



25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 14, 2021

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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.



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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 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.
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** **Confirmation Class** in Rodney Chapel.
- 10:15 – 10:45 a.m.** **Psalms Alive!** in Grace Hall. Pre-registration is required. See page 6 for details.
- 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.** **Blessing of the Animals** on Westminster's front lawn. See page 8 for details.
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** **180 Youth** meet 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 and 7 for information on Educational Offerings for Adults.

Today's Music: The fully vaccinated and masked Westminster Choir will sing our hymns and will bring an anthem by John Rutter, the prolific British composer of choral music that is sung worldwide. His music has been featured in a number of British royal occasions, including the two most recent royal weddings. Framing the service are organ voluntaries by Alfred Fedak. The New Jersey native is minister of music and arts at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany, N.Y., and was a member of the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song that produced *Glory to God*, The Presbyterian Hymnal.

Calling All Singers: The Westminster Choir is preparing for Christmas! We are rehearsing for our Christmas Concert (December 12 at 3 p.m.) and Candlelight Communion (December 24 at 8 p.m.) during the second hour of choir rehearsals on Wednesday nights (8–9 p.m.). Rehearsals begin at 7 p.m. for those singing on Sunday mornings, also. We have openings for Sopranos, Tenors, and Basses. For more information or to participate, contact TonyThurman@wpc.org. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination and faithful attendance are needed.

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.

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 flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Pete and Hessie Williamson and Dr. and Mrs. Charles Graef by the Graef family.

Recently hospitalized: Chris Waisanen.

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, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Like the First Bird

Alfred V. Fedak

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in awe before the Source of all things.

We come to praise the Maker of heaven and earth.

Powerful Presence above us, below us, around us and within us, touch us with a sense of wonder
and a reverence for your good creation.

HYMN NO. 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God (Vs. 1 & 2)

ELLACOMBE

I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day. The moon shines full
at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord
who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

PRAYER OF PRAISE

J. Philip Newell, *Celtic Benediction*

Creator of the cosmos, we watch this morning for the light that the darkness has not overcome.

**We watch for the fire that was in the beginning
and that burns still in the brilliance of the rising sun.**

We watch for the glow of life that gleams in the growing earth and glistens in sea and sky.

**We watch for your light in the eyes of every living creature
and in the ever-living flame of our souls.**

If the grace of seeing were ours this day we would glimpse you in all that lives.

Grant us the grace of seeing this day.

Grant us the grace of seeing each day. Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1:20-31

ANTHEM

All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Rutter

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings.
The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky;
The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them, ev'ry one.
God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!	O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts of fruit and grain. Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam, sing praises! Alleluia!	O sister water, flowing clear, make music for your Lord to hear. Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!	Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God
with humble heart. Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One! Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**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.**

Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently, nourish the life of the world in our care: gift of great wonder, ours to surrender, trust for the children tomorrow will bear.	We who endanger, who create hunger, agents of death for all creatures that live, we who would foster clouds of disaster, God of our planet, forestall and forgive!
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God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun,
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
using us gently and making us one.

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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Sunday Worship COVID Policy

Given the level of transmission in New Castle County, we are strongly encouraging everyone – including those who are fully-vaccinated – to wear masks at all times while in the building, in accordance with current CDC guidance.

- If you are fully vaccinated and comfortable going without a mask please sit in the front part of the sanctuary and the side transepts. These sections are open seating and mask optional for fully vaccinated people. Please access these sections via the lectern-side transept door off the main hallway.
- If you are not vaccinated or choose to wear a mask, you will be able to social distance in the back part of the sanctuary and balcony. Masks must 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 both entrances will be masked and available to direct you to the proper section.
- *Everyone* is required to wear a mask when entering or exiting the building. This is for the well-being of those who are not vaccinated.
- If you have children too young to be vaccinated, you are welcome to worship in the sanctuary, but we have also created a safe, kid-friendly space. We call it the **Prayground**. This worship space is in Community Hall. 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.

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](#).

"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.

Bible Box for Children – YouTube

For children 2 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 2021 fall program runs through December 26. If you have questions, please email Alexis Droke at alexisdroke@wpc.org.

180 Youth – Sundays from 5 to 7 p.m. – Classroom 6

Hey 180! We're back on this Sunday! Join us in Classroom 6 for games, dinner, and small groups! Bring a mask and a lot of energy! It's going to be a great night! For more information about 180 Youth Ministry for grades 6 – 12, contact Tommy at tommyjneilson@gmail.com.

One Book, One Church

Sign up for a Discussion Group: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F49A5AD23AAF85-onebook>

Are you participating in our all-church read of *The Sum of Us*? Have you found yourself writing notes in the margins, Googling the events Heather McGhee references, or sharing with others something you learned from the book? There's A LOT to discuss! Now's your chance to talk about *The Sum of Us* with others in our congregation. Whether or not you've finished the book, we hope you'll join us for a One Book, One Church Discussion Group! See the schedule below to find a time that works for you, then sign up to participate in a group via SignUpGenius (Access Code: **McGhee**).

Monday, November 15, 7 p.m.

Meets via Zoom | Sue Linderman, Facilitator

Wednesday, November 17, 4 p.m.

Meets via Zoom | Kitty Knox, Facilitator

Friday, November 19, 10:30 a.m.

Meets via Zoom | Janet Steinwedel, Facilitator

Tuesday, November 23, 5:30 p.m.

Red Fire Grill, Hockessin (Heated Outdoor Patio) | Julie Rassias and Sandie Reinicker, Facilitators

**Because this is an in-person offering, we ask that all participants be fully-vaccinated against COVID-19.*

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, explores the genre of the Hebrew Short Story by reading three Old Testament novellas: Ruth, Jonah, and Esther. In addition to being sacred texts with important theological themes, these works are also great stories! Join us weekly on Zoom and spend some time with Ruth, Jonah, Esther and other compelling figures from the Old Testament.

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. Contact Randy Williamson at randywilliamson1@comcast.net and he will send the Zoom link.

WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

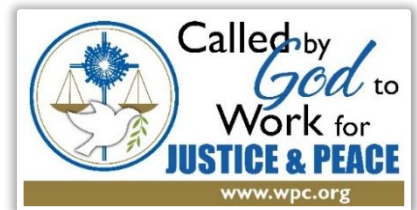
The Free Exercise of Religion – When Can the Government Act to Prevent It?

With Judge Thomas Ambro, United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit; Presented by David McBride

Thursday, November 18, 7 p.m. on Zoom

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

The First Amendment of the United States Constitution states that “Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...” What happens when the government requires conduct that a religion prohibits or prohibits conduct that is part of the practice of one’s religion? Most recently on June 21, 2021, in *Fulton v. City of Philadelphia*, the United States Supreme Court addressed that issue in another collision between religious liberty and LGBTQ rights. This class will explore the holding and implications of that decision. Use the Zoom link above, or go to zoom.us/join, enter Meeting ID **860 2752 1655** and click “Join.”



Women’s Online Community Group – 2nd and 4th Thursday 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.

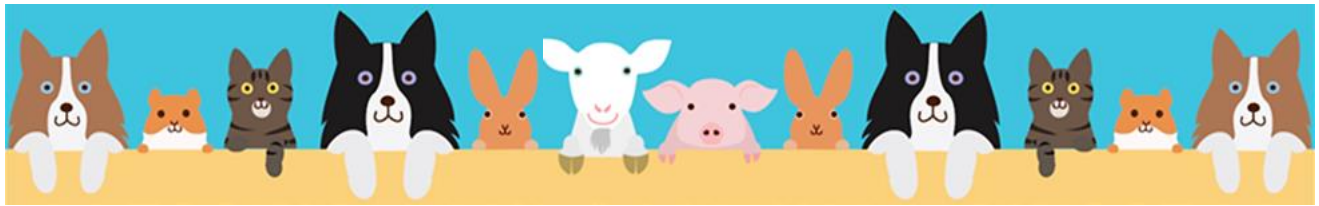
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Blessing of the Animals

TODAY AT 11 A.M. ON THE CHURCH LAWN

We will give thanks for the creatures of our planet with a “Blessing of the Animals” on the front lawn of our church today. Bring your pets – dogs, cats, birds, gerbils, and reptiles – at 11 a.m. for a brief service and blessing.

Although we Presbyterians strive to do things decently and in order, we suspect this service may be an exception to that lofty goal!



Living Mosaics Worship Returns!

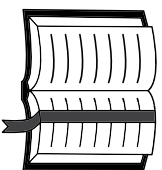
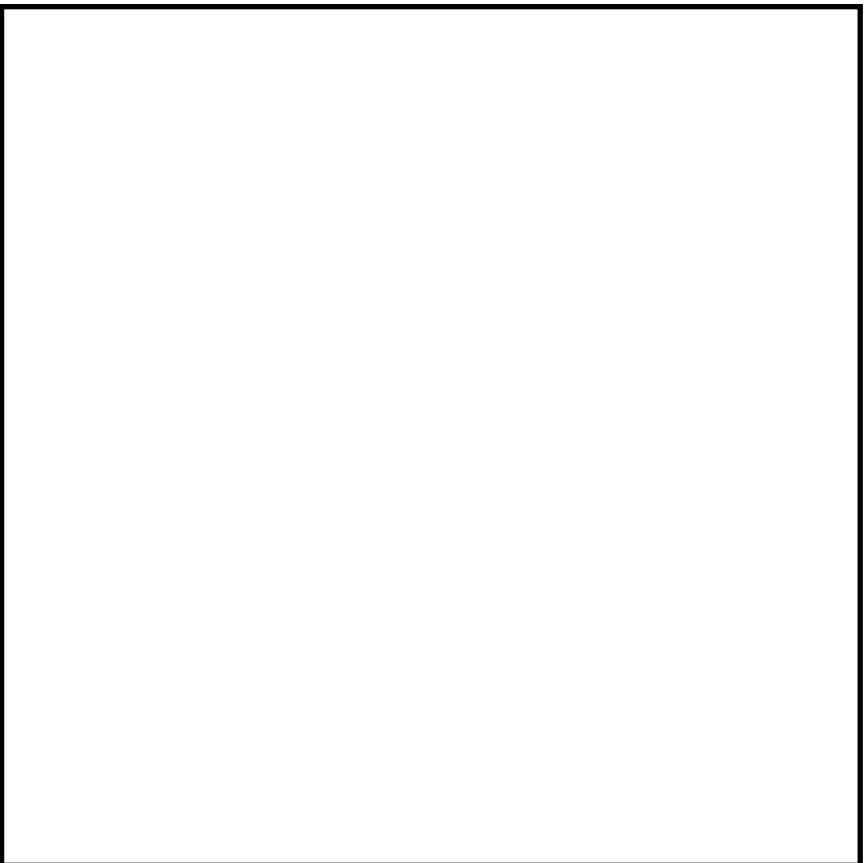


SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 11:15 A.M.

Our 11:15 a.m. Sunday service resumes November 28 – the first Sunday of Advent. If you find it difficult to make it to church by 9:00 a.m., or if you prefer the more casual style of our *Living Mosaics* service, we hope to see you beginning November 28. As before, this service will be held in Rodney Chapel.

DRAW IT

In Hebrews 10, we're told to encourage each other to love and do good deeds in Jesus' name. Draw how you can encourage the people in your life to do this alongside you!

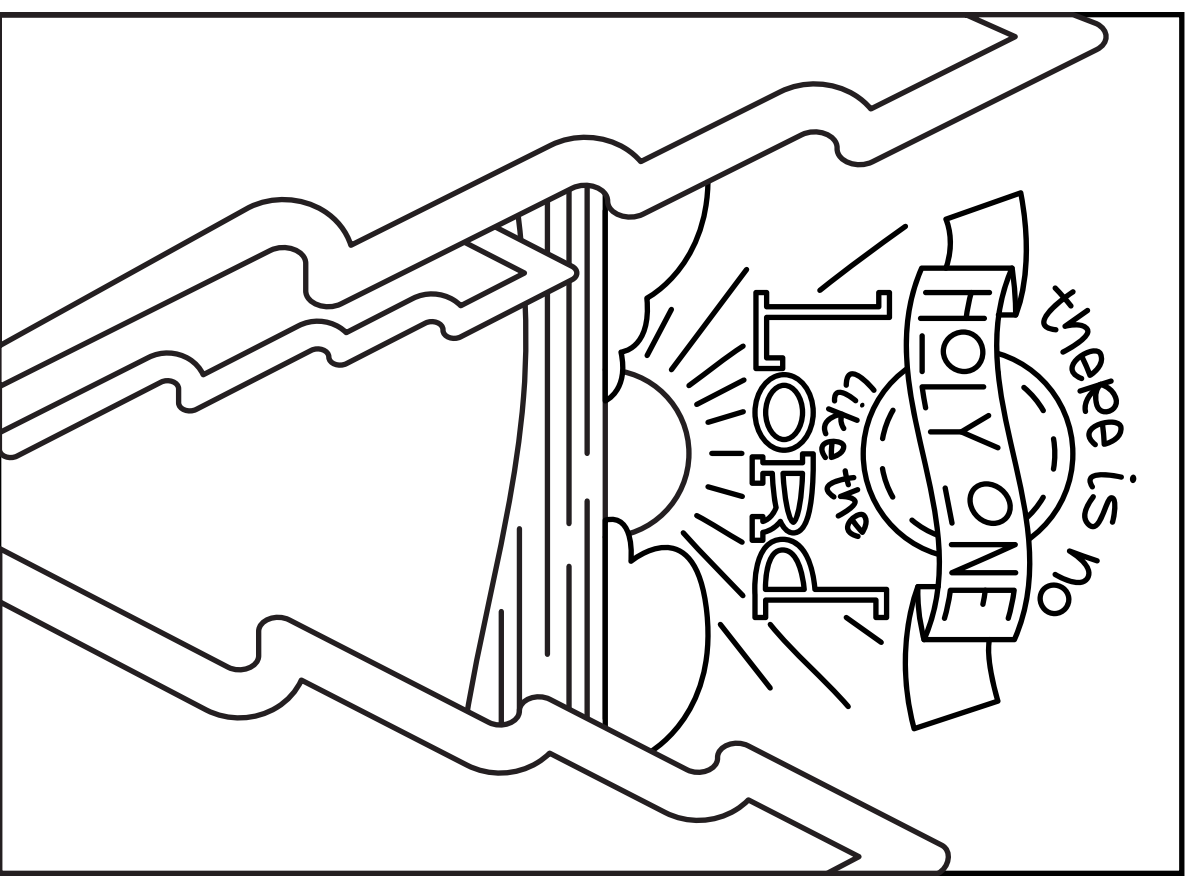


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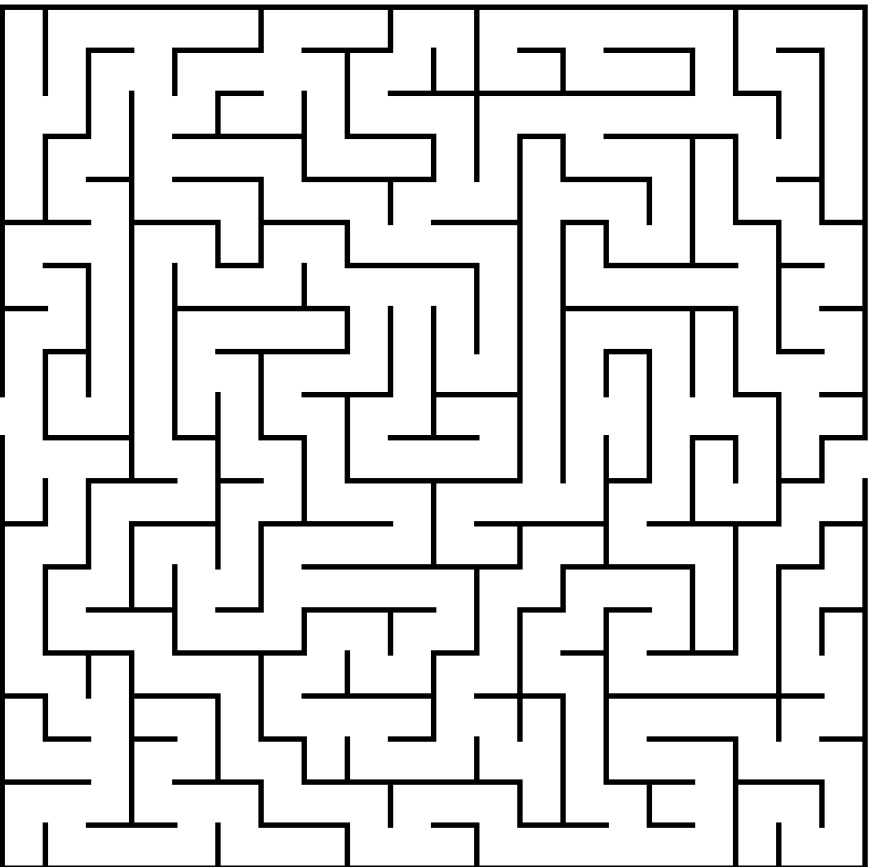
CHILDREIN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on 1 Samuel 14:20, 2:1-10, Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25, Mark 13:1-8.



SOLVE (the) MAZE

In Mark 13, Jesus and his disciples make their way from the Temple to the Mount of Olives. Help them find their way through the maze!



FINISH (the) DRAWING

I Samuel tells the story of Hannah praying faithfully every day at the temple, crying and asking God for a child. Finish the drawing of Hannah praying to God. Around her, write or draw some things you'd like to pray for, knowing God hears your prayers.

