



Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

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

- 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.
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** **Fall Festival** on the church lawn. See announcement on page 7.
- 10:15 – 10:45 a.m.** **Psalms Alive!** in Grace Hall. Pre-registration is required. See page 6 for details.
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** **180 Youth** meet in the WPC parking lot. 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 for information on Educational Offerings for Adults.

Today's Music: The fully vaccinated and masked Westminster Choir brings an anthem by Peter Nardone that intertwines the text of John 13:34-35 and the *Ubi caritas* plainsong, a hymn of the Western Church and long associated with Maundy Thursday. Nardone is Director of Music and Organist at Worcester Cathedral.

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.

The flowers in the chancel are given in loving memory of Jay Spilecki by his family.

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. Available date is November 28.

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, OCTOBER 17, 2021

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

A Litany of Joy

Alfred V. Fedak

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come to worship the Creator of heaven and earth.

We have come to listen to the Word of God.

We have come to express the love of God.

We have come to rejoice in God who commands us to love.

HYMN NO. 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (Vs. 1 – 3)

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,	All thy works with joy surround thee;
God of glory, Lord of love!	earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,	stars and angels sing around thee,
opening to the sun above.	center of unbroken praise.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;	Field and forest, vale and mountain,
drive the dark of doubt away.	flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Giver of immortal gladness,	chanting bird and flowing fountain,
fill us with the light of day.	call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, we live in turbulent times when our future is shrouded in dense fog.

Fill our minds with wisdom so that we may choose the path of Jesus.

Creator God, you breathe life into the universe and create all people in your image.

Fill our hearts with love so that we may respect each person as a brother or sister.

Mighty God, you envision a world where everyone lives together in peace.

Fill our souls with a resolve to seek mercy and justice for all. Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 12:28-34

ANTHEM

I Give to You a New Commandment

Peter Nardone

I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in him.
Let us fear and let us love the living God,
And let us love God with a sincere heart.

HYMN NO. 767

Together We Serve (Vs. 1, 2 & 4)

Together we serve, united by love, inviting God's world to the glorious feast.	We seek to become a beacon of hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending God's love to the last and the least.	We learn, year by year, to let love shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet.

Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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. 765

May the God of Hope Go with Us

ARGENTINA

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hymn to Joy

Albert L. 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 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 Boxes 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. in the WPC parking lot

It's time for another 180! Calling all Westminster students from 6th to 12th grade, join us in the WPC parking lot for youth group! There will be games, dinner, and small groups! Bring a mask in case we need to go inside due to weather. Rain location: Classroom 6. See you there! For more information about 180 Youth Ministry for grades 6 – 12, contact Tommy at tommyjneilson@gmail.com.

Online Bible Studies

Midweek Manna Bible Study - Wednesdays at Noon on Zoom

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

This fall the Midweek Manna Bible Study, facilitated by the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson, will explore 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, - 6:00 – 7:00 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.

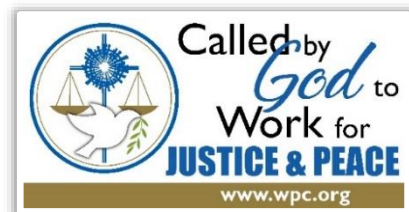
WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

Love That Never Fails: Urban Promise Virtual Banquet

Thursday, October 21, 6:55 p.m. on Zoom (Note time change.)

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

Our education event on October 21 will feature the 2021 virtual UrbanPromise Banquet, a celebration of abundant life through the voices of children, teens, parents, and staff. Westminster has embraced this inner-city Christian mission since 1998 by tutoring/mentoring children, providing backpacks supplies and college scholarships, hosting Camp Promise After School and Summer Camp programs and many other activities. Our hearts have been touched by personal stories of success and hope. Join us a few minutes before the 7:00 p.m. banquet start and be prepared for a moving, inspiring event! Check out www.urbanpromise.org for more information. 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 Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

The women of Westminster connect for heartfelt and enriching discussions on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 5:00 – 6:00 PM. The Rev. Jill Getty facilitates this group on Zoom. Use the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/477914100>



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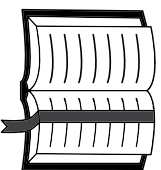
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COLOR IN THE WORDS

WISDOM
in
YOU HAVE MADE
ALL your WORKS;
the EARTH is
full
of CREATURES
your CREATURES.

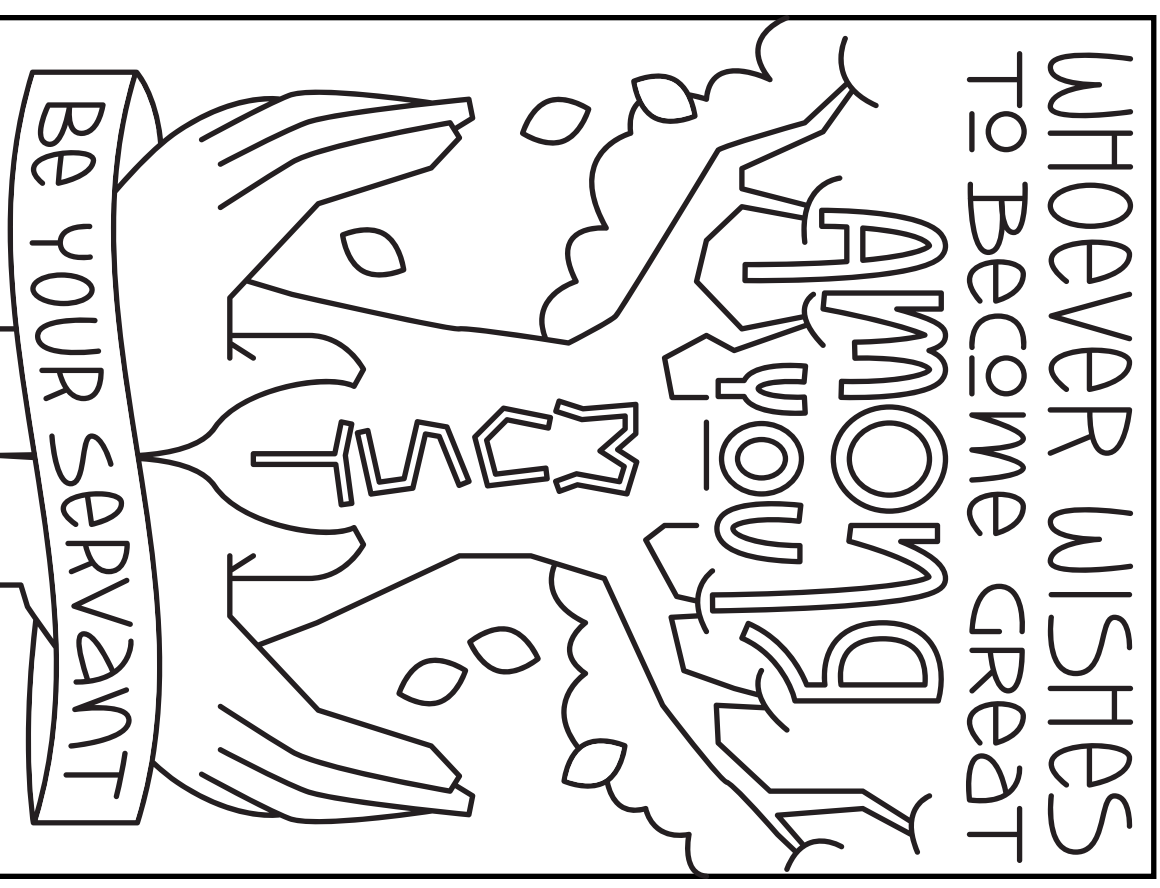


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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Job 38:1-7, (34-41), Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c, Mark 10:35-45.



WHOEVER WISHES
TO BECOME GREAT

AMONG
you



Be your servant



DRAW IT

In Mark 10, Jesus teaches his disciples that the most amazing people are those who humbly serve others. Draw a picture of how you could serve someone this week.

UNSCRAMBLE IT

God responds to Job's questions with questions of God's own. What does God ask Job? **Unscramble the words to find out!**

--- REEHW WREE UYO NEWH I ---

--- DALI HET NATDOUFNOI FRO ---

--- TEH HARET OHW DEMERTDENI --- ?

--- STI RENSTEMASUME --- ?

--- NAC UOY TFLI PU ROUY ---

--- OCEVI OT HET SOUCDL --- ?

--- ACN YUO DENH HORFT ---

--- HTGLNNGI I --- ?