



All Saints' Day

November 1, 2020

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

9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

Worship

Anyone over the age of five is required to wear a mask and children must remain with their parents.

4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

CoLABorate Sunday School for Tweens on Zoom

6:00 – 7 p.m.

180 Youth meets virtually on Zoom (please see p. 6)

- **Bible Box** for children ages 2 through 4th grade is available today on YouTube (please see p. 6)
- **More Educational Offerings for Adults** – please see pages 7 & 8 for information.

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 to choose a date. Dates currently available are December 6 and 27.

Recently hospitalized: Richard Dawson, Charlotte Pye and Julie West.

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.



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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

TOWER CHIMES

Sue Spilecki

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Elegy

George T. Thalben-Ball

CALL TO WORSHIP

“I am the resurrection and the life,” Jesus says.

“Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die.”

This is God’s promise. This is our hope.

The one who called Lazarus from the tomb
calls us to new life.

With faith in Christ, let us lift our hearts to God.

HYMN No. 550

Give Praise to the Lord
Vs. 1 & 4

LAUDATE DOMINUM

Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song;
amid all the saints God's praises prolong;
a song to your Maker and Ruler now raise,
all children of Zion: rejoice and give praise.

For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail,
but over the earth their power shall prevail;
all kingdoms and nations shall yield to their sway.
To God give the glory; sing praises for aye.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Adapted from a prayer by the Rev. Rachel Hackenberg

With thanksgiving on our tongues,
we sing praise for the feet of the saints
who walked this path before us
who pointed out this path to us
who cleared the path with us.

With thanksgiving on our tongues,
we sing praise for the wisdom of the saints
who shared their vision of God’s ways
who lived faithfully by God’s ways
who loved God all the way.

With thanksgiving on our tongues,
we sing praise for the voices of the saints
who named God within us
who evoked God from us
who gave God to us. Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE

John 11:17-44

HYMN No. 785

In Deepest Night
Vs. 1 – 3

ROSE MARY

In deepest night, in darkest days,
when harps are hung, no songs we raise,
when silence must suffice as praise,
yet sounding in us quietly there is the song of God.

When friend was lost, when love deceived,
dear Jesus wept, God was bereaved;
so with us in our grief God grieves,
and round about us mournfully there are the tears of God.

When through the waters winds our path,
around us pain, around us death,
deep calls to deep, a saving breath,
and found beside us faithfully there is the love of God.

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

ANTHEM

Shall We Gather at the River?

John Carter

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.
Deep river, my home is over Jordan.
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.
Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Greg Jones

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN NO. 326

For All the Saints
Vs. 1, 3 & 5

SINE NOMINE

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!	O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!
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From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fantasy on SINE NOMINE

Michael Bedford

*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 (the back). **Please wait until an usher directs you to leave.** Upon exiting the sanctuary, please leave the building. You may want to have a conversation with others you have missed during the lockdown. We ask that you 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).

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Fred Hurlock along with the saints listed in the bulletin and those who have gone before them.

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
Piano: Ted W. Barr
Videographers: Chip Pfleegor, Roger Reinicker, Baden Saathoff and Sophia Wolff
Tower Chime: Sue Spilecki

SOURCES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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. You can find educational offerings on pages 6 and 7.

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In Memoriam

On this day we remember those who have entered God's eternal realm since All Saints' Sunday last year. Included below are the names of members and family members we remember today.

Ken Barnaby

Henry Ingersoll Brown, III

Grace Barrington

Bobbie Jolly

Adelaide Bechly

Brad Jones

Naomi Campbell

Helen Kelley

James Cartmell

Tee Jay King

Eleanor Charles

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Paula Hankel

Leucia Venable

Nancy Heck

Rose Wegner

Jim Hodges

Sandra White

Margaret Hodges

Les Whitney

Howard Horne, Jr.

EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

You can find Virtual Christian Education and small group opportunities on the homepage of the Westminster website (www.wpc.org).

CoLABorate Bible Discovery for Tweens (grades 5 – 8)

TODAY (November 1), 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. on Zoom

Bring your laughter, curiosity and mystery solving skills to unlock some Bible puzzles with friends and leaders Tom Hogue and Mary Anne Peters. Wear your Halloween costume if you would like to! You will receive your Zoom invite from Alexis Droke (alexisdroke@wpc.org).

Bible Boxes for Children (Age 2 – Grade 4)

Westminster's virtual Sunday school programming continues with BibleBox, a [YouTube](#) series that combines bible stories, crafts, and music. Materials for the crafts are provided for free. New content uploaded every Sunday. The program runs through December 20. If you have questions about the Bible Box program or would like to sign up, please email Alexis Droke at alexisdroke@wpc.org.

180 on Zoom!

TODAY (November 1), 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

180 youth (grades 6-12) is back on Zoom tonight from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Look out for an email with the Zoom link. We'll be playing games, catching up, and breaking out into discussion groups. See you there! For more information about 180, please contact Tommy Neilson at tommyjneilson@gmail.com.

Presbyterian 101 Podcast

Episode 2 – By Grace Alone: What Presbyterians Believe

Now available on YouTube! Tune in here: <https://youtu.be/FNeRLiawISs>

Episode 1 – By Faith Alone: The Reformation & Beyond

Missed Episode 1? Watch it here: <https://youtu.be/hobwm-WZsfq>

So, you're Presbyterian. Or – at least – you've found a spiritual home at Westminster Presbyterian Church. But what does that even mean? Have you ever wondered what makes our denomination unique? Or where we fit in the broader Christian community? Or – here's a big one – what Presbyterians believe? Whether you are a lifelong Presbyterian or are new to this Christian tradition, you may be wondering about that not-so-little word in the middle of our congregation's name. The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson is here to answer (some) of your questions. Tune in to our Presbyterian 101 podcast and learn a bit about our denomination's history, theology, and governance ... In other words – what it means to be Presbyterian.

WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

Delaware Center for Justice (DCJ) – Building a Better Legal System

Thursday, November 5, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

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



Westminster member Dave McBride is proud to serve on the Board of DCJ and shares these thoughts: "Recently, I was moved by the story of a 20-year-old man who was released from prison just after he got a positive COVID-19 diagnosis. Under the best of circumstances, re-entry from incarceration is difficult enough. Trying to adjust to life during the pandemic? I can't imagine. Because of the Delaware Center for Justice, someone was right there at the prison gate to help him navigate the complicated re-entry process — and someone from DCJ will be with him every step of the way." Join us as we hear Executive Director Dave Bever describe the life-transforming work and advocacy of DCJ. Use the Zoom link above, or go to zoom.us/join, enter Meeting ID **860 2752 1655** and click "Join."

Online Bible Studies

Wednesday afternoons, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Zoom

Midweek Manna Bible Study – NEW Zoom Login!

<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, has new Zoom information. Please note that a Passcode is now required to join the meeting. The group is continuing our study of Exodus and will soon decide where to turn next on our journey through Scripture. New faces always welcome!

Wednesday evenings, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88941171153?pwd=MmxuZWFrREhZSVExS3lveXQvTUhaQT09>

Facilitated by Randy Williamson and Mary Anne Peters. Our Bible study continues and new faces are always welcome.

Virtual Conversation with Best-Selling Author Ibram X. Kendi

Sunday, November 15, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Join YWCA Delaware for a virtual conversation with Ibram X. Kendi, author of the *New York Times* best seller "How to Be an Antiracist." Westminster is proud to sponsor this significant event – we urge you to join us! [Click here](#) to register.

GOD'S VISION IS CLEAR... WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER



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your financial pledge for 2021.
Thank you for your support!

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Stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one.

Philippians 1:27

VOTE FAITHFULLY: ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, November 1, 6:45 p.m. via Zoom

You are invited to an ecumenical worship service, praying together for our country and the election. Dr. Gregory Knox Jones will join ministers representing the Episcopal Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Union American Methodist Episcopal Church.

Please click the link below to join the service:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86332666620?pwd=Z29kVnlxeVJsZWtOZWpCbXRPM3dTdDZ09>

Passcode: 675249

Or iPhone one-tap:

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Participation in the electoral process is a part of our responsibility as people of faith. We are called to vote our faith convictions at the polls.

SACRED HYMNS AND SONGS OF COUNTRY

Tuesday, November 3



On Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, Susan Spilecki will offer tower chime concerts at 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. After you have voted, if you have not done so already, come and enjoy one of these half-hour concerts while you spend a few moments in prayer for a safe and fair election, and for a healthy future for our nation. The tower chimes are best heard on Westminster's front lawn and in the back parking lot.

Worship Service in Our Sanctuary

Sunday, November 8, 9:00 a.m.



Our Session voted unanimously to reopen 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. The Session has 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. In-person worship in the sanctuary does not replace our online worship service, which will continue to be available on our website at www.wpc.org.

**[Click here](#) to make your online reservation
for November 8 worship in the sanctuary.**

IMPORTANT: If you make a reservation, please make every effort to attend the service. If you make a reservation but cannot attend, please cancel your reservation. This allows a spot to open up for someone wanting to attend. You can cancel via the original Eventbrite confirmation email you received when you made your reservation. There is a link under Order Summary to "View and manage your order online." You may also contact Cathy Lang at cathylang@wpc.org or (302) 654-5214 ext. 129 up until 4:00 p.m. on the prior Friday to cancel your reservation.

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Sudie Niesen Thompson, Associate Pastor
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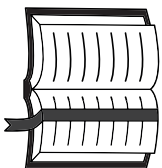
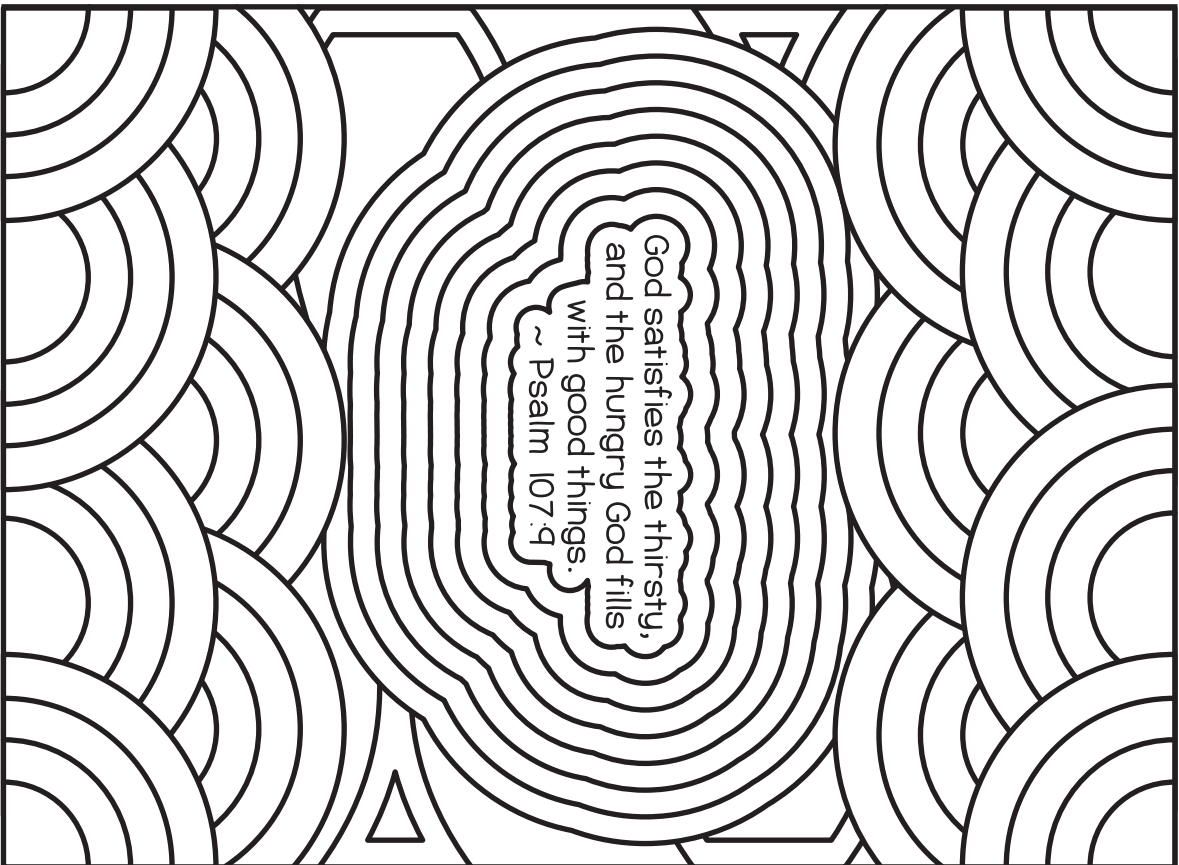
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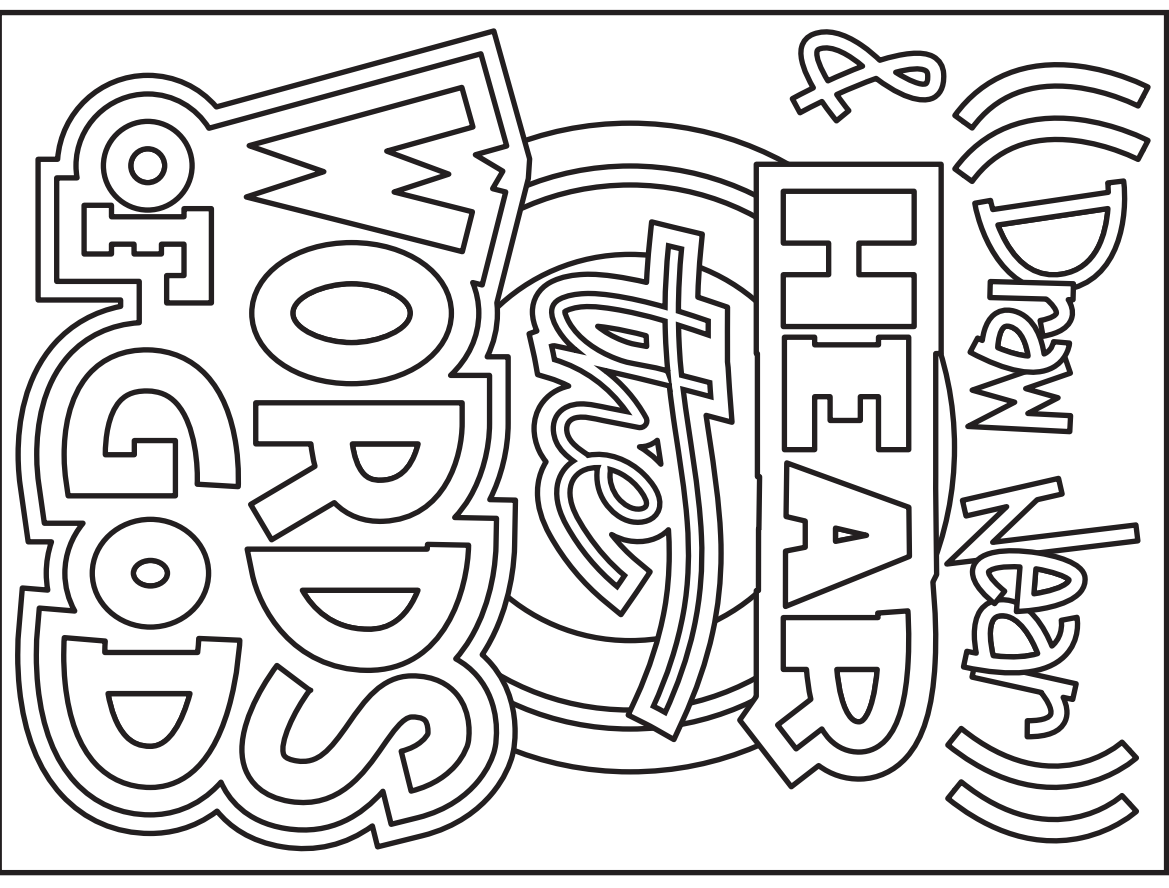


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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Joshua 3:7-17, Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37,
Matthew 23:1-12.





DRAW IT

In Matthew 23, Jesus encourages his followers to love and do good for others simply because that is what it means to follow him - not in order to be seen or praised by others. Draw a picture of something you could do to help, celebrate, and love someone else.

FOLLOW the PATH

What does Jesus say that flips people's expectations about greatness? Who is actually the greatest? 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 Jesus' words about who is the greatest spelled out below.

