



19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 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.



**A Covenant Network Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIMES

Susan Spilecki

PRELUDE

Simple Gifts

Rulon Christiansen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our virtual worship service. We invite you to participate in the liturgy by joining the worship leader on lines printed in **bold**.

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).

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.

Let us worship God!

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is God of all, the Lord alone.

**We will love the Lord our God with all our heart,
with all our soul and with all our mind.** (Matthew 22:37)

Seek to be faithful in all things, great and small
and recognize God's ownership of all you possess.

We will strive to be generous with all that we have.

HYMN No. 410

God Is Calling through the Whisper
Vs. 1 & 2

W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

God is calling through the whisper
of the Spirit's deepest sighs,
through the thrill of sudden beauties
that can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder;
hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
God is calling—can you hear?
God is calling—can you hear?

God is calling through the voices
of our neighbors' urgent prayers,
through their longing for redemption
and for rescue from despair.
Place of hurt or face of needing;
strident cry or silent pleading:
God is calling—can you hear?
God is calling—can you hear?

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Lord of the morning,
You come to us in sunshine and in showers
enlightening our minds and refreshing our souls.
You whisper in our hearts words of grace and inspiration
stirring us to lives that are bold and generous.
We thank you for the gift of our lives
and the blessings we receive from you each day.
Help us to use our precious time wisely. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sudie Niesen Thompson

SCRIPTURE

Luke 16:19-31

SERMON

“The Gap”

Greg Jones

HYMN No. 714

God of the Fertile Fields
Vs. 1 & 2

ITALIAN HYMN

God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields our daily bread: forth from your bounteous hand come gifts your love has planned, that all in every land be clothed and fed.	We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you all that you give; help us in love to share, teach us like you to care for people everywhere, that all may live.
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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. 766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound
Vs. 1 & 4

MC KEE

The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone. Where charity and love are found there can the church be known.	If what we have we freely share to meet our neighbor's need, then we extend the Spirit's care through every selfless deed.
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fantasy on ITALIAN HYMN

Albert Travis

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

The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

Director of Music/Organist: Dr. F. Anthony Thurman

Chorister: Hye Eun Choi, soprano

Videographers: Chip Pfleeger, Roger Reinicker, Baden Saathoff and Sophia Wolff

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 at the end of this Order of Worship.

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EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

Virtual Christian education and small group opportunities can also be found on the homepage of the Westminster website (www.wpc.org).

Adult Education: Voting Rights

TODAY (October 11) at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4937200361> | Zoom Meeting ID: 493 720 0361

Presented by Sue Linderman, Peace & Justice Work Group

The issue of voting rights is fundamental to our democracy. Yet questions of who should be allowed to vote and how should that most precious right of citizenship be facilitated have plagued our country since its inception and are even more inflammatory today. Join us as we explore aspects of American history we didn't learn in school as we seek full participation and equity.

180 Youth Ministry

TONIGHT (October 11), 180 is meeting in the WPC parking lot! See you there from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. for games and a chance to catch up with each other. Bring shoes that you can move around in, snacks, and a mask. Can't wait to see you there!

180 Youth will be meeting every other week, alternating virtual with in-person meetings. For questions, contact Tommy Neilson at tommyjneilson@gmail.com.

Online Bible Studies

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

Midweek Manna Bible Study – *New Day, New Name, New Facilitator, Same Study*

<https://zoom.us/j/94774770650> | Meeting ID: 947 7477 0650

The Thursday "Eat & Exegete" Bible Study has a new meeting time, a new name, and a new facilitator. Join the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson for "Midweek Manna" on Wednesdays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. on Zoom. The group will continue its study of Exodus, and then decide where to turn on our journey through Scripture. Join us!

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88941171153?pwd=MmxuZWVREhZSVExS3lveXQvTUhaQT09>

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

WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

Environmental Justice

Thursday, October 15 | 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

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



Discriminatory upheaval in our natural environment contributes to discriminatory upheaval in our neighborhoods and throughout the planet. Protecting the dynamic balance in our natural environment nurtures a dynamic equilibrium within our neighborhoods. Join Westminster's Peace and Justice Work Group as we hear Delaware Interfaith Power & Light's Mr. John Sykes, founder & board president, Ms. LaVaida Owens-White, board vice-president and community health nurse, and Shweta Arya, Outreach Director and environmental educator, explore the complex and profound connections between healthy environments, healthy lives, and safe and healthy communities.

Join us at the Zoom link above, or go to zoom.us/join, enter Meeting ID 860 2752 1655 and click "Join." Look for more topics and information on the WPC [Facebook](#) page.

Update on Bible Boxes for Children

Available for pickup on Sunday, October 18

Dear Parents: We are working hard to create a truly unique and meaningful program for our elementary-aged children and are putting the finishing touches on the Bible Box program. Bible Boxes will be ready for pickup on **October 18** at the Fall Festival, and content will start the following week on **October 25**. If you are attending the Fall Festival, RSVP to Jenn Blackford (see announcement above). We appreciate your patience and support and look forward to sharing this new initiative with your soon! If you have any questions about the Bible Box program or would like to learn more, please email Alexis Droke at alexisdroke@wpc.org.

Colaborate Sunday School for Tweens

Sunday, October 18, 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. on Zoom

Tweens (grades 5-8) are invited to join Mrs. Mary Anne Peters and Mr. Tom Hogue for *Colaborate* on the dates indicated below. All questions and curiosity about faith and God are so important. Your stories, Bible and the *Colaborate* booklet, which was sent in August, are all you will need for this time together. Please contact Susan Alexander (susanalexander@wpc.org) if you would like to receive a booklet. Please send your preferred email address for receiving the Zoom invitations to Alexis Droke (alexisdroke@wpc.org) with "Colaborate Tweens" in the subject line.

Dates for *Colaborate* Zoom Sunday School are October 18, November 1 and 15, and December 13 (the time is 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. for all dates).

Women's Online Community Group

2nd and 4th Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/477914100>



The Women's Online Community Group meets on the second and fourth Thursday of every month from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. via Zoom to provide connection and friendship. All women are welcome to join us for large group prayer time followed by small group discussions using Zoom breakout rooms. Small groups have a set of questions that facilitate our discussions, enabling fellowship and the opportunity to get to know each other. You do not need to prepare. Use the Zoom link above to join this stress-free and happy group fellowship. Or, go to zoom.us/join, enter Meeting ID **477 914 100** and click "Join." For information or questions, email Jill Getty (jgetty@wpc.org).



Sunday, October 18
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.
(after the 9:00 a.m. worship service)
on the church lawn

Join our Board of Deacons for the Fall Festival! There will be pumpkin decorating, treat bags, card writing to our friends at large, and a costume parade. Family units will be given individual materials and their own table. All activities will take place outdoors. Costumes encouraged! Masks and social distancing required. RSVP is a must! Please email Jenn Blackford (blackfordj11@gmail.com) to RSVP. This is in addition to your worship reservation. Hope to see you there! Weather permitting, this event will be held on Westminster's front lawn. In the event of rain, this event will be canceled.



Worship Service in Our Sanctuary

Sunday, October 18, 9:00 a.m.



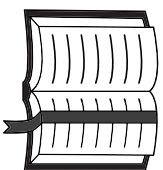
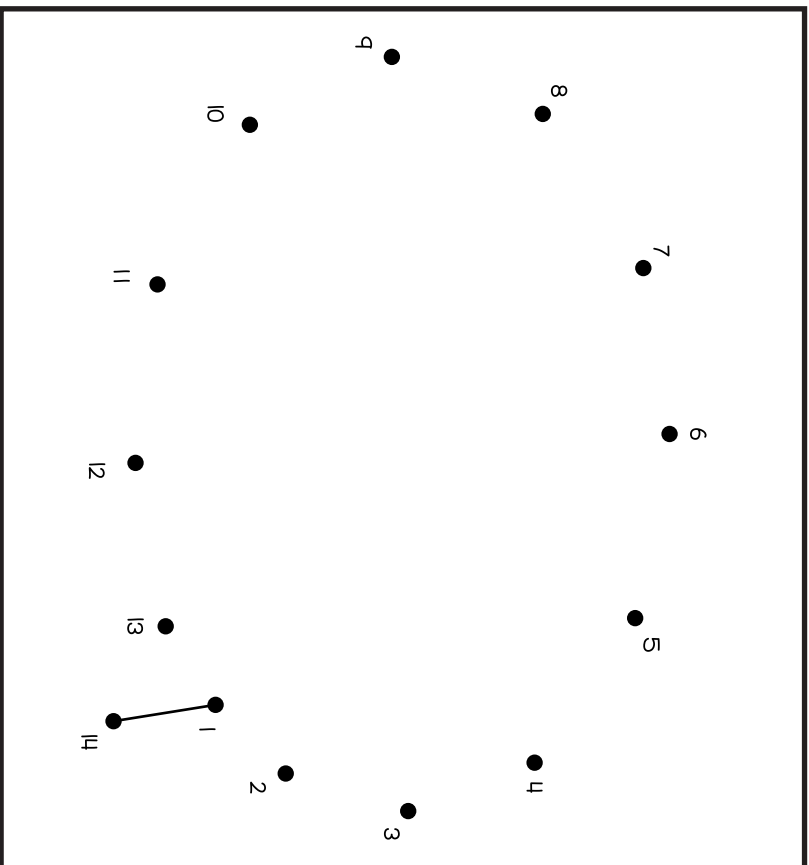
Our Session voted unanimously to reopen our sanctuary on Sunday mornings for one worship service at 9:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, October 18. Attendance is limited and an online reservation (*one per family*) is required. When we reach the maximum number of reservations we can host, the reservations will 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 to print and bring to the service (or download on your device). 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.

**Join us! [Click here](#) to make your online reservation
for October 18 worship in the sanctuary.**

CONNECT the DOTS

In Psalm 106, we are encouraged to praise God, remember God's love for us, and carry out God's justice. Our words are important for doing all these things! Connect the dots to form a speech bubble. Inside, write or draw one thing you want to praise God for.

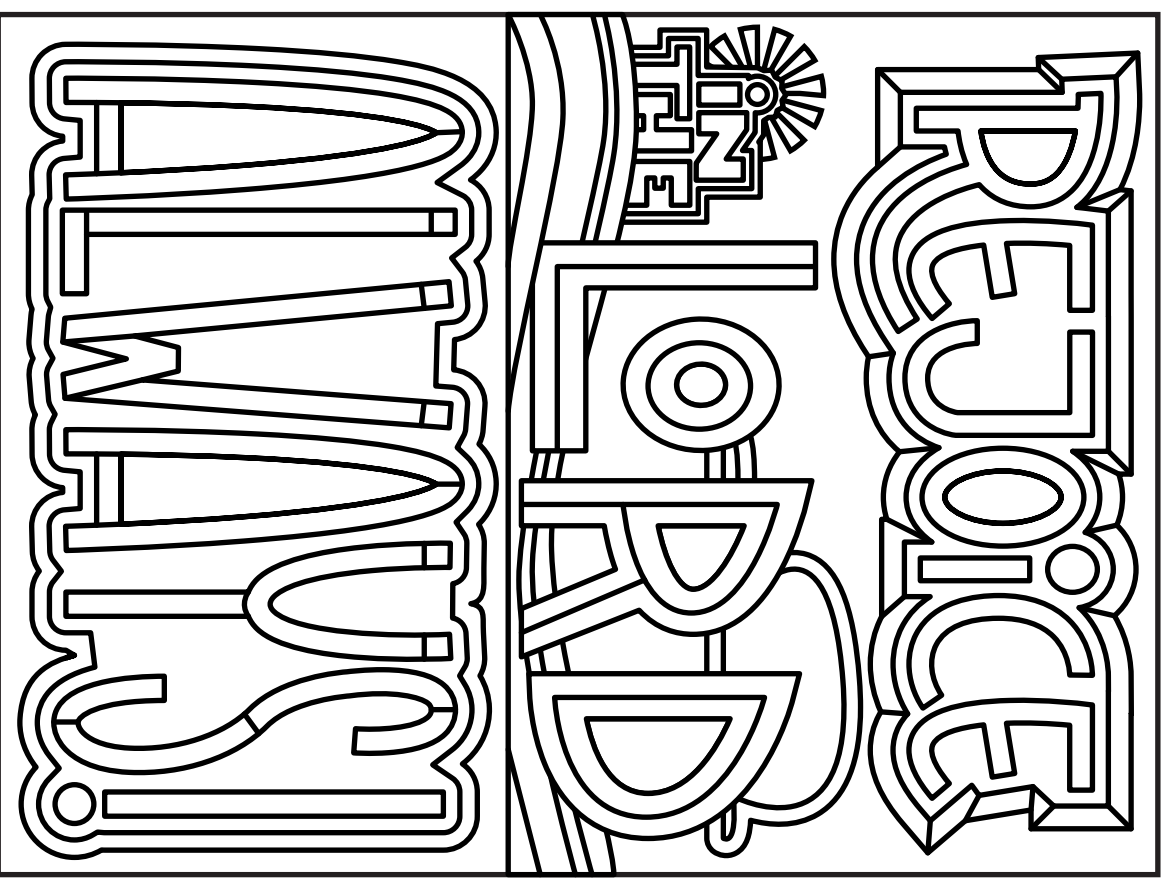


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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14.





DRAW IT

In Philippians 4, the apostle Paul tells us that instead of worrying, we can pray and tell God all we're worried about. When we do this, we feel God's peace. Draw a picture of something you might be worried about as a form of prayer to God right now.

WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Matthew 22:1-14 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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Y K H W D A G E T N D T L V A
K T Z R E A D Y O P I C X L L
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R T Y L Q E J O V C D P H E D
N O E R V J M J R G V J X N W
F M J E C M B A N Q U E T J A
N A O L R F P I V R E N N I D
C N F B I T K I H G C F I D L
W Y Q A N R S W R E H T A G B
G V T R V A G P J F O V H I X
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T E M R E D U C H O S E N T

JESUS	WEDDING	EVERYONE
PARABLE	BANQUET	GATHER
KINGDOM	INVITE	GUEST
COMPARE	READY	MANY
HEAVEN	DINNER	CALLED
KING	STREETS	CHOSEN