



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Reformation Sunday

October 31, 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), 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 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 Rodney Chapel.
- 10:15 – 10:45 a.m.** **Psalms Alive!** in Grace Hall. Pre-registration is required. 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 7 for details.

Please see page 7 for information on Educational Offerings for Adults.

Today's Music: The fully vaccinated and masked Westminster Choir will sing our hymns and will bring an anthem by Craig Courtney. Joining them will be Ted W. Barr, piano, and John David Smith, horn. Dr. Smith is professor of music at the University of Delaware and principal horn of Opera Philadelphia, the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, and the Philly Pops. The Juilliard graduate also enjoys frequent appearances with the Philadelphia Orchestra and Orpheus Chamber Orchestra.

Christmas Bells Will Soon Be Ringing! The Westminster Handbell Choir will be ringing in worship on Sunday, December 19. We need to fill at least two (2) more positions with players. Rehearsals for Christmas will be on Wednesdays from 5:30–6:30 p.m. beginning Nov. 10. Orientation for first-time players will be on Nov. 3. Contact TonyThurman@wpc.org for more information or to participate.

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 on the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Frie and Hurlock families by Suzie Frie Hurlock.

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.

Recently hospitalized: Jerry Spilecki and 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.

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 31, 2021

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Procesión Alegre
John David Smith, horn

Gary Cornell

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 46)

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

The Lord of Hosts is with us.

Though the earth should change
or the mountains shake, we will not fear.

The Lord is our stronghold.

Our God is exalted among the nations;
our God is exalted throughout the earth.

Let us worship the Lord!

HYMN NO. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Vs. 1 & 2)

EIN' FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he. Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and gracious God,
we confess today
to the same sins
that have always plagued your church:
we are too stuck in our ways,
too resistant to your Spirit,
too attracted to power and privilege,
too quick to build walls,
too slow to build bridges.
By your Spirit, form and re-form us,
that we might be faithful witnesses
to your glory and grace. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Chip Pfleegor

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! With all your heart, with all your soul,
 Give honor, thanks, and praise with all your mind and might,
 to God, the maker of all things O people, love the Lord your God,
 and giver of our days. the source of truth and light.

At night or day, at home, away,
 together and apart,
 O children, take these holy words
 and keep them in your heart.

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

ANTHEM

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord

Craig Courtney

John David Smith, horn
 Ted W. Barr, piano

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died,
 One voice, one song, we lift in praise
 To him who was and is and shall be evermore.
 There is one body, one spirit, as you were called to one hope.
 One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all,
 One God and Mother of all, One God, Creator of all,
 Above all, and through all, who is in you all.
 Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts,
 We are given to each other for the unity of faith,
 That we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.

—Ephesians 4:4-6, 13

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Geoffrey Anthony Keller
Son of Brittany and David Keller

OPENING WORDS (Ephesians 4:4-6)

There is one body and one Spirit,
 just as you were called
 to the one hope of your calling.
one Lord, one faith, one baptism
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.

PRESENTATION OF THE PARENTS AND CHILD

Elder Janet Steinwedel

PROMISES OF COMMITMENT

Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and to teach that faith to your child?

CONGREGATION

Will we, the people of the church, nurture and support Geoffrey and will we encourage him to become a faithful Christian? **We will.**

CHILDREN

Do you promise to help Geoffrey be a part of our church family by being a friend to him?

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOLLOWING BAPTISM AND 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. 490

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters (Vs. 1 & 3)

BEACH SPRING

Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, newborn creatures of your womb. Number them among your people, raised like Christ from death and tomb. Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light. Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.	O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways! To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise! We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born. By your grace, our lives we offer. Re-create us; God, transform!
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Johann C. Kittel

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.

The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer written by the Rev. Carol Holbrook Prickett for use on Reformation Sunday.

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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.

Online Bible Studies

Midweek Manna Bible Study – Wednesdays at Noon on Zoom

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

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.

Thursday Evenings, 6–7 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.

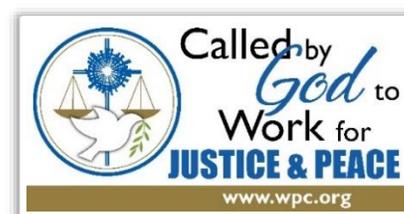
WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

Environmental Justice, Race, and the Future of America

Thursday, November 4, 7 p.m. on Zoom

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

Join us for a discussion of Environmental Justice featuring Jeffrey Richardson, Director of Diversity, Outreach and Community Engagement at the University of Delaware. Professor Richardson is an activist and entrepreneur seeking advancement of environmental justice in communities of color across the U.S. He leads Imani Energy, a solar power business that also trains and employs low-income and people of color communities. Richardson brings 30+ years of experience to a discussion of the limits of Environmental Justice in an affluent society like the United States. 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 p.m.

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>

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Nate Stucky: Faith in an Exhausted World

Sunday, November 7, 10 a.m.

Join us in person or online!



We live in a world grappling with multiple fatigues: environmental, pandemic, screen, activism, politics. Does our faith have anything to say in the face of such exhaustion? Does Christian faith connect meaningfully with an exhausted creation (humans included)? The very first stories in Scripture suggest that the vitality of creation is intimately linked with rest and with humans' willingness to understand themselves as limited, responsible, deeply interconnected with creation, and ultimately dependent on God's grace. Come hear Dr. Nate Stucky, Director of the Farminary Project at Princeton Theological Seminary, return to these ancient stories for guidance, inspiration, correction, and maybe even hope of rest. See the [October/November Chimes](#) for more information.

BEETHOVEN AND BRAHMS

ARTCINIA PIANO TRIO

Sunday, November 7 | 3 p.m.

Join us in person or via livestream!

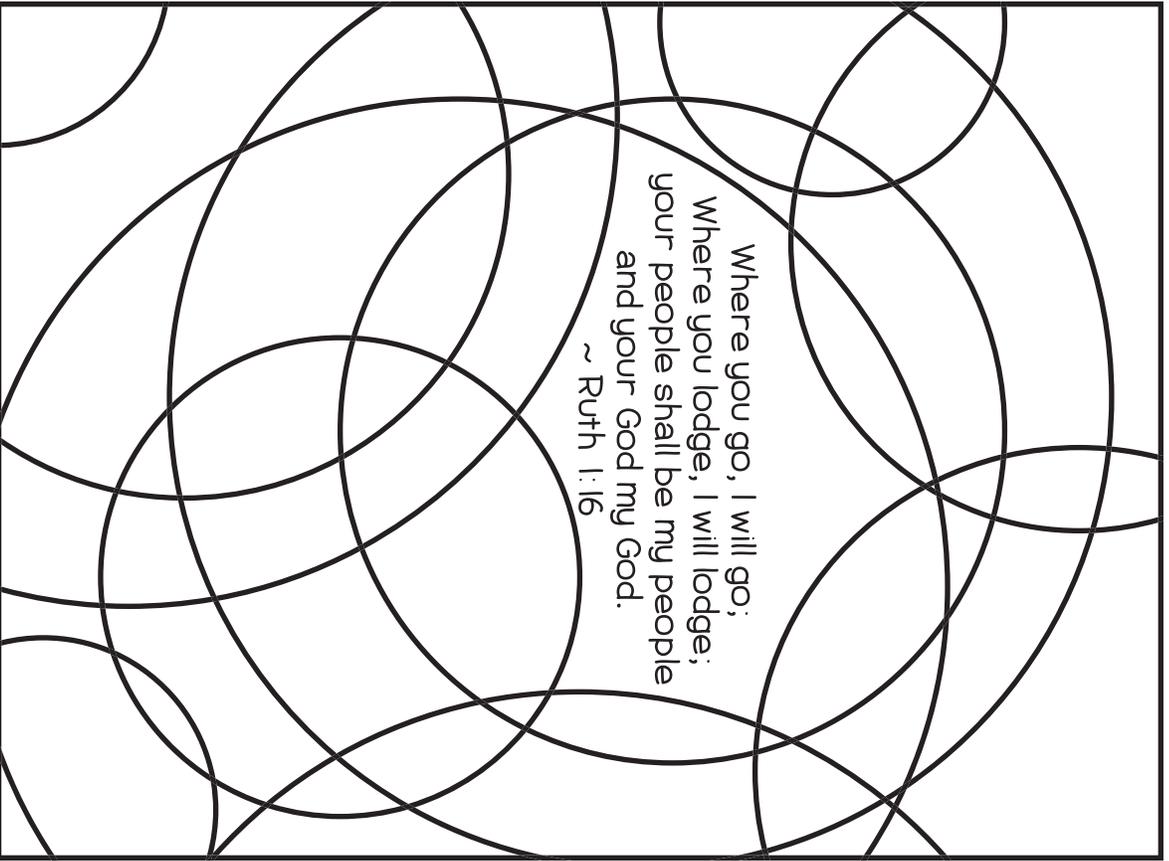
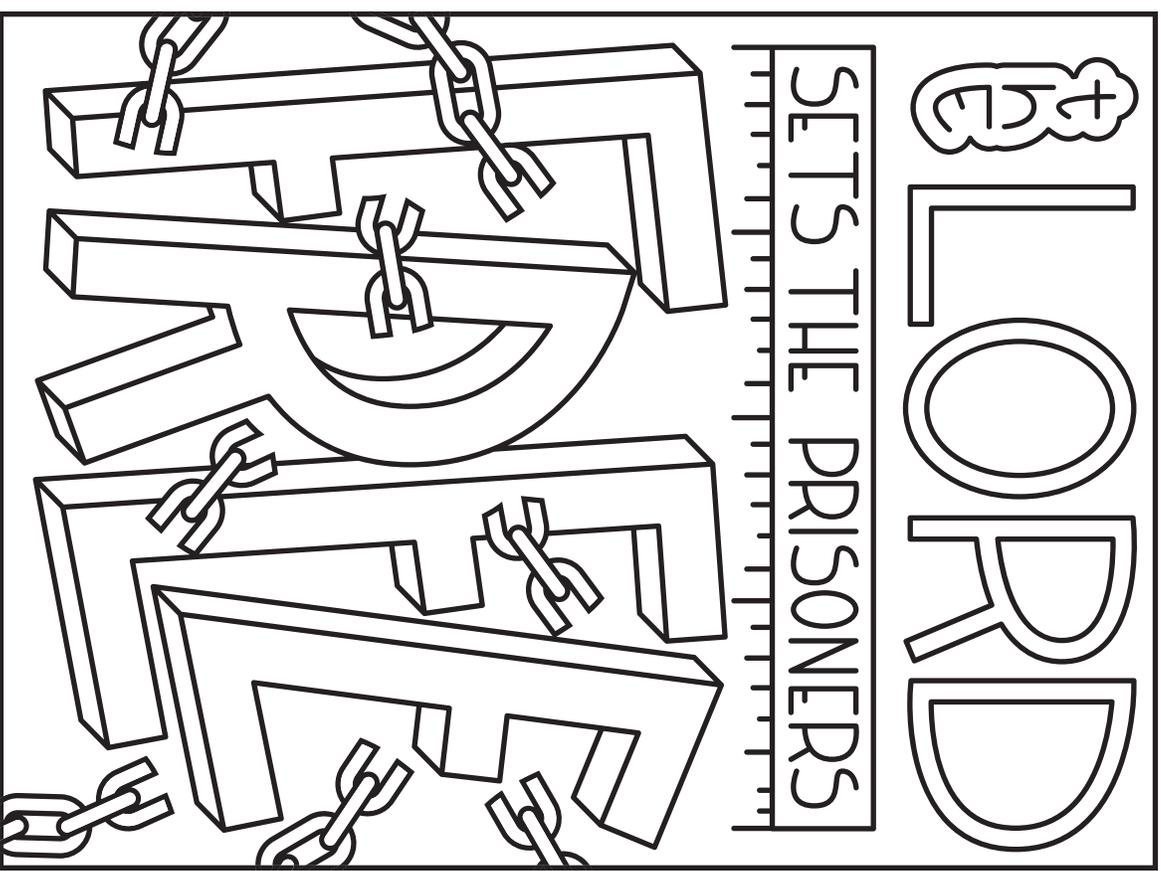


Westminster Presbyterian Church will present the Artcinia Piano Trio in concert on Sunday, November 7, at 3 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The program will include Beethoven's *Piano Trio in B-Flat Major, Op. 11*, and the *Piano Trio No. 1 in B Major, Op. 8*, of Brahms. Performing will be Irina Schuck, violin; Jie Jin, cello; and Hiroka Yamazaki, piano. The concert is free and open to the public. Visit wpc.org to review current COVID-19 guidelines.

Visit artcinia.com to reserve your free ticket.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Ruth 1:1-18, Psalm 146, Mark 12:28-34.



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