



## Reign of Christ Sunday

November 21, 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.



**Covenant Network 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 Westminster parking lot.
- 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.**      **Worship** in the Sanctuary. See guidelines on page 6.
- 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 6.
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**      **Confirmation Class** in Classroom 7.
- 10:15 – 10:45 a.m.**      **Psalms Alive!** in Grace Hall. Pre-registration is required. See page 7 for details.

*Please see page 7 and 8 for information on Educational Offerings for Adults.*

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**Today's Music:** The fully vaccinated and masked Westminster Choir will sing our hymns, joined by the Philadelphia Brass and Harvey Price, timpani. We are delighted to have formed a new relationship with the Philadelphia Brass, one of America's finest brass ensembles. The group will play at Westminster three times this program year. Mark your calendar for their return on Sunday, January 16, for a brass and organ concert at 3 p.m. Then on Easter Sunday, we will enjoy their artistry again as we celebrate the Resurrection. Visit [philadelphiabrass.com](http://philadelphiabrass.com) for more information about the group.

**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.

**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).

**The flowers on the chancel** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charma Welch and Martin Gravely by Barbara and Chuck Welch.

**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](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, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

TOWER CHIME

Susan Spilecki

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*My Spirit Be Joyful* (from *Cantata 146*)

J.S. Bach/arr. J. Hildebrandt

Philadelphia Brass

Brian Kuszyk and Steven Heitzer; trumpets

Tony Cecere, horn; Robert Gale, trombone; Scott Mendoker, tuba

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 100)

Serve the Lord with gladness;  
come into God's presence with joy.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!**

Know that the Lord is God.

We are the cherished sheep of our Creator's pasture.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!**

With thanksgiving, enter the gates of the Most High;  
come into God's courts with songs of praise.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!**

HYMN NO. 610

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!  
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.  
Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
He breaks the pow'r of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
His love can make the foulest clean, his love availed for me.  
Hear him, ye deaf! His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ!  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One,  
you showed us what it means to live by your reign:  
sharing food with the hungry,  
freedom with the imprisoned,  
justice with the oppressed,  
and joy with the sorrowful.**

**We ask your forgiveness, O God,  
for all the ways we fail to live as people  
who belong to your reign.**

**Show us once more what our belonging means,  
for you are the beginning, you are the end,  
and, in every time between,  
you fill our lives with grace.  
In your holy name we pray, Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

### CHORAL RESPONSE

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

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

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 18:33-37

### SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

### HYMN NO. 263

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CORONATION

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.  
Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.  
Sinner, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
Go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.  
Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.  
Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gregory Knox Jones

### 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. 270

*O Lord, You Are My God and King*

JERUSALEM

O Lord, you are my God and King, and I will ever bless your name.  
I will extol you every day, and evermore thy praise proclaim.  
You, Lord, are greatly to be praised; your greatness is beyond our thoughts;  
All generations shall tell forth the mighty wonders you have wrought.  
How rich in grace are you, O Lord, full of compassion, merciful,  
Your anger always slow to rise; your steadfast love you show to all,  
For you are good in all your ways, your creatures know your constant care.  
To all your works your love extends, all souls your tender mercies share.  
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.

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Rejoicing*

G.F. Handel/arr. S. Heitzer

## 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](http://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. The Prayer of Confession is adapted from the Prayer of Confession for Reign of Christ Sunday published in *Call to Worship: Lectionary Aids for 2020-2021, Year B* (Office of Theology and Worship of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)).

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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.

## *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.

# 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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## **"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](mailto:alexisdroke@wpc.org) for more information.

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## **180 Youth – No meeting tonight!**

Happy almost Thanksgiving! There will be NO 180 tonight, November 21. We'll see you on November 28 for our 180 Friendsgiving Party!

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## **One Book, One Church**

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!

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## **Tuesday, November 23 at 5:30 p.m.**

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

If interested, please contact Sandy Reinicker at [reinickskw@aol.com](mailto:reinickskw@aol.com) to sign up.

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

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## **Online Bible Studies**

### **Midweek Manna Bible Study – Wednesdays at Noon on Zoom (resumes December 1)**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89503349345?pwd=SIJrY2V2Y2tYa3JWQXk5ak1iZU1ldz09>

Midweek Manna will *not* meet on Wednesday, November 24. We will resume on December 1.

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.

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### **Thursday Evenings, 6–7 p.m. on Zoom (resumes December 1)**

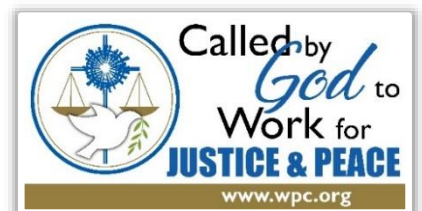
Our Bible Study, facilitated by Randy Williamson and Mary Anne Peters, continues and new faces are always welcome. We are taking a break November 25 for Thanksgiving, and we will resume December 1. Contact Randy Williamson at [randywilliamson1@comcast.net](mailto:randywilliamson1@comcast.net) and he will send the Zoom link.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86027521655> (resumes December 2)

We are taking a break for Thanksgiving and will be back on Thursday, December 2. Our classes are accessed through Zoom. Use the Zoom link above, or go to [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join), enter Meeting ID **860 2752 1655** and click "Join."





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## Women's Online Community Group – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 5 p.m. (resumes December 9)

No meeting on Thursday, November 25 due to the Thanksgiving break. 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>

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# Christmas Boxes Are Under Way!

Every year, Westminster fills boxes at Christmas for families in need in our community. Due to the pandemic, our Christmas Box Project has once again been reimaged for 2021. We can still bring holiday cheer to 120 families! Be a part of this joyful project!

- **Check and Online Donations**

By **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**, make a check or online donation so that we can purchase Walmart gift cards for kids 0-18 years old and ShopRite food cards for each family. This again replaces the tradition of "Wish Star" gifts and food collection we used for so many years. Write and mail check to *Westminster Presbyterian Church* (memo: Christmas Boxes) or make an online donation by going to [www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org), click on "Donate Now" at the top of the page, and choose "Christmas Boxes Project" from the list of options. Donate what you can. Every dollar helps make the goal of this mission a reality!

- **Bake a Batch of Cookies**

Email Jim and Polly Carter ([pylecarter@comcast.net](mailto:pylecarter@comcast.net)) by **DECEMBER 1** to sign up to bake a batch of cookies in your kitchen. (No nuts, please!) Package one dozen cookies per zip-lock bag. If you're feeling festive, you may put your bag of cookies in a decorated container. Drop-off instructions below.

- **Decorate an "Advent Bank"**

Calling all children and youth in our congregation! Decorate an "Advent Bank" that you'll find in your Bible Box or pick one up at the Reception Desk. Then start saving part of your allowance or extra money you earn doing chores during Advent so the Christmas Box Elves can buy presents for the little ones who receive Christmas from Westminster. Drop-off instructions below.

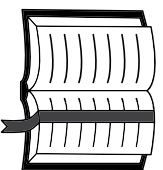
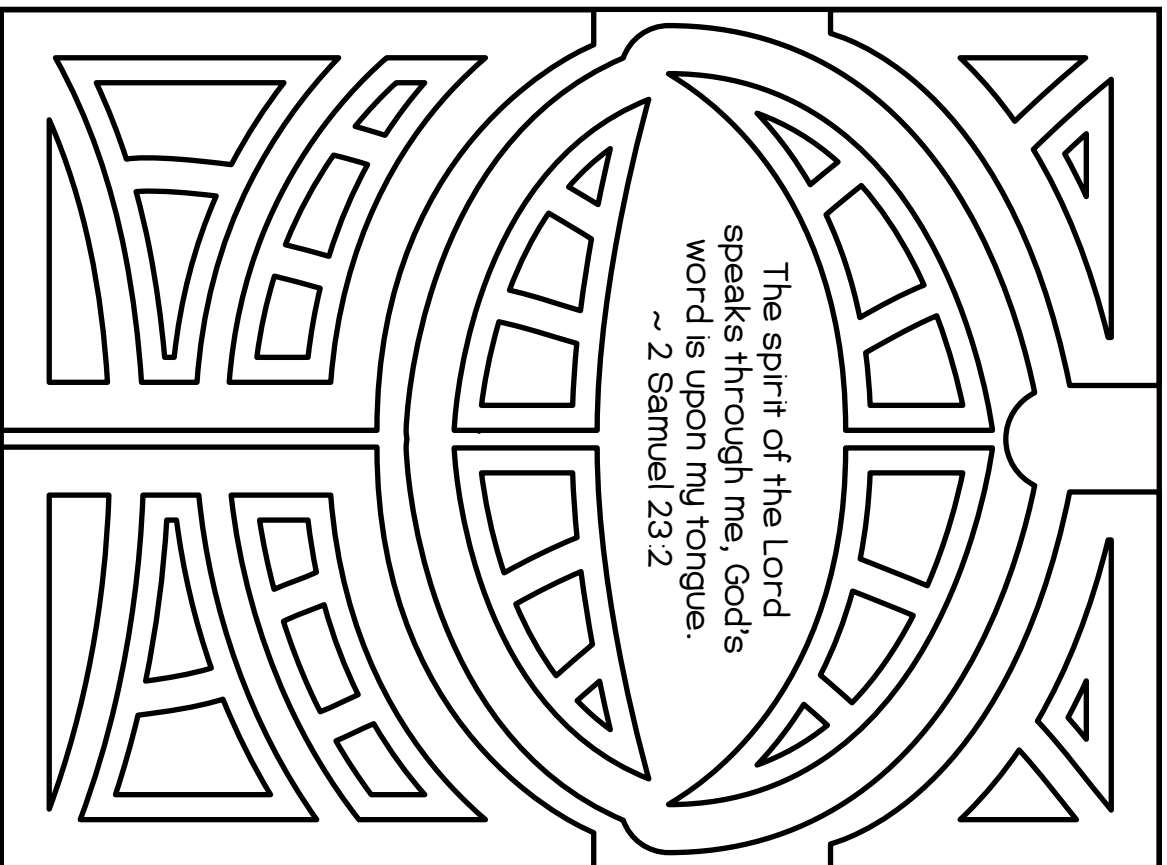
- **Drop Off Cookies and Advent Banks**

Deliver Advent Banks and cookies to the Elves inside the Blue Doors (Community Hall entrance off 13th Street) on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, FROM 8:45 TO 11:00 A.M.**

Check the *Westminster Weekly Word* e-newsletter each week for any unanticipated updates and additional information. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ!





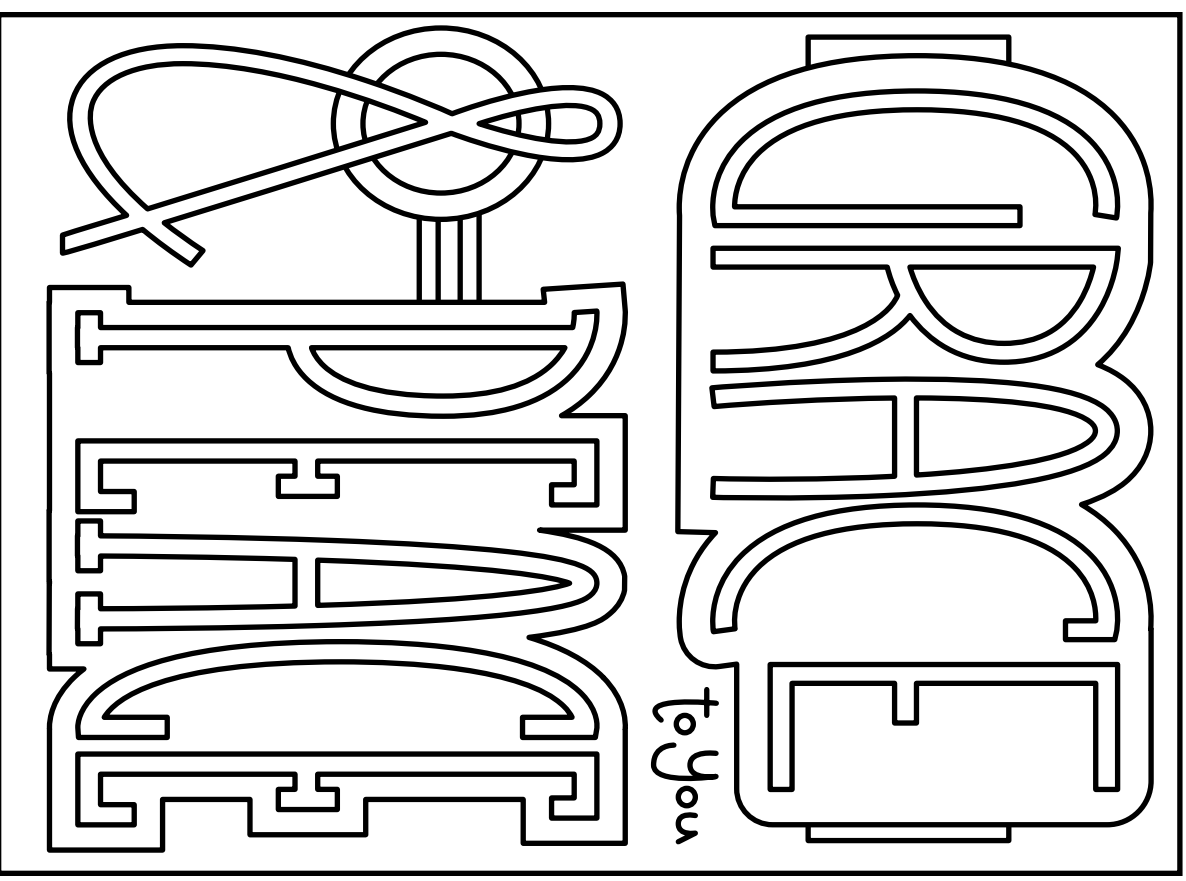


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# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

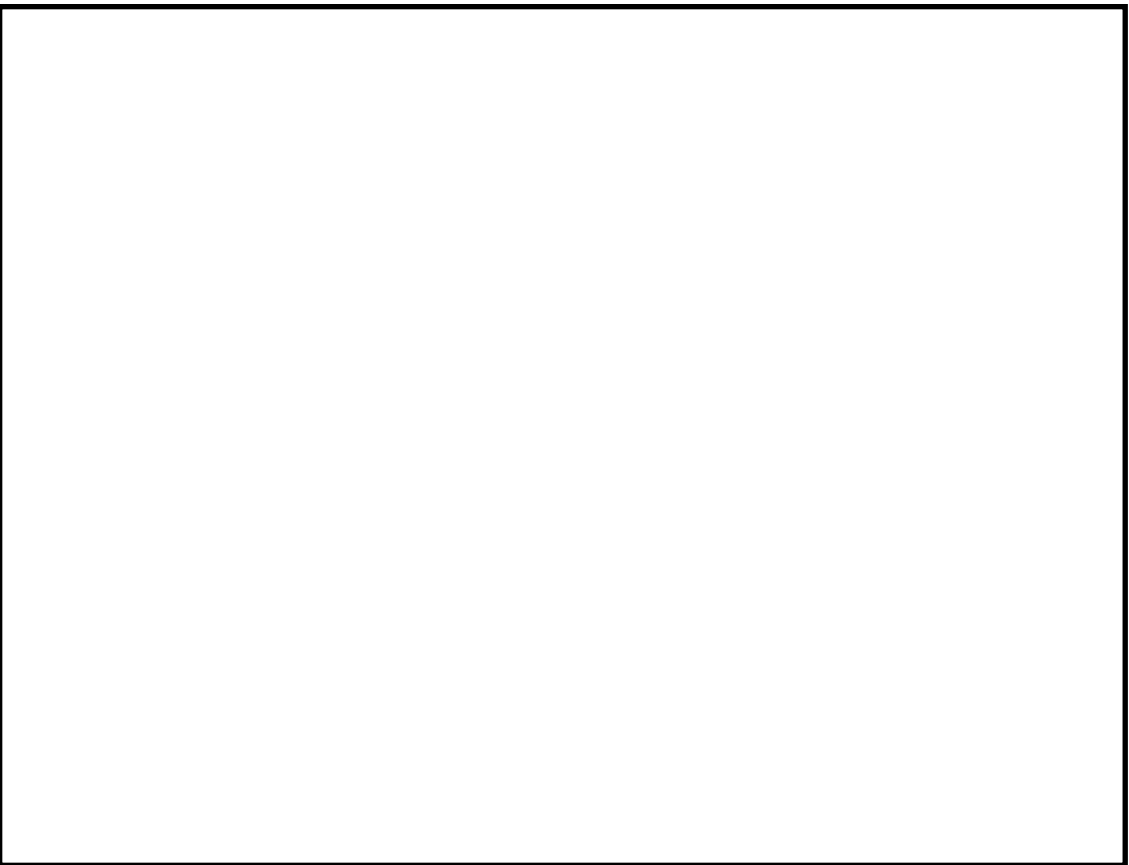
Activities based on 2 Samuel 23:1-7, Revelation 14b-8, John 18:33-37.





# DRAW IT

In John 18, Jesus says he came to the world to testify to the truth, and anyone who lives out that truth is listening to Jesus. Draw a picture of what it looks like to live out the truth in your life.



# CONNECT the DOTS

In Revelation 1, we learn how God is the “Alpha and the Omega,” meaning the “beginning and the end.” Connect the dots to form these Alpha and Omega letters. Around the letters, write or draw a starting or ending you’ve experienced recently.

