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.
ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIMES

Susan Spilecki

PRELUDE

Procesión Alegre

Garry Cornell

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 today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Betty Warden Thurman, mother of our Director of Music/Organist, who celebrates her 86th birthday tomorrow.

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Seek, not a superficial faith, but a deep faith in the Creator of the cosmos.

We come with a mixture of both faith and doubt,
and a yearning for more wisdom.

Open your mind to mystery, your heart to holiness, and your soul to Spirit.

We come to affirm God’s presence in our lives.

HYMN No. 385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

Vs. 1 & 4

All people that on earth do dwell,
For why? The Lord our God is good;
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
his mercy is forever sure;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell.
his truth at all times firmly stood,
Come ye before him and rejoice.
and shall from age to age endure.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We yearn for a more spiritual life;

yet we often choose a path that leads us further from God.
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the depths, searcher of hearts,
you know our longing for a more centered life:

- time for reflection in prayer
- and the will to deepen our faith.

God of our days and our hopes,
help us to let go of the things that shrivel our souls.

Help us to become more aware of your presence in our lives
and your call to adventurous living. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 17:5-8

SERMON

Greg Jones

HYMN NO. 816  If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Vs. 1 & 3

If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
with hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee,
to bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on the rock that nought can move.

Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways,
but do thine own part faithfully.
Trust the rich promises of grace;
so shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need
the soul secured by trust indeed.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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. 729  Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

V. 3

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

J.S. Bach

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: Jason Berger, tenor
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.
EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

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

Online Bible Study

**Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

New way to join! Go to zoom.us/join, enter Meeting ID **899 3845 5537** and click “Join.”

Our Bible study continues and new faces are always welcome.

Women’s Online Community Group

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

Coordinator: Jill Getty

For women of the church to provide connection and friendship, this group meets on Zoom. If you are interested, please email Jill Getty at jgetty@wpc.org and she will add you to the weekly participant email list to receive the Zoom link and password.

WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

**Advocating for School Equity in the Midst of Virtual Learning**

Thursday, September 24, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86027521655)

Building People Power has launched a new issue campaign for SAFE Schools (Safe • Accountable • Forward • Equitable). Sarah Green will present the goals, policy targets and plans of this advocacy campaign, including the urgent need to address equity in the COVID response and virtual learning. Come learn what’s happening in (or outside!) our schools. And if inspired, find out how you can get involved.

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.
180 Youth Ministry – Mark Your Calendars!

TONIGHT (September 20), 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.: 180’s Virtual Kick-Off!
See you on Zoom for the first 180 of the year! We’ll be catching up with old friends, getting to know new ones, and playing some games! Join us at this Zoom link: [https://zoom.us/j/4937200361](https://zoom.us/j/4937200361)

Sunday, September 27, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.: In-Person Kick-Off!
Join us in the WPC parking lot for games and a time to catch up! Bring a mask and some snacks or dinner! (For safety reasons, we will not be doing communal dinner as we would usually do.)

UPCOMING DEACON EVENT

Virtual Trivia Night Continues!
Wednesday, September 23 • 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Team up with your family members and friends to play against other Westminster households to answer questions about church history, the Bible, and other surprising topics. This month's theme is all about food, drink, and Disney! Virtual Trivia Night is appropriate for the entire family and no experience is required. We will be using an online game called Kahoot! You will need access to Zoom and a separate device with internet to access Kahoot! Must have two electronic devices to play (computer, tablet, smart phone). Please email Deacon Jenn Blackford to RSVP ([blackfordj11@gmail.com](mailto:blackfordj11@gmail.com)).
Join Us! Worship Service on the Church Lawn

Saturday, September 26, 5:30 p.m.

On Saturday, September 26, 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 Chime. Remember that at that time of day it may still be warm, so dress accordingly 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. Please print it and bring it 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, September 27.

[Click here](#) to make your online reservation for September 26 worship on the lawn!
Exodus 14 tells the miracle of Moses and the Israelites crossing the Red Sea. When Moses stretched his hand over the sea, the water parted and created a path for the people to escape to safety.

In Matthew 18, Jesus teaches us our forgiveness should be endless, just like God’s. One way to think of forgiveness is to picture open hands—hands which receive, accept, and are open.

Suggested for use on September 20, 2020 based on the RCL.
Draw a picture of something you are thankful for.

In Matthew 20, Jesus tells the parable of the generous landowner. It teaches us how God understands fairness in a different way than we do.

In Exodus 16, we learn about the miracle of manna and how God fed the people in the middle of the desert. Unscramble the words to learn how God did this.

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What does fairness look like to you?