



Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 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.** **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 8.
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** **Kids Zone** in Classrooms 1 and 2. See page 6 for details.
- 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.

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! The choir is preparing for a spring concert on Sunday, May 22, at 3 p.m. If you are interested in participating, contact TonyThurman@wpc.org.



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 honor of the birthday of Rick R. Suarez by Josh, Alejandro and Leonardo.

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 dates are May 29, June 19 and June 26.

Recently hospitalized: Sally Robinson

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, MAY 1, 2022

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

Fanfare and Processional

Lynn Trapp

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ has passed through the door of death and opened the way to new life.

Because Christ has conquered death, we can truly live.

His presence penetrates our fears and lifts us from the mundane.

Let us give thanks to God for new beginnings.

*HYMN NO. 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Lord of the morning,

**You come to us in sunshine and in shower
enlightening our minds and refreshing our souls.**

**You whisper in our hearts words of grace and inspiration
stirring us to lives that are bold and generous.**

We praise you for

your amazing creation,

the gift of life

and the blessings we encounter each day.

May we find ways to praise you with our lives

as we seek to faithfully follow the way of Christ. Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:1-17

New Testament, page 101

ANTHEM

We Are Your People

John Wilson

We are your people: Lord, by your grace,
you dare to make us Christ to our neighbors
of every nation and race.

Called to portray you, help us to live
closer than neighbors, open to strangers,
able to clash and forgive.

Glad of tradition, help us to see
in all life's changing where you are leading,
where our best efforts should be.

Joined in community, breaking your bread,
may we discover gifts in each other,
willing to lead and be led.

Lord, as we minister in different ways,
May all we're doing show that you're living,
meeting your love with our praise. – Brian Wren

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

*HYMN No. 257

The Risen Christ

WOODLANDS

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

As members of the Body of Christ, let Christ live in your thoughts
and the ways you treat others.

May we be filled with his love.

Eat the bread of life and drink the cup of salvation,
so that we may become the light of Christ to others.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Carla Krupanski

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

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Loving God, we pray that we may know Christ's transforming love
so that we may live generous and bountiful lives.
Give us who are nourished by him,
the grace to share our bread with those hungry in body
and with those hungry in spirit
so that all may know God's love. Amen.**

*HYMN No. 246

Christ Is Alive

TRURO

Vs. 1, 4 and 5: All; Vs. 2: Women; Vs. 3: Men

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

A Litany of Joy

Alfred V. Fedak

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).

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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 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.

180 Youth Play 9-Square Tonight! – 5–7 p.m. – WPC parking lot

Hey 180! Come on out to the Westminster parking lot tonight for a giant game of 9-Square, one of our favorite games! Never played before? Come out and learn! There will also be walking tacos and some nice cold treats. See you there! For more information about 180 youth ministry for grades 6 to 12, contact Tommy Neilson (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 – 6–7 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.

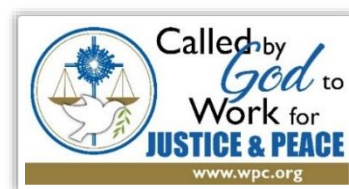
Peace and Justice Thursday Evening Education Event

A History on the Conflict Between Ukraine and Russia

Thursday, May 5, 7 p.m. on Zoom

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

There is an abundance of coverage of the current war in Ukraine, but very little reporting on the history of that conflict. The current situation is the culmination of disputes, conflicts, and unresolved questions dating from the 1991 dissolution of the Soviet Union. It is impossible to fully understand this war and its significance without understanding the past. Join us as David McBride reviews the history described in *Ukraine and Russia: From Civilized Divorce to Uncivil War* by Paul D'Anieri, University of California Riverside professor, and other sources addressing the subject. It is a history replete with missed opportunities, unintended consequences, and surprising twists and turns. Hosted by Westminster's Peace & 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 Thursdays 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>

MEET OUR MISSION CO-WORKERS IN GUATEMALA!



Betsey and Eric Moe, our new PC(USA) Mission Co-workers, have finally moved to Guatemala after two long years of waiting and working remotely from Spokane, Washington. They are working with CEDEPCA, our partner in Guatemala City. Today, May 1, the Moes will be joining our 9 a.m. worship service virtually from their home in Antigua, Guatemala. They have also prepared a special video message on YouTube for us. We are grateful to be able to support their spirit-filled work and can't wait to travel with them in Guatemala!

Please watch their special message here: <https://youtu.be/22C95PxJPEE>



Spring *ECHO* Giving Opportunities



During May, our *ECHO Giving* campaign will focus on three projects of Westminster's mission partners in Congo, Palestine, and Guatemala. You can make a contribution that meets human need while providing a gift with a lasting impact. Mother's Day and Father's Day are coming soon! Perhaps someone has a birthday this month? Please stop by the table in the front hallway after worship to learn more about the three gift options and pick up a beautiful card to honor a loved one.

More information on how to make donations to any of these projects can be found here:

www.wpc.org/uploads/ECHO_GIVING_ORDER_FORM_Spring_2022.pdf

NEW COVID-19 Mask Policy and Safety Measures

Updated March 29, 2022

Mask Policy and Sanctuary Seating

The side transepts and the first five pews in the center section of the sanctuary (the nave) are open seating and mask optional. You may sit where you wish in these sections. Please access these sections via the lectern-side transept door off the main hallway. Masks and social distancing are required in the back part of the nave and the balcony. Masks must fully cover the nose and mouth and be worn at all times in these sections. Please access these sections through the narthex (behind the screen at the rear of the sanctuary). Ushers at the sanctuary entrances will be available to direct you to your preferred section. The choir will wear their masks when singing, but may remove them when they are not singing. Everyone is still required to wear masks in the remainder of the building. This includes Rodney Chapel, the main hallway, restrooms, classrooms, and Community Hall. This is to protect our young children who are not eligible for a vaccine and those who are immunocompromised. Again, masks must fully cover the nose and mouth.

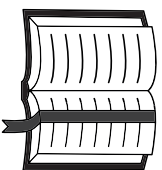
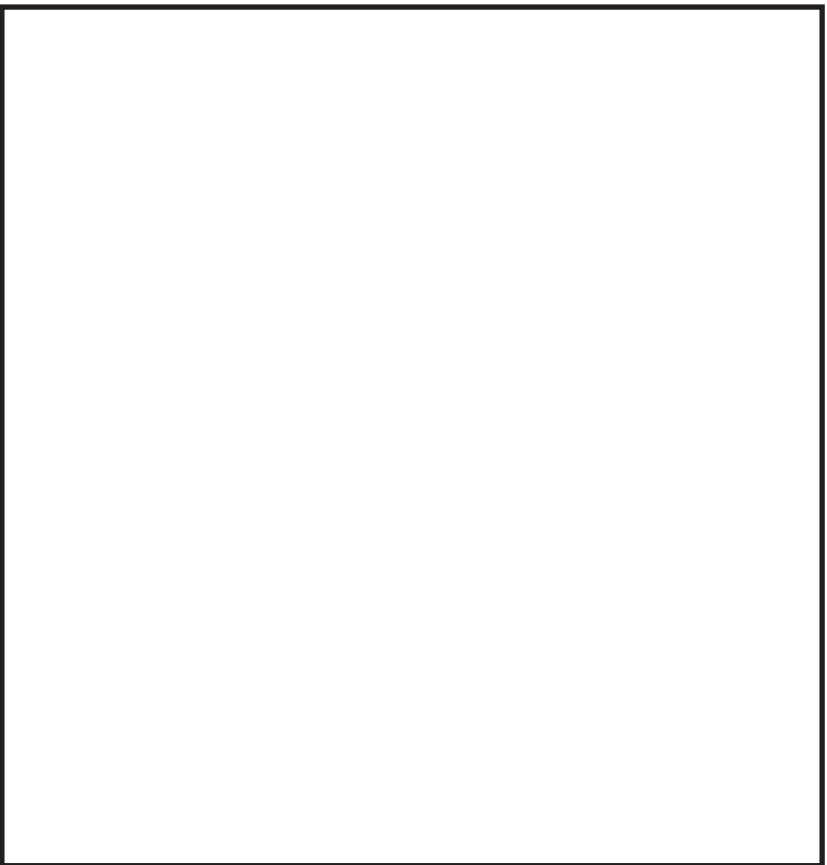
Safety Measures

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.



DRAW IT

In Acts 9, Jesus appears in a powerful vision to Saul. This experience with God changed Saul's life forever—even his name! He became Paul after meeting Jesus in this way. Draw a picture of a time you've felt Jesus' presence.

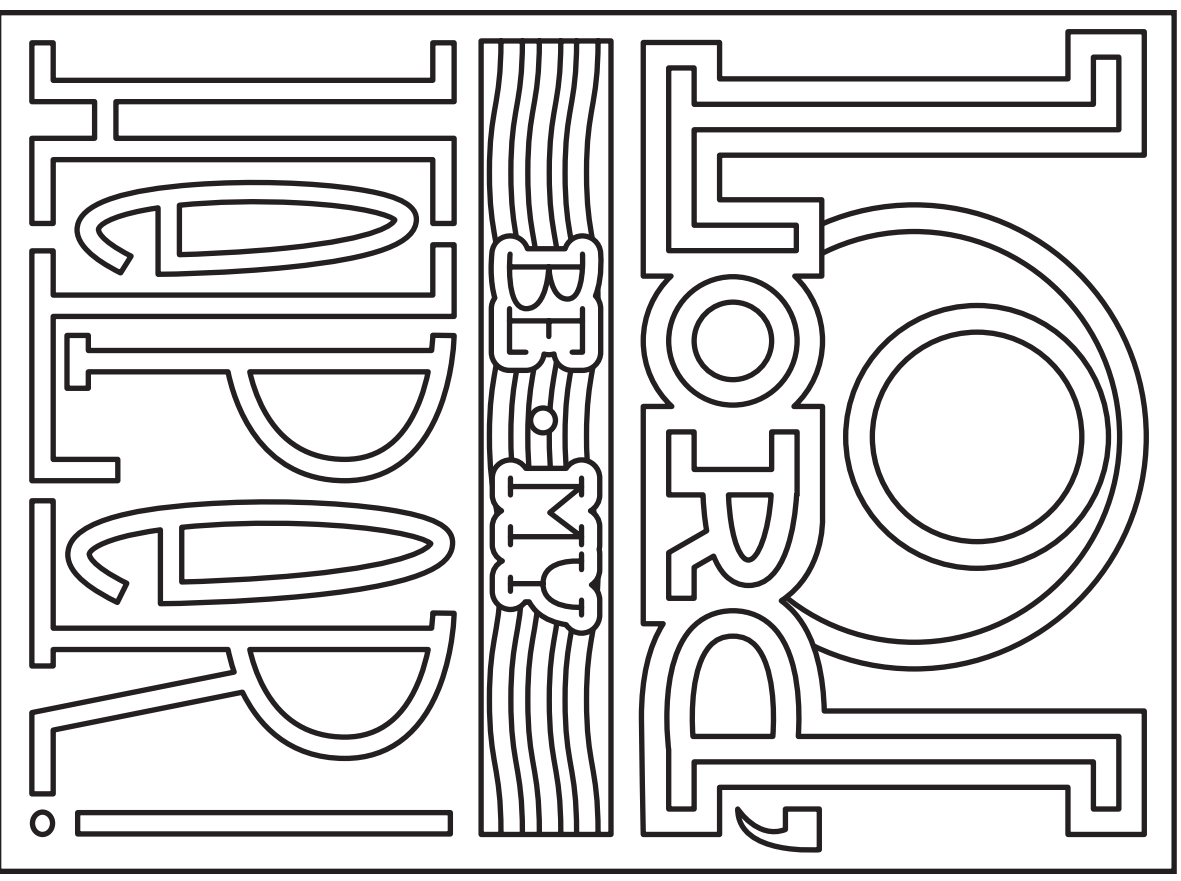


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CHILDRENN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Acts 9:1-6, (7-20), Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 2:1:1-19.



FOLLOW the PATH

What did the creatures and angels sing as they praised God in Revelation 5? 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 their song spelled out.

start

g h W m h p m w a circle with a horizontal line e p R a u e T e r H r m w r p v S r e p T g u r e H v p m w r p a x h A r g x p M e l h c a B end

end