



Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 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), 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 WPC parking lot.
- 8:45 – 10:00 a.m.** **WPC/Friendship House School Uniform Collection** (see announcement on page 7).
- 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.
- 9:50 – 10:30 a.m.** **“Salute the Corps”** on the front lawn (see announcement on page 7).
- 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 for more information.

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

Today in the Bell Tower: We extend a warm Westminster welcome to Peter Gentieu, who is playing our Tower Chime this morning. Peter, who lives in Northern Virginia, is often heard in Philadelphia where he plays the chime at Christ Church and St. Michael’s in Germantown. His aunt, Phyllis Gentieu Johnson, was a member of Westminster.

Today’s Music: Alfred V. Fedak, the composer of our prelude, anthem, and postlude, is minister of music and arts at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany, N.Y. The New Jersey native earned degrees in music from Hope College (Mich.) and Montclair State University (N.J.) and did additional study at Westminster Choir College in Princeton. A well-known composer of church music, his compositions appear in the catalogues of ten different publishing companies. The anthem is in A-B-A form. Beginning and ending with a joyful outburst in the voices of the choir, the middle section provides a serene landscape for the reassuring message of Isaiah’s text.

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 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 by Jeanne Checkel, in honor of her granddaughter Caroline Elisabeth Sweet, on her graduation from The College of William and Mary on May 22.

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. Dates available are July 4 and 25.

Recently hospitalized: Fay Barnaby and Paul Kelly

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 and click the “Donate Now” button or scan the QR code on your smart phone.



ORDER OF WORSHIP- SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021

TOWER CHIME

Peter Gentieu

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

A Litany of Joy

Alfred V. Fedak

CALL TO WORSHIP

Wind of God, who awakened creation and stirred dry bones to life,
sweep through this space, and enliven our worship.

Wind of God, who descended as tongues of fire and galvanized the disciples,
sweep through this space, and ignite our hearts.

Wind of God, who guides our ministry and equips us for service,
send us out into the world to carry on your mission.

HYMN NO. 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us (Vs. 1 & 2)

EBENEZER

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power; give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour. Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone, still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.	We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears; for tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers. In the church's pilgrim journey you have led us all the way; still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.
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OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, we give thanks for our community of faith
where you assure us of your immeasurable love for us
and provide opportunities to share your love with others.
Through words of Scripture and your Spirit whispering in our souls,
may we discover the work that is ours to do,
and summon the courage to carry it out.
Embolden us to resist evil, injustice, and violence;
inspire us to speak the truth, to show respect, and to live generously;
and energize us to spread joy, create beauty and foster hope. Amen.**

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

ANTHEM

See, I Make All Things New

Fedak

Behold! I am doing a new thing. Now it breaks forth; do you not perceive it?
I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending. See, I make all things new!
I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers through the desert.
To the thirsty I give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.
I will pour out water on the thirsty land and streams on the dry ground.
I will pour my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing upon your children.
— Isaiah 43:19-20, 44:3; Revelation 21:6

SERMON

Gregory Knox Jones

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day, a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray. A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air, and tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.	O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago, rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow. O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise, so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.
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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. 295

Go to the World! (Vs. 1, 2, & 3)

SINE NOMINE

Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.	Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the word of God's redeeming grace. Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.
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Go to the world!
Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way
to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

A Rejoicing

Fedak

*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; Alexis Droke, soprano; Sharon Babcock, mezzo soprano;
Jason Berger, tenor; Brenton Mattox, bass
Videographers: Rich Albert, Chip Pfleegor, Roger Reinicker, Baden Saathoff,
Aaron Wemhoff and Sophia Wolff
Tower Chime: Peter Gentieu

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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Join Us for In-person Worship in Our Sanctuary

Sunday, May 30 • 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) and on our [YouTube channel](#).

To make your online reservation for May 30 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) and check out other Education Offerings for Adults on [YouTube](#).

Online Bible Studies

Wednesday afternoons, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Zoom (Midweek Manna Bible Study)

<https://zoom.us/j/97700423780?pwd=b1dGL2c4NXRjMIRBOWJWWEIsTTg3dz09>

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=MmxuZWVvREhZSVExS3IveXQvTUhaQT09>

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

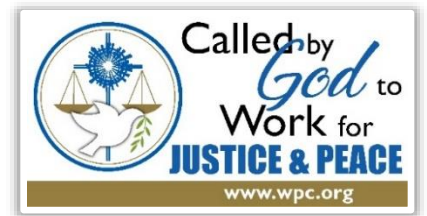
WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

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

Thoughts and Prayers Are Not Enough

Thursday, May 27, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Presented by Emily Iobst Crawford



Gun violence is an epidemic in the United States. Mass shootings grow ever more common (nine in one weekend – imagine) and more than half of all gun deaths are by suicide. Moms Demand Action is a nationwide grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence. Join us as WPC member Emily Iobst Crawford describes the work of this group and the important bills now under consideration in the Delaware legislature.

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

SALUTE THE CORPS!

TODAY following worship

Join your friends in thanking our Phixlt Corps today. 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. The Deacons will serve COVID-safe refreshments. Come salute Rich Albert, Steve Brackin, Gary Bryde, Jim Carter, Paul Crothamel, John Doyle, Tom Hogue, Steve Johnson, Jeff Lippincott, Mark Mosher, Fred Nelson, Roger Reinicker and Wayne Sparling!



WPC/Friendship House School Uniform Collection

Today • 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 – today, 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!

ConservCongo: Preserving, Protecting, and Teaching about Conservation in the Heart of the Congo

The Democratic Republic of Congo is the second largest country in Africa, is the most resource-rich country on the planet and yet has the world's second largest food insecure population. Our partner, ConservCongo is working to change that. They have purchased over 800 acres of Congo rainforest for conservation and have created over 100 acres of community farms. They work to educate young people and keep poachers at bay.

Please join us in our [ECHO Giving](#) campaign as we work to reach a matching gift of \$2,500 from a generous donor! **Check out our table outside the 1502 entrance this morning before and after the 9:00 a.m. service!**



Don't Miss These Events Hosted by Our Deacons!



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 (blackfordj1@gmail.com) with questions.



SAVE THE DATE: SUMMER CELEBRATION

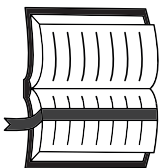
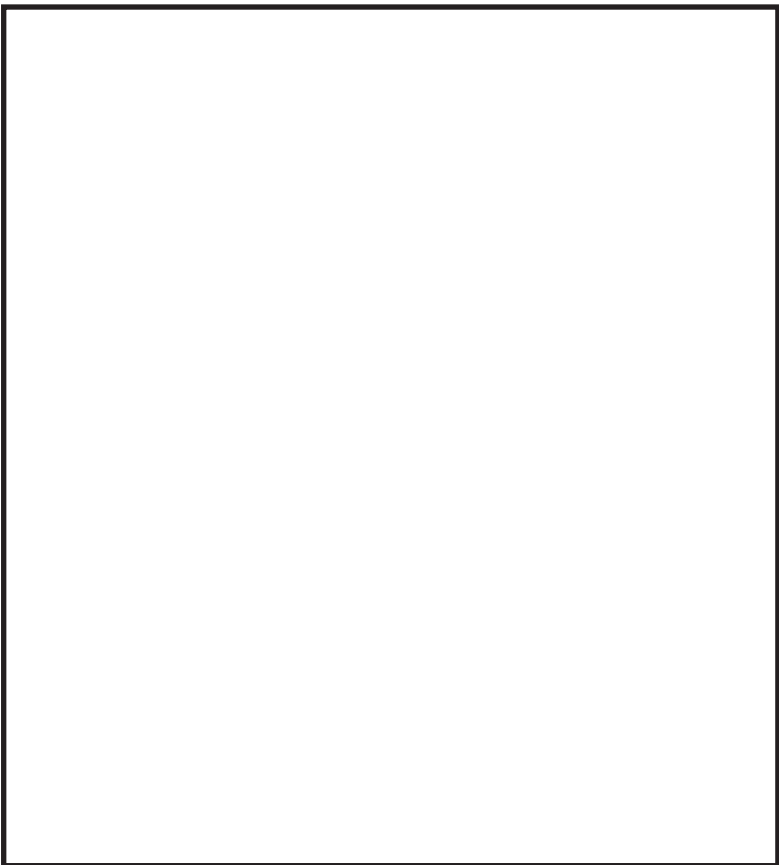
Sunday, June 6 • 10 AM • WPC Front Lawn (after the 9 AM service)

The deacons are sponsoring a Summer Celebration on June 6 after worship on the front lawn. There will be socially-distanced activities for all ages including Minute to Win It Games, Side Walk Chalk, Noodle Tag as well as ice cream treats and other refreshments. Mark your calendars and email imperkins75@gmail.com to RSVP. We look forward to having both children and adults join us in the fun!



DRAW IT

In Acts 2, we learn the story of Pentecost - a true miracle! The Holy Spirit came down like a dove on a large crowd of people, and little flames rested on each person without burning them! Everyone was praying and worshipping God. Draw what you imagine this amazing sight looked like!

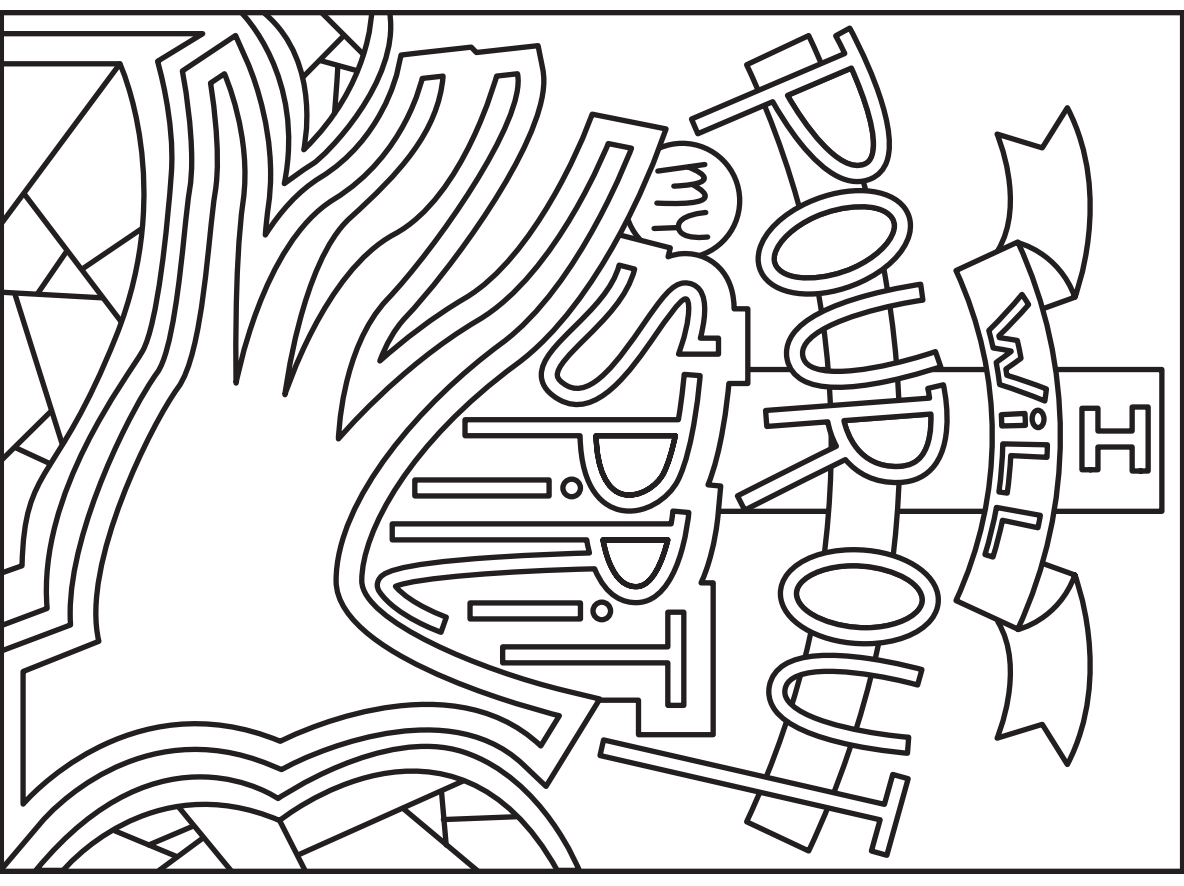


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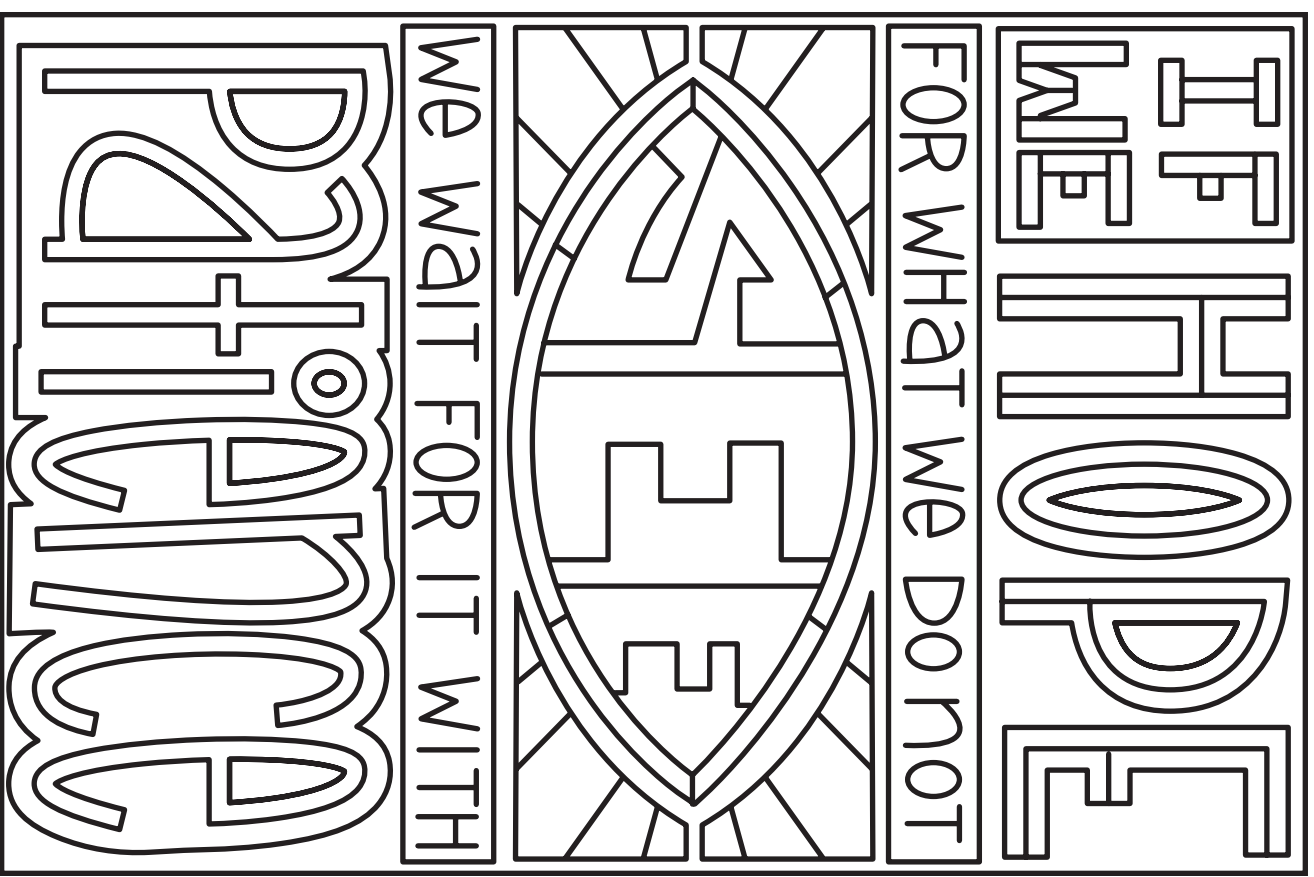
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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Acts 2:1-21, Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27, 16:1b-15



COLOR ^{THE} WORDS



FOLLOW the PATH

What is another name Jesus gives for the Holy Spirit? 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 what's spelled out below.

