



# Ascension of the Lord

May 16, 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](http://www.wpc.org)), liking us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware](https://www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware)), or following us on Instagram ([www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware](https://www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware)).

### **Today at Westminster**

- 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.**      **Food Collection** for Emmanuel Dining Room in the WPC 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.
- 10:15 – 10:45 a.m.**      **“Psalms Alive”** – music and rhythm for young children and families – in Community Hall.  
Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Contact Alexis Droke at [alexisdroke@wpc.org](mailto:alexisdroke@wpc.org) for more information.
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.**      **Cooking with Company** on Zoom (see announcement on p. 7).
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**      **180 Youth** End of Year Bash! (please see p. 6 for details).

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

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The **Westminster Handbell Choir**, newly re-formed, plays its first in-person worship service today, having previously pre-recorded music for Christmas and Holy Week services. Ringing today are Charley Babcock, Sharon Babcock, Craig Checkel, Kelly McCullough, Margaret Mezzacappa, Tim Ohmart, Kristine Qualls, Susan Rippin, Beth Singewald, and Susan Spilecki.

**Westminster has been certified as an Earth Care Congregation** by the Presbyterian Church (USA) for the 11<sup>th</sup> 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 2% of the 10,000 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 in the Sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Brad Jones by his daughter, Amy Bickhart, and son-in-law, Paul Bickhart.

**The rosebud on the chancel this morning is in celebration of the birth** of Eleanor Lori Reinicker, born May 10, 2021, to Aaron and Melinda Reinicker. Aaron is the son of Roger and Sandie Reinicker.

**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](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com).

**Recently hospitalized:** Janet Stabler and Dave Young.

**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](mailto: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.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP- SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

TOWER CHIME

Susan Spilecki

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Ring for Joy*

Douglas E. Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP

We follow Christ, who says, "Take up your cross."

**We follow Christ, who calls us to commit to his way.**

We follow Christ, who summons us to new adventures.

**Let us worship God with gladness.**

HYMN NO. 263

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (Vs. 1 & 4)*

CORONATION

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all! Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!	O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
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OPENING PRAYER

**Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being,  
you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you.  
Give us such a sense of purpose,  
that no selfish passion may deter us from seeking your will  
and no weakness prevent us from doing it.  
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:44-53

ANTHEM

*Canticle of Hope*

Cynthia Dobrinski

SERMON

Gregory Knox Jones

HYMN NO. 270

*O Lord, You Are My God and King (Vs. 1 & 3)*

JERUSALEM

O Lord, you are my God and King, and I will ever bless your name; I will extol you every day, and evermore your praise proclaim. You, Lord, are greatly to be praised; your greatness is beyond our thought; all generations shall tell forth the mighty wonders you have wrought.	Your works will give you thanks, O Lord; your saints your mighty acts will show, till all the peoples of the earth your kingdom, power, glory know. Eternal is your kingdom, Lord, forever strong, forever sure; while generations rise and die, your high dominion will endure.
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sudie Niesen Thompson

THE 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. 265

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* (Vs. 1 & 5)

DUKE STREET

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.	Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Festive Intrada*

Dobrinski

*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](http://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 Pfleeger, Roger Reinicker, Baden Saathoff,  
Aaron Wemhoff and Sophia Wolff  
Tower Chime: Susan Spilecki

## 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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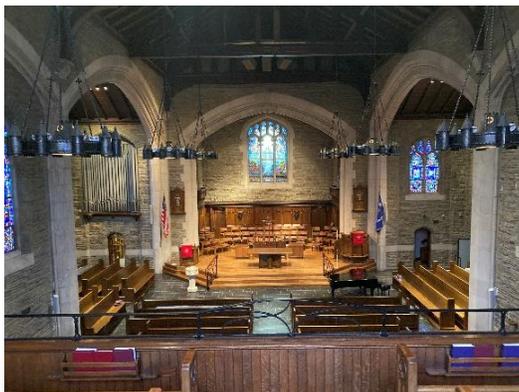
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# Join Us for In-person Worship in Our Sanctuary

**Sunday, May 23 • 9:00 AM**



Our sanctuary is open 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 safely host, the reservations will close. We have established [guidelines](#) for your safety, which include social distancing, wearing a mask, and the use of no-touch sanitizing stations. The liturgy will be emailed to you after you make your online reservation. You 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 livestreamed/recorded option continues to be available on our website ([www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org)) and on our [YouTube channel](#).

**To make your online reservation for May 23 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](http://www.wpc.org)) and check out other Education Offerings for Adults on [YouTube](#).

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## **180 Youth End of the Year Bash!** Join us TONIGHT from 5 to 7 p.m. at Brandywine Park

Hey 180! The 2020-2021 school year is drawing to a close. Come join us as we celebrate a great year spent together at our 180 End of the Year Bash! We'll meet at Brandywine Park by the Zoo for games, dinner, and a whole lot of fun. Don't forget your mask! Can't wait to see you there! For more information about 180 Youth Ministry for grades 6 – 12, contact Tommy at [tommyjneilson@gmail.com](mailto:tommyjneilson@gmail.com).

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## **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>

Our Bible Study, facilitated by Randy Williamson and Mary Anne Peters, continues and new faces are always welcome.

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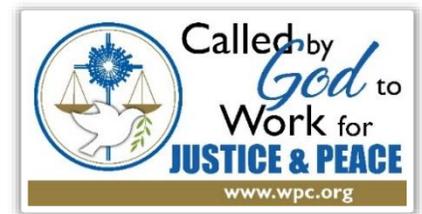
## **WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events**

### **Crisis in Jerusalem**

**Facilitated by Dr. Greg Jones and Rabbi Douglas Krantz**

**Thursday, May 20, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom**

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



Once again, people are dying in the city that is a special holy place to Jews, Christians, and Muslims. Join Dr. Jones and his good friend, Rabbi Douglas Krantz, to hear how they see the situation and to share your views. Dr. Jones has spent considerable time in Israel and in Palestine leading pilgrimages and traveling there with his wife during his first sabbatical.

Rabbi Douglas E. Krantz is the Founding Rabbi of Congregation B'nai Yisrael in Armonk, New York. Throughout his life, he has promoted interfaith relationships and focused on social justice issues by promoting civil rights and peace in both the U.S. and Israel. In 1970, Rabbi Krantz spent his first year of rabbinic study at the Hebrew Union College Biblical and Archaeological School in Jerusalem. Over the years, he has made numerous trips to Israel and continues a 30-year friendship with a Palestinian family who lives in Gaza. Rabbi Krantz helped to form J Street and serves on its Rabbinic Advisory Council. He chairs the Delaware Chapter of J Street where he and Dr. Jones promote peace and justice for Israelis and Palestinians.

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

# Don't Miss These Events Hosted by Our Deacons!



## COOKING WITH COMPANY: YOUTH CO-HOST EDITION

Today • 12 – 1 PM • via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7282948556>

Youth co-hosts will lead us in making delicious chocolate whoopie pies with cream cheese filling. Please read the recipes and be prepared with the ingredients needed to create this delectable treat: [Chocolate Whoopie Pie](#) | [Cream Cheese Filling](#)



## VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Wednesday, May 26 • 7 PM • via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88920482642>

All ages and families welcome! This friendly competition is fast and fun. No experience required. NEW this month: first place team will receive an e-gift card! RSVPs welcome though not required. Two smart devices are helpful for game play using Zoom and Kahoot. Email Jenn Blackford ([blackfordjl1@gmail.com](mailto:blackfordjl1@gmail.com)) with questions.



## SAVE THE DATE: SUMMER CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 6 • 10 AM • WPC Front Lawn (after the 9 AM service)

There will be socially-distanced activities for all ages as well as ice cream and other refreshments. Please email [Imperkins75@gmail.com](mailto:Imperkins75@gmail.com) to RSVP. This is in addition to your worship reservation. We look forward to you joining us in the fun!

## WPC/Friendship House School Uniform Initiative

Sunday, May 23 • 8:45 – 10 AM • WPC parking lot



Many families in Wilmington struggle to purchase school uniforms for their children. Westminster is working with Friendship House to provide uniforms for 2,000 students in 5 target schools in the Red Clay School District for the 2021-2022 school year. Westminster's Urban Mission Committee, along with our 180 Youth, will hold collections on three Sunday mornings – May 23, June 27 and July 25 – in the WPC parking lot, from 8:45 to 10:00. Items being collected include new, or gently used, uniform items in children's sizes 3T to 20:

- Pants and shorts: khaki and navy
- Polo shirts and cardigans: white, navy, and light blue
- Dresses and skirts: khaki and navy

[Click here](#) to learn more.

# Springtime *ECHO* Giving Continues!

A nurse is basically a superhero in scrubs – give to the IMCK Nursing Scholarship fund for young Congolese women

In a country where only 63% of young women are literate, going to college in the Congo is a big deal. With your help, last year we were able to fund a scholarship for one young lady (Jacqueline) to attend four-year nursing school. We want to send another young girl to nursing college this year, so please consider contributing to our *ECHO Giving* campaign to fund a scholarship!

[Purchase an \*ECHO\* gift](#) (designate “Congo”) and receive a postcard that you can give to your loved one. **Check out our table in the parking lot this morning before and after the 9:00 a.m. service!**



## SALUTE THE CORPS!

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Join your friends in thanking our Phixlt Corps on Sunday, May 23. Following worship, we will walk outside to the front lawn to honor Westminster’s hard-working, talented, budget-saving, fun-loving, donut chomping, dedicated Phixlt Corps.

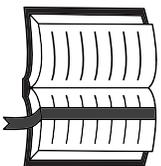
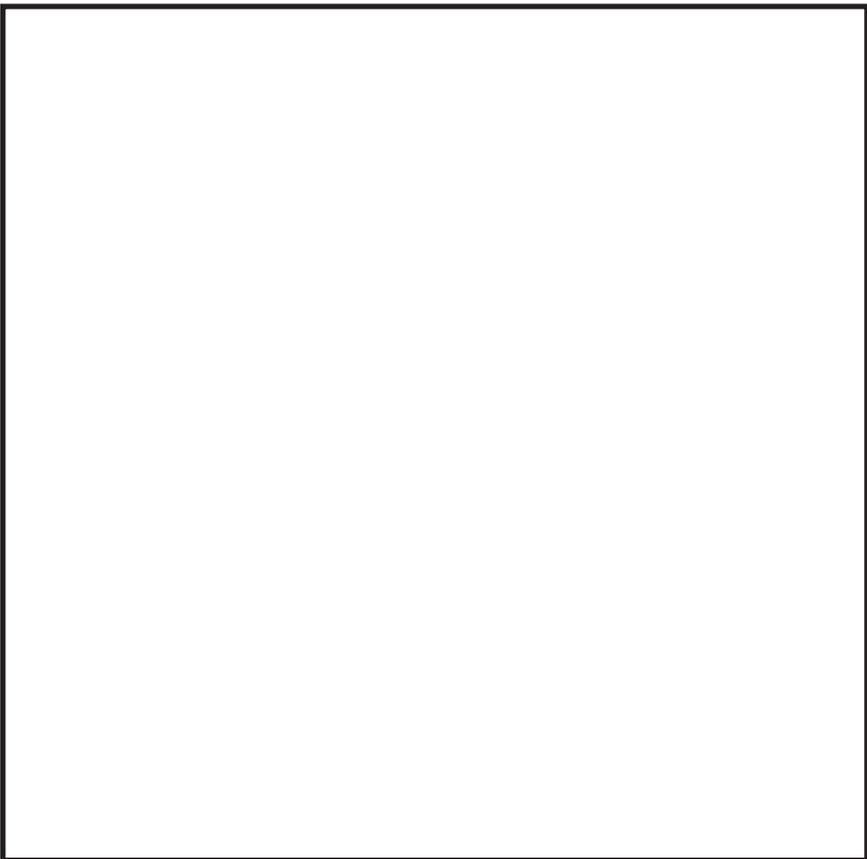
They meet two Thursdays each month to work through a list of tasks that repair, replace, clean, mend, update, and prepare our property. They are key members of the Christmas Box project and other events. If you do not attend worship, you may meet us at 9:50 a.m. The Deacons will serve COVID-safe refreshments. Come salute them!





# DRAW IT

In John 17, Jesus prays for his friends. He prays for their protection and for them to have everything they need. Draw some people you would like to pray for today. What will you pray for them?



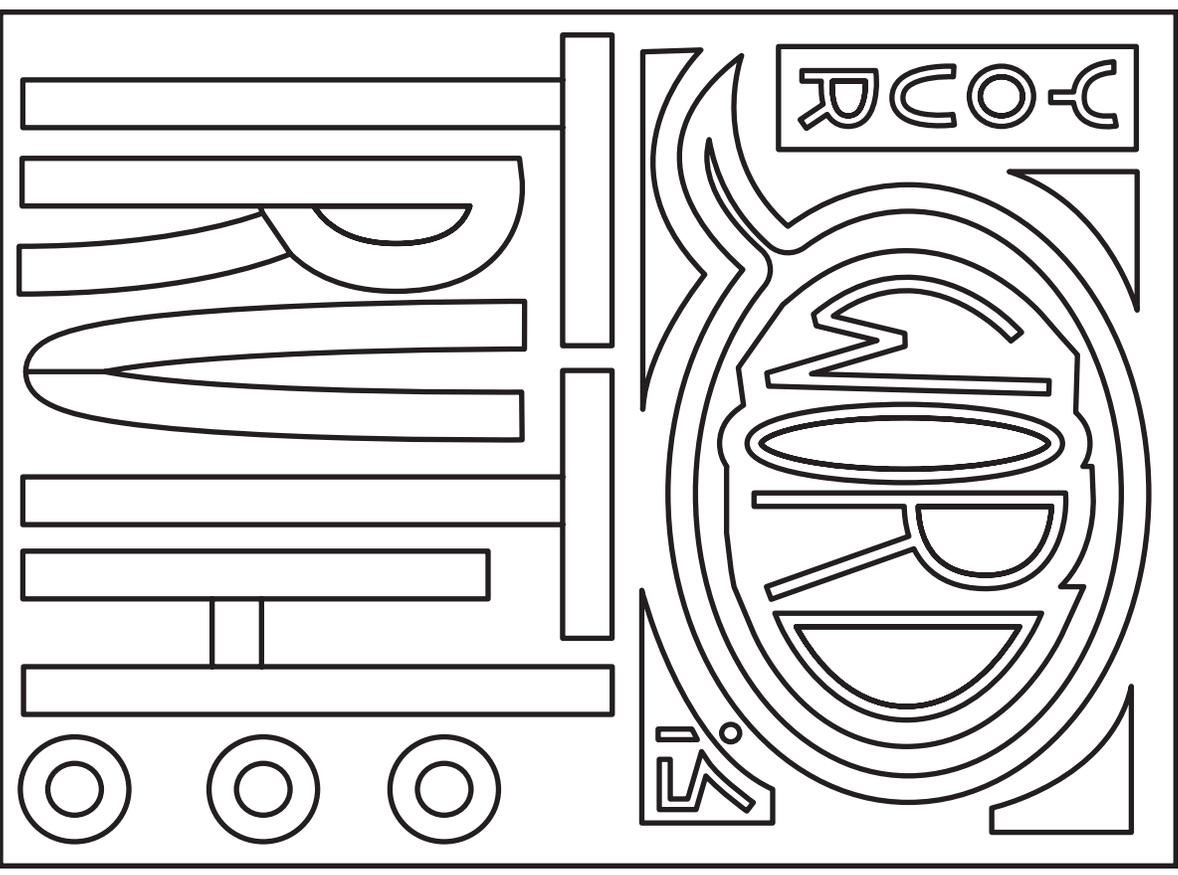
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# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Acts 1:15-17, 2:1-26, Psalm 1, John 17:6-19



# WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Acts 1 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

T D N E D I U G E G J M W K Y  
 R O D B A P T I S M I T S T K  
 A O W P T F W I T N E S S F A  
 E T O W O X T B I S S N S M F  
 H S R S W O H S Z O O Z Q E P  
 T A C S N K T Q A I Q S I N S  
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| JESUS     | GUIDE       | STOOD        |
| BAPTISM   | HOLY SPIRIT | SHOW         |

# FINISH THE DRAWING

In Psalm 1, we remember how when we follow God's desires for us, we are "like trees planted by streams of water," that are fruitful! Finish the drawing of the tree. Inside the tree, write or draw a way you can listen to God today.

