



Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 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.
- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. 180 Youth on Zoom**
- 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Single, Covid and the Holidays...How to Survive and Thrive 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 6 & 7 for information.

Steven Heitzer, trumpet, joins us in worship today. A native of Philadelphia, Steve is an active classical trumpet player in the tri-state area. He is a member of the Philadelphia Brass, Opera Philadelphia, Bach Festival Orchestra of Bethlehem, Reading Symphony, and Ocean City Pops Orchestra, and a frequent performer with the Delaware Symphony, Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Ballet Orchestra, Lancaster Symphony, and the Walnut Street Theatre. He received his undergraduate degree from Temple and his master's degree from Manhattan School of Music.

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

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. December 27, January 3, 17 and 31 are currently available.

Recently hospitalized: Richard Dawson

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. The gospel calls us to actively engage in the world so our faith comes alive.

ORDER OF WORSHIP- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

TOWER CHIME

Susan Spilecki

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Dallas Blair

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are those who trust in God
and hunger to find purpose and direction for their lives.

**We yearn to deepen our faith in God
and to discover God's guidance.**

Blessed are those who serve God with joy,
touching the lives of others with a spirit of hope.

**We promise to give our best to God,
bearing fruit in all we say and do.**

HYMN NO. 612

We Praise You, O God
Vs. 1 & 3

KREMSER

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**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.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

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

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

HYMN NO. 644

Give Thanks, O Christian People
Vs. 1 & 3

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Give thanks, O Christian people, for workers of our day
who heed the call to service and make it their life's way
to go to feed the hungry, to tend to those in need,
to work for equal justice, till all God's folk are freed.

Give thanks, O Christian people, for all who love the Lord,
who live each day believing in God's eternal Word:
to share Christ's love in living, to witness with each deed,
to use the talents given to plant the gospel seed.

SERMON

"Giving Thanks Despite the Pandemic"

Greg Jones

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
 Sing to the Lord and bless his name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
 Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.
 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.
 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
 Oh, the power and splendor of his sanctuary!
 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. 643

Now Thank We All Our God
 Vs. 1 & 3

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Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
 who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
 who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
 to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
 the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
 the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rejoicing

G.F. Handel

*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.** 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).

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (John 14:27). We invite you to share signs of Christ's peace with those with whom you are gathered, or to pass the peace virtually by calling, emailing, or texting your family and friends in our congregation and beyond.

PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dr. Gregory Knox Jones
Director of Music/Organist: Dr. F. Anthony Thurman
Choristers: Hye Eun Choi, soprano; Sharon Babcock, mezzo soprano
Jason Berger, tenor; Brenton Mattox, bass
Steven Heitzer, trumpet
Videographers: Chip Pfleegor, Roger Reinicker, Baden Saathoff and Sophia Wolff
Tower Chime: Susan 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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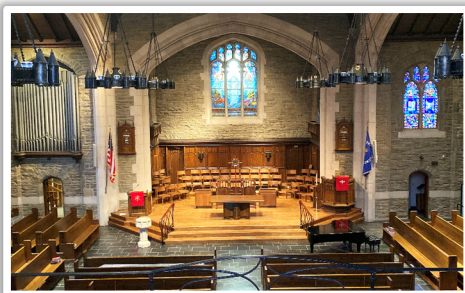
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Psalm 96, Michael Bedford.

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Join Us for In-person Worship in Our Sanctuary

Sunday, November 29, 9:00 a.m.



We have reopened 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. We have 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. *The decision to attend in-person worship rests with each individual.* A virtual option will continue to be available on our website at www.wpc.org.

To make your online reservation for November 29 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).

Bible Boxes for Children (Age 2 – Grade 4)

Westminster's virtual Sunday school programming continues with Bible Box, 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 Youth on Zoom!

TODAY (November 22), 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

180 meets on Zoom tonight! Join us for some games, discussion groups, and hang time. See you there! For more information about 180, please contact Tommy Neilson at tommyjneilson@gmail.com.

Single, COVID-19, and the Holidays...How to Survive and Thrive

TODAY (November 22), 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 999 4853 1730, click "Join".

Join an informal discussion group as we share our plans, hopes, fears and challenges about the approaching holidays during these challenging times. If possible, let Margo Reign (margoreign@gmail.com) know you will be attending so you can receive some of the discussion questions ahead of time. Last minute drop-ins are welcome.

Online Bible Studies

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

Midweek Manna Bible Study

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

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

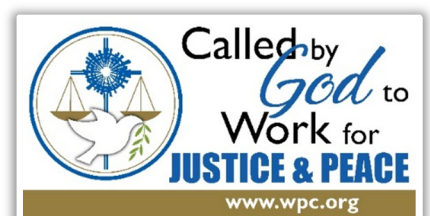
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88941171153?pwd=MmxuZWFrREhZSVExS3IveXQvTUhaQT09>

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

WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

Thursday Evening Education Events

There will not be a program presented on Thursday, November 26. Classes will resume on December 3. The Peace & Justice Work Group wishes you all a blessed Thanksgiving.



Save the Dates

December 12 • 4:00 p.m. – Christmas Concert: Wilmington Handbell Ensemble
December 20 • 4:00 p.m. – Virtual Christmas Caroling

See the upcoming December *Chimes* and the *Weekly Word* e-newsletter for more details.

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 been reimagined, and we can still bring holiday cheer to 75 families. Be a part of this joyful project!

- **Check and Online Donations Can be Made Now through Sunday, December 13**

Instead of collecting non-perishable foods and taking stars from the “Star Trees,” we are accepting check and online donations so that we can purchase ShopRite food gift cards for each family, a \$20 Walmart gift card for each child 18 and under, and seasonal art supplies for the youngest children to feel the joy of having a gift to open. Please write and mail checks to *Westminster Presbyterian Church* with “Christmas Box Project” on the memo line or visit www.wpc.org, click the “Donate Now” button at the top of the page, and select “Christmas Boxes Project” from the list of options.

- **Bake Cookies for the Christmas Boxes and Drop Off on December 13**

If you would like to bake cookies in your home, please email Cookie Elves Polly and Jim Carter (pylecarter@comcast.net) and they'll put you on the Cookie Angels list. Pack each dozen in quart size zip-lock baggies for our recipient families and follow the drop-off instructions below.

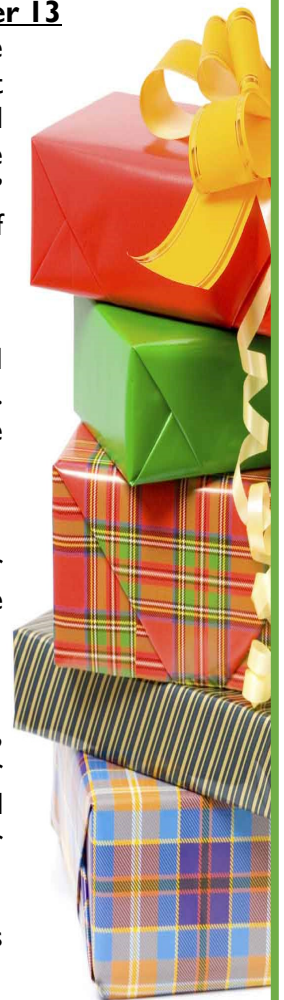
- **Make Cards for the Christmas Boxes and Drop Off on December 13**

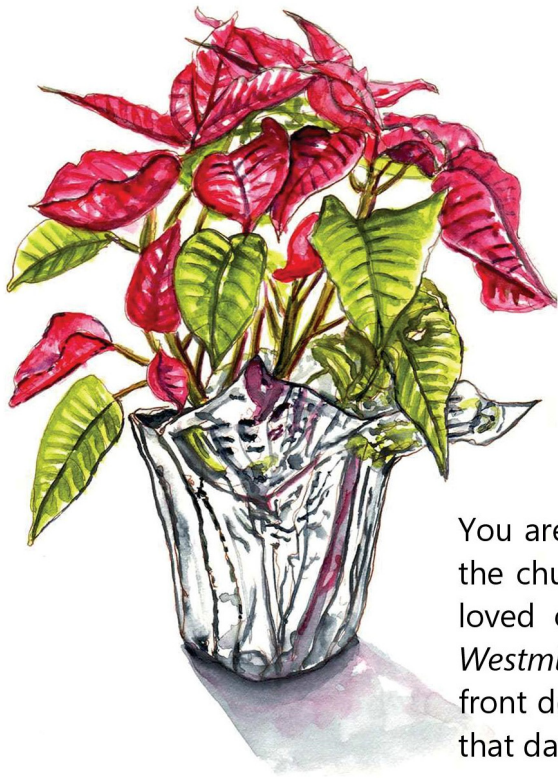
Instead of making cards together on Zoom as described in the October/November *Chimes*, card-making kits were handed out at WPC's Fall Festival for children to make at home for our Christmas Box recipients. Drop-off instructions below.

- **Drop Off for Cookies and Cards**

Please bring your homemade cookies and cards to the church parking lot on **Sunday, December 13, between 8:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.** For COVID safety, place your homemade cards and cookies in the trunk of your car. When you see the Elf, just pull up and pop open your trunk. The Collection Elf will unload your donation from your open trunk. Please stay safe inside your car.

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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2020 Christmas POINSETTIAS

You are welcome to make a contribution toward the decoration of the church for the Christmas season in memory of, or in honor of, loved ones. Please complete this form, make check payable to *Westminster Presbyterian Church*, and mail to Susan Alexander at the front desk by **Thursday, December 10**. For any form received *after* that date, the names will be listed in the December 27th bulletin.

DONATION AMOUNT

☐ \$20 ☐ \$40 ☐ \$60 ☐ \$80 ☐ \$100 ☐ Other \$ _____

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

❖ In Memory Of: (FOR THE DECEASED)

Deceased Person's Name

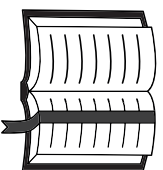
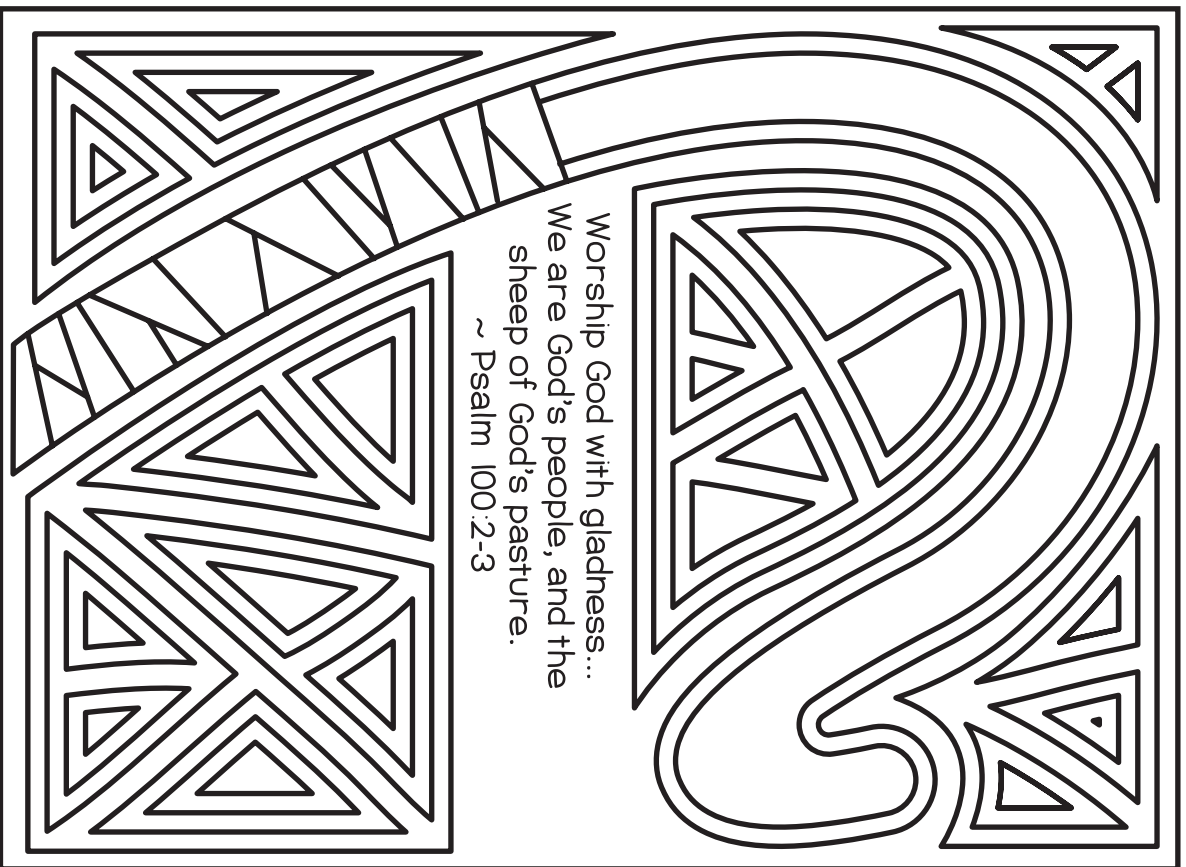
❖ In Honor Of: (FOR THE LIVING)

Living Person's Name

❖ Given By:

Donor's Name and Telephone Number

You may take a poinsettia home following the 8:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. We are delivering poinsettias to local retirement communities to share the joy of the season.

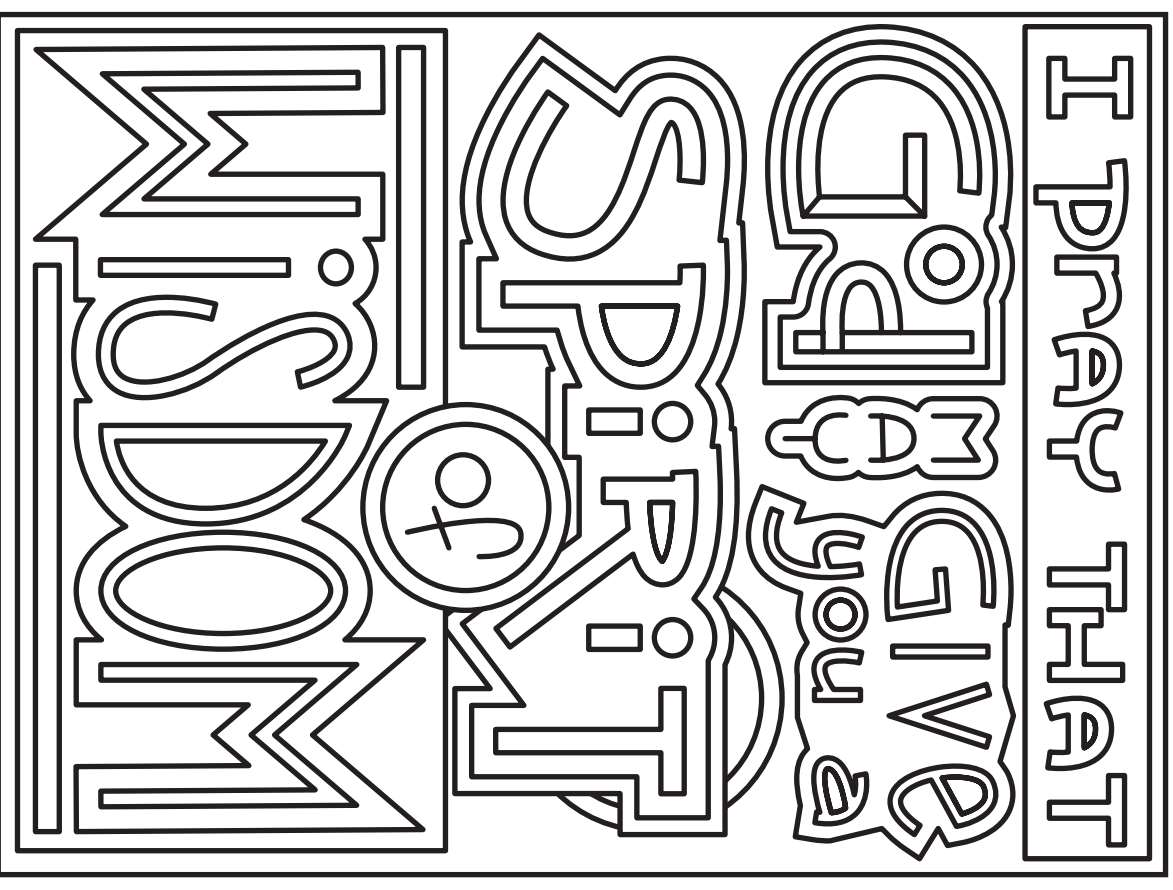


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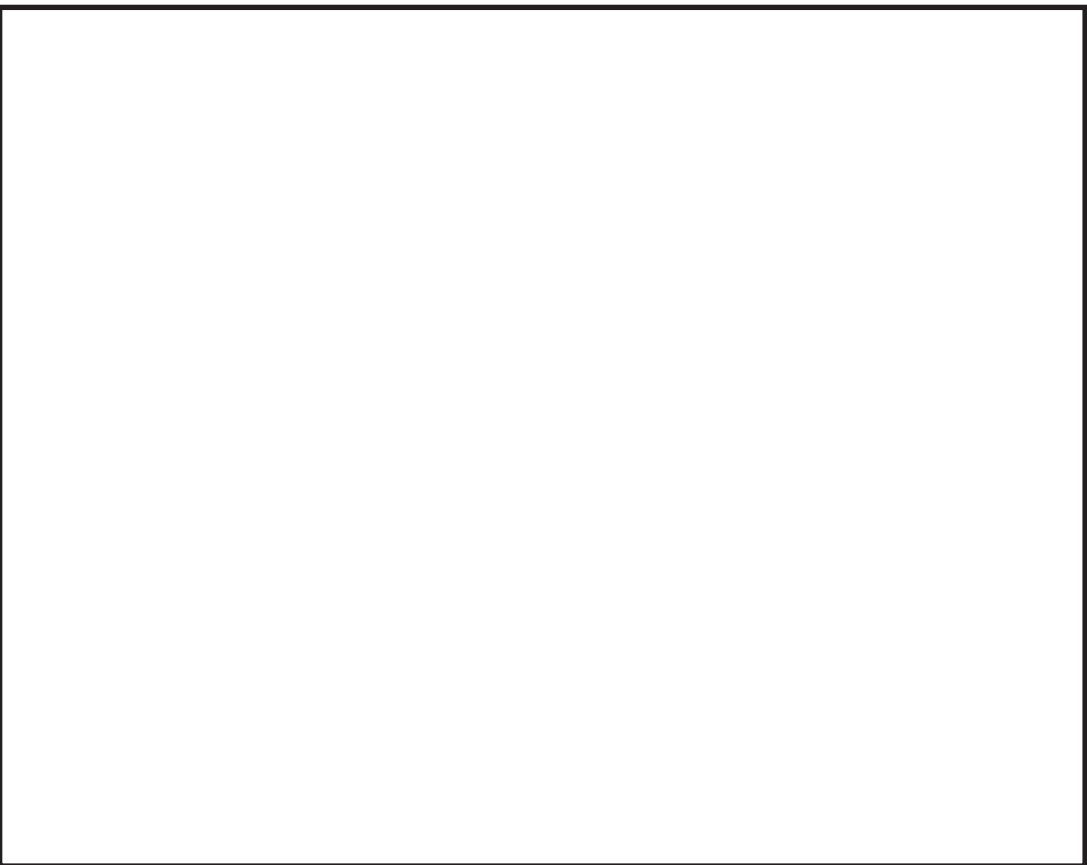
Activities based on Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 100,
Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46.





DRAW IT

In Matthew 25, Jesus says that whenever we care for someone in need - especially those who are hungry, thirsty, sick, naked, lonely, or in prison - we are caring for Jesus himself. Draw yourself caring for someone else, and imagine that person is Jesus.



CONNECT the DOTS

In Ezekiel 34, God describes Godself as a Shepherd who takes very loving and protective care of the sheep. Connect the dots to form a lamb. Inside, write a draw a way you feel God's care for you.

