to participate, please email Alexis Droke at alexisdroke@wpc.org with "Bible Box" in the subject line.
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 $ ____________

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- In Memory Of: (FOR THE DECEASED)

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_Deceased Person’s Name_

- In Honor Of: (FOR THE LIVING)

_____________________________________________________________________

_Living Person’s Name_

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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.
In Genesis 17, God promises Abraham that he and Sarah will become the parents of many, many people who will love and serve God.

Draw a picture of one way you and your family serve God.

In Mark 8, Jesus says to follow him and have a truly happy life means focusing our minds on God’s desires. Finish the drawing of your mind. Inside, write or draw things that might be hard, but follow Jesus’ way (for example, loving your enemies, sharing what you have, and more!).
Draw a picture of someone you want to pray for.

In Exodus 20, we learn about the Ten Commandments. One of them is to "remember and keep the sabbath." This is a chance to rest and celebrate God's presence. What did Jesus say to the people who were trying to sell things in the Temple at the festival of Passover?

Unscramble the words to find out:

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Eehr Post KaimnG OdG

Keat Heets Glinhs Tou Fo

DRAW IT

Unscramble It