



## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 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)  
An Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)  
A 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](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**

**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.

**10:00 a.m.              Fall Festival on the front lawn.**

**4:15 – 5:15 p.m.      *Colaborate* (yes, that's how they spell it) Sunday School for Tweens on zoom**

**5:00 – 7 p.m.          180 Youth in the WPC parking lot**

**Educational Offerings for Adults** – please see pages 6 & 7 for information.

**The flowers in the sanctuary today** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dot and John Hunter.

**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) to choose a date. Dates available are December 6, 20 and 27.

**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](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.



**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.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIMES

Susan Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*God of peace, relax the tensions of my body...Still the anxieties of my mind...Calm the storms of my heart...Let peace flow in me, through me, from me, the deep, deep peace of God.*

David Adam

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Albert L. Travis

CALL TO WORSHIP

The steadfast love of God never ceases.

**God's blessings never end.**

We trust in God to lead us and guide us.

**Our lives are in God's hands.**

HYMN NO. 643

*Now Thank We All Our God*  
Vs. 1 & 2

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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.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of creation,  
we give you thanks for this October day with all its color and crispness,  
and for the countless gifts you have showered upon us.  
At this very moment, we stop and we focus on how grateful we are  
for your power that sustains the earth and brings new life,  
for your strength that gives us courage when life is threatening,  
for the wisdom you shine upon our path,  
for the guidance you weave into our minds and souls,  
for your love that brings us joy and binds us together,  
and for your peace that washes away our fear and infuses us with hope.  
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

*Treasures in Heaven*

Joseph Clokey

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt  
and where thieves break through and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,  
for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.  
Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find;  
knock, and it shall be opened unto you, for every one that asketh receiveth  
and he that seeketh findeth and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:4-9

SERMON

"Where is Your Focus?"

Greg Jones

## Vs. 1 &amp; 2

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!	Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!	We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,	Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!	Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

## 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. 821

## My Life Flows On

## HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

## Vs. 1 &amp; 2

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.	Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.	It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.	No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?	Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

## Toccata on GREAT DAY

Aldolphus Hailstork

*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). 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](http://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  
Choristers: Hye Eun Choi, soprano; Sharon Babcock, mezzo soprano  
Jason Berger, tenor; Brenton Mattox, bass  
Videographers: Chip Pfleegor, 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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**TODAY, Sunday, October 18**  
**10:00 – 10:45 a.m.**  
(after the 9:00 a.m. worship service)  
**on the church lawn**

For those who RSVP'd to join the Board of Deacons at our Fall Festival, we look forward to seeing you! There will be pumpkin decorating, treat bags, card writing to our friends at large, and a short costume parade. Family units will be given individual materials and their own table. All activities will take place outdoors. Costumes welcome! Masks and social distancing required.



# EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

*Virtual Christian education and small group opportunities can also be found on the homepage of the Westminster website ([www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org)).*

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## **Bible Boxes for Children**

**Available for pickup TODAY (October 18) at the Fall Festival**

If you are picking up your reserved Bible Box at the church today, please look for Alexis Droke at the Fall Festival. We worked hard to create a truly unique and meaningful program for our elementary-aged children. We appreciate your patience and support! Content will start on **October 25**. If you have questions about the Bible Box program, please email Alexis Droke at [alexisdroke@wpc.org](mailto:alexisdroke@wpc.org).

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## **Colaborate Sunday School for Tweens**

**TODAY (October 18), 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. on Zoom**

Tweens (grades 5-8) will enjoy gathering with friends for a Zoom time led by Mrs. Mary Anne Peters and Mr. Tom Hogue ([click here](#) to learn more about Mary Anne and Tom). All questions and curiosity about faith and God are so important. Your stories, Bible, and the *Colaborate* booklet are all you will need for this time of sharing and exploring. Please contact Susan Alexander ([susanalexander@wpc.org](mailto:susanalexander@wpc.org)) if you would like to receive a booklet. You will receive your Zoom invitation from Alexis Droke ([alexisdroke@wpc.org](mailto:alexisdroke@wpc.org)).

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## **180 Youth Ministry in the Parking Lot**

**TODAY (October 18), 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the WPC parking lot**

The rain got in the way of our fun last week, so join us tonight in the WPC parking lot for games and a time to catch up with each other. Bring a snack for yourself and your mask. See you there!

180 Youth will meet every other week, alternating virtual with in-person meetings. For questions, contact Tommy Neilson at [tommyjneilson@gmail.com](mailto:tommyjneilson@gmail.com).

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## **Adult Education Time Change!**

**Sundays at 11:00 a.m.**

Due to popular demand, Westminster adult education will be held on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Coming to your computer screen soon:

- **October 25** – Opioid Crisis – How it affects everyone
- **November 8** – Calvin – An exploration of one of our ancestors in faith by Professor Elsie McKee, Princeton Theological Seminary

# WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

## UrbanPromise Virtual Banquet

**Thursday, October 22, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom**

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



On Thursday, Westminster's Peace & Justice Work Group will proudly support the 2020 virtual UrbanPromise banquet. The banquet is a celebration of abundant life through the voices of children, teens, parents, and staff. Westminster has embraced this inner-city Christian mission since 1998. Our hearts have been touched by personal stories of success and hope. We hope you will experience this dynamic banquet with us! For more information, go to [www.urbanpromise.org](http://www.urbanpromise.org).

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

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## 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=MmxuZWFrREhZSVExS3lveXQvTUhaQT09>

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

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## Presbyterian 101 Podcast

### Episode 1 – By Faith Alone: The Reformation & Beyond

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

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. Well, 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.



# Worship Service in Our Sanctuary



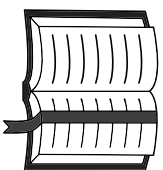
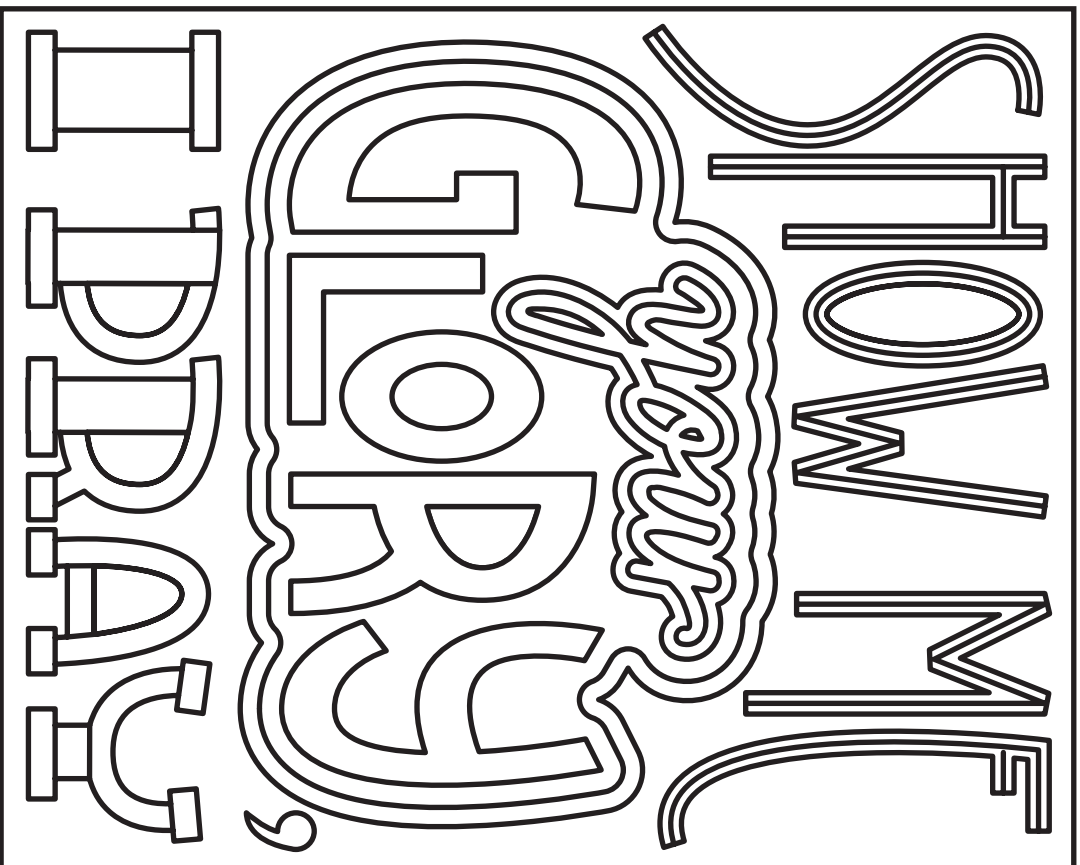
Our Session voted unanimously to reopen our sanctuary on Sunday mornings for one worship service at 9:00 a.m. beginning today, October 18. Attendance is limited and an online reservation (*one per family*) is required. When we reach the maximum number of reservations we can host, the reservations will 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. 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](http://www.wpc.org).

**[Click here](#) to make your online reservation  
for October 25 worship in the sanctuary.**



# COLOR IN THE WORDS

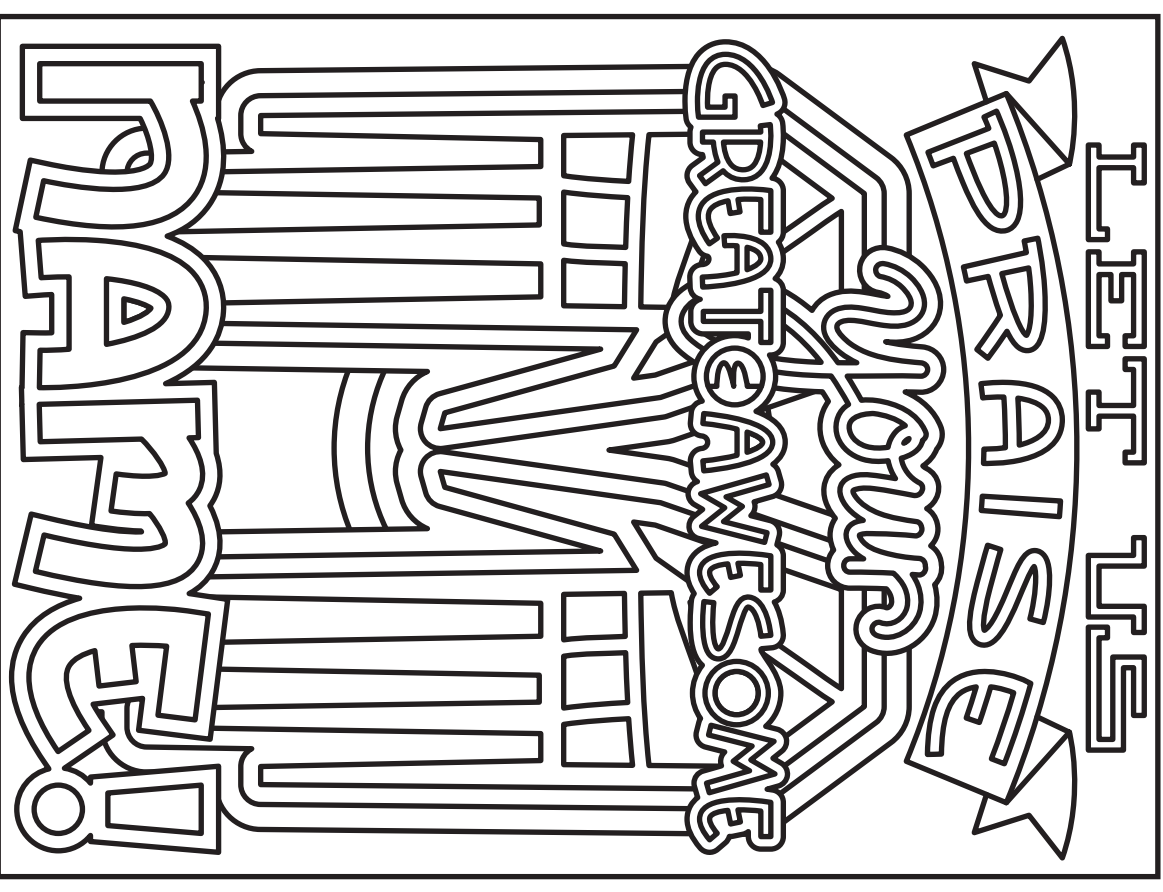


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# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Exodus 33:12-23, Psalm 99, Matthew 22:15-22.





# DRAW IT

In Exodus 33, Moses wants to see God in all God's power and glory. God's glory is so great that Moses can only see God's back after God passed by. When you imagine God's glory, what do you picture?

# UNSCRAMBLE IT

In Matthew 22, the Pharisees try to challenge and trick Jesus with their questions about taxes. Jesus responds with great wisdom. What does Jesus ask of them and what does he say to them? Unscramble the words to find out!

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DOODLE AREA

Draw a picture of someone you want to pray for.