18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 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)
An Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
A Matthew 25 Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIMES
Susan Spilecki

PRELUDE
He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands
Charles Callahan

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).

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Art and Barbara Gorman to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents.

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. Next available date is October 11, 2020.

Today the global Christian community is celebrating World Communion Sunday. Though our congregation is not partaking of the Lord’s Supper due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, we celebrate the many ways we are in communion with Christians across our nation and around the world. As you break bread at home today, we encourage you to remember siblings in Christ who are gathering around tables in homes and houses of worship across the globe. We particularly remember our mission partners in the Democratic Republic of Congo, in Guatemala, and in the Middle East.

Let us worship God!

CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the Creator’s handiwork.
They have no speech, they use no words,
yet their witness goes out through all the earth.
Let us join the chorus of creation;
let us raise our voices in resounding praise.
May the words of our mouths
and the songs of our hearts
be pleasing to the Lord!
O Come and Sing unto the Lord (Psalm 95)

Vs. 1, 3 & 5

O come and sing unto the Lord; The Lord our God is King of kings,
to God our voices raise; above all gods enthroned;
let us in our most joyful songs the depths of earth and mountains high
the Lord, our Savior, praise. by God alone are owned.

O come, and bowing down to God
our worship let us bring;
yea, let us kneel before the Lord,
our Maker and our King.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the Covenant,
long ago you gave us the law
to guide us in the ways of righteousness.
When we wandered, you called prophets
to beckon us toward faithfulness.
In the fullness of time, you sent your Son
to heal our brokenness and draw us close to you.
But, time and again, we reject your gift of grace.
We bow before the false gods of our world
and forget your command to serve the least of these.
We fill our days with self-serving agendas or trivial tasks
and neglect to nurture our relationship with you.
Forgive us, Lord.
Come to us again, we pray, and set us on right paths.
Root out habits that separate us from you
and sow within us seeds of mercy and love
so that we might produce the fruits of your kingdom. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN Greg Jones

SCRIPTURE Exodus 20:1-4, 7-20

SERMON Sudie Niesen Thompson

HYMN NO. 459 O Word of God Incarnate

Vs. 1 & 3

O Word of God incarnate, O make your church, dear Savior,
O Wisdom from on high, a lamp of purest gold
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, to bear before the nations
O Light of our dark sky: your true light, as of old;
we praise you for the radiance O teach your wandering pilgrims
that from the hallowed page, by this our path to trace,
a lantern to our footsteps, till, clouds and storms thus ended,
shines on from age to age, we see you face to face.
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. 65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Vs. 1

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. 
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. 
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, 
feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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: Brenton Mattox, baritone
Videographers: Chip Pfleegor, Roger Reinicker, Baden Saathoff and Sophia Wolff

SOURCES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We are grateful to Westminster John Knox Press for making available the complete list of public domain hymns 
included in the Glory to God hymnal and to Illustrated Ministry (www.illustratedministry.com) for our children’s 
bulletins.
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.

The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were written by our Associate Pastor, the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson, and published in: “Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts,” Volume 53.1: Lectionary Aids for 2019-2020, Year A, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long (Office of Theology and Worship of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)).

**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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**Adult Education: Talking Across the Political Divide**

*Today (October 4) at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom*

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

The Peace and Justice Work Group provides tools for peaceful political conversations. Join Janet Steinwedel, Executive Coach and Leadership Consultant, in a challenging and provocative conversation on talking across the political divide. Is it possible to have conversations with those on opposite sides of the aisle? What happens when it’s a family member we’re trying to talk to, and how can we do better? How do we put our best foot forward (rather than in our mouth) when caught off guard? How can we handle ourselves in alignment with our values when it comes to social media? We hope you’ll bring your own best secrets for honest and meaningful conversations and join us in a timely dialogue.

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**180 Youth Ministry – Virtual Meeting**

*Tonight (October 4) from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Zoom*

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4937200361

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

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**Colaborate Sunday School for Tweens**

*Today (October 4) from 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 a very special “Zoom return to your Church.” 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](mailto: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](mailto:alexisdroke@wpc.org)) with “Colaborate Tweens” in the subject line.

Dates for *Colaborate* Zoom Sunday School are today (October 4), October 18, November 1 and 15, and December 13 (the time is 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. for all dates).
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](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=MmxuZWFrREhZSVEsS3IveXQyTUsQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88941171153?pwd=MmxuZWFrREhZSVEsS3IveXQyTUsQT09)

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

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WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

**All In: The Fight for Democracy**

**Thursday, October 8, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86027521655](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86027521655)

On October 8, we follow up the viewing of the Amazon Prime video *“All In”* with a discussion of the film. This new documentary examines the often overlooked yet insidious issue of voter suppression in the United States. The film interweaves personal experience with current activism and historical insight to expose a problem that has corrupted our democracy from the very beginning. Join us as we explore this timely topic!

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](https://facebook.com) page.

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**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. We need a few more weeks to put the finishing touches on the Bible Box program. As such, 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 on the next page). 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.
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. No preparation is needed. 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).

Fall Festival

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 our Fall Festival! 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. 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.
On Saturday, October 10, we will worship on our church lawn at 5:30 p.m. (ending by 6:10 p.m.). To ensure the safety of everyone, attendance is limited and an online reservation is required. Please submit **ONE reservation per family**. When we reach the maximum number of family units we can host, the reservations will close.

Everyone who attends the service must wear a mask, practice social distancing by keeping a distance of at least six feet from anyone who is not in your family, and sit where indicated by an usher. Children must remain with their parents at all times. There will be no congregational singing; however, Tony will play a digital piano and some of our choristers will sing. Sue Spilecki will play the Tower Chimes. Remember to dress according to the weather, and feel free to bring a bottle of water. **IMPORTANT! Please bring your own lawn chairs or blanket to sit on.**

The liturgy will be emailed to you after you make your online reservation to print and bring to the service. If it rains, the service is cancelled. Worship on the lawn does not replace our virtual worship service, which will be available on our [website](#) on Sunday, October 11.

[Click here](#) to make your online reservation for October 10 worship on the lawn!
Try to find the words from Matthew 21:23-32 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up or down and forward or backward.

Philippians 2 gives a beautiful picture of how to live your life like Jesus did - having his mind, love, humility, and faithfulness to God’s call. Draw what you imagine it looks like to live like Jesus did.

Philippians 3:14
Call of God in Christ Jesus.
"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."
Imagine you are with Moses on Mt. Sinai when God gives the Ten Commandments. What do you think this looked like?

In Exodus, Moses climbs up a mountain to receive the Ten Commandments. Help Moses find his way to the top of the mountain.

Solve the maze.

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.

Imagine you are with Moses on Mt. Sinai when God gives the Ten Commandments. What do you think this looked like?