



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024



**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 (U.S.A.)**  
**An Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**  
**A Matthew 25 Church of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**  
**A Stephen Ministry Congregation**

# TODAY AT WESTMINSTER

**8:00 – 8:45 a.m.**      **Cereal Sunday** for Hanover Food Pantry in the Westminster parking lot

**8:45 – 12:15 p.m.**      **Nursery Care** for infants and toddlers in Preschool Suite D

**9:00 – 9:55 a.m.**      **Worship** in the Sanctuary

**Time with Our Children (approximately 9:15 a.m.)**

*The young and young-at-heart are invited to join the worship leader at the front of the sanctuary. Following the TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN, young ones through fifth grade may be escorted to Children's Programming or they are welcome to remain in worship.*

**Children's Programming (9:20 – 10:00 a.m.)**

- Preschool Sunday School: Ages 3 and 4 in the Preschool Suite Room C
- Joyful Noise Choir: Kindergarten–Grade 5 in the Youth Music Room

**10:00 – 10:45 a.m.**      **Holy Toast Café** in Walton Community Hall  
*Enjoy free coffee, tea, and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar.*

**10:10 – 11:00 a.m.**      **Children and Youth Programming**

- Nursery Care: Age 4 and under in Preschool Suite D
- Kids Zone Sunday School: Kindergarten–Grade 5 in Classroom 1
- Middle School Zone: Grades 6-8 in Classroom 3

**Adult Education** (see page 6)

- Palestine Children's Relief Fund (PCRF) in Classroom 6 and Zoom
- Let's Talk About It in Ruth Christie Room

**11:15 – 12:00 p.m.**      **Living Mosaics worship** in Rodney Chapel

**11:15 – 12:15 p.m.**      **Flying Solo Brunch** at Bar Reverie in Greenville

**5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**      **180° Youth Group** in Walton Community Hall and Classroom 6

For descriptions of our programs for children and youth, visit [wpc.org/children-youth](http://wpc.org/children-youth).

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**The Music:** Our soloist is Rebecca Hughes, the soprano section leader in the Westminster Choir. The Upper Darby native has received critical praise for her “voice of rare beauty and exceptional power.” Rebecca is a graduate of Temple University where she majored in voice and was a student of Benita Valente. She is a regular soloist at Westminster and has been a featured soloist with the Germantown Oratorio Choir & Orchestra in Philadelphia. We are blessed to have her sharing her gifts in worship today.

**The Sanctuary flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Fred and Betty Thurman by Ted Barr and Tony Thurman in commemoration of the Thurmans' 70th wedding anniversary on Easter Sunday. Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event. Please contact Linda Watson at (302) 571-6719 or [lwatson@ycst.com](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com). The next available dates for flowers are April 14 and 28.

**Westminster's Prayer Team** prays for the needs of our community. Please submit your prayer request to [wpcprayerlist@gmail.com](mailto:wpcprayerlist@gmail.com) or online at [wpc.org/care-support](http://wpc.org/care-support).

**You can make a contribution** to Westminster Presbyterian Church by visiting our website at [wpc.org](http://wpc.org) and clicking the “Donate” button or scan this QR code on your smart phone. → We accept donations by bank withdrawal, credit card, and debit card.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

~ Passages in **bold** print may be spoken by all. At the asterisk (\*) please stand in body or rise in spirit. ~

TOWER CHIME

Sara Gavenonis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

Raymond H. Haan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ has passed through the door of death  
and opened the way to new life for each one of us.

**Because Christ has conquered death, we can truly live.**

His presence penetrates our fears and lifts us from despair.

**Let us give thanks to God for new beginnings.**

\*HYMN NO. 246

*Christ Is Alive!*  
vv. 1, 2, 3 and 5

TRURO

OPENING PRAYER

**Eternal God,  
the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt,  
may we, who have not seen, have faith  
and receive the fullness of your blessing.  
Increase in our minds and hearts  
the risen life we share with Christ,  
and help us to grow as your people  
and do the good you would have us do  
then rise in the fullness of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

(See "Today at Westminster" on page 2.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31

New Testament, page 101

SERMON

Gregory Knox Jones

\*HYMN NO. 257

*The Risen Christ*

WOODLANDS

OFFERTORY SOLO

*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

Samuel McFarland

Rebecca Hughes, soprano

We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;  
but in your promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound  
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.  
And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light  
may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.  
—Henry Alford, 1844

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples in Emmaus,  
He took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

**Then their eyes were opened  
and they recognized Him.**

This is the Lord's table.

**Christ invites all who trust in Him  
to share the feast which He has prepared.**

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Eternal God ...

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Supper is open to all who trust in Christ. To receive communion by intinction,  
please approach the station on either the lectern or pulpit side, take a piece of bread and dip it in the chalice.

If you prefer packaged communion elements, you will find those in the bread basket.

Please return to your seat to partake of the packaged elements. If you are unable to come to a station,  
please tell an usher so that you may be served. If you are sitting in the balcony, you will be served in your pew.

**Loving God, we rejoice that you have made yourself known in broken bread,  
in wine poured out, and in the fellowship of friends.  
May the meal we have shared renew our faith and strengthen us for service,  
so that all we do might bear witness to your love and grace.  
In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 254

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Hymn to Joy*

Albert L. Travis

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# ADULT EDUCATION

TODAY, APRIL 7

## **Palestine Children's Relief Fund (PCRF)**

*Presented by Dr. Afnan Albahiri, Dr. Nadine Kazzaz and Nora Whisnant*

**10:10–11:00 a.m. | Classroom 6 and Zoom**

Zoom link: [bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom](https://bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom)



The Palestine Children's Relief Fund (PCRF) brings medical care to suffering children in Palestine and the Levant who cannot get care where they live. This presentation will outline the dire needs and uses of the donations for children in Gaza.

## **Let's Talk About It**

*Facilitated by Bob Cox*

**10:10–11:00 a.m.**

**Ruth Christie Room**

We are happy to bring back this series.

Join us for a lively discussion of a timely topic that is current this week/month.

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 14

## **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)**

*Presented by Dr. Doug Ferguson, Interim Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director, NAMI Delaware*

**10:10–11:00 a.m. | Classroom 6 and Zoom**

Zoom link: [bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom](https://bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom)



NAMI Delaware is the local chapter of the largest grassroots mental health nonprofit in the United States. Since 1983, their office in Wilmington has led educational, advocacy, and housing programs statewide. NAMI offers a

variety of educational programs and advocacy efforts while providing safe, affordable housing to nearly 300 residents who experience severe and persistent mental illness. Their mission is to give hope to anyone impacted while working to reduce stigmas associated with chronic mental illness. Many of NAMI's programs are free to the public, and they also offer a helpline to provide guidance and empathy during difficult times. For more information, visit [namidelaware.org](https://namidelaware.org).

ONGOING/WEEKLY

## **Online Bible Studies**

**Midweek Manna Bible Study**

**Wednesdays | 12 p.m. | Zoom**

Contact: Robin Rosser ([rlrosser@aol.com](mailto:rlrosser@aol.com))

**Thursday Evening Bible Study**

**Thursdays | 6–7 p.m. | Zoom**

*Facilitators: Randy Williamson  
and Mary Anne Peters*

Contact: [randywilliamson1@comcast.net](mailto:randywilliamson1@comcast.net)

## **Peace and Justice Thursday Evening Education Event**

**Delaware Historical Society Marks 70  
Years Since *Brown v Board of Education***

**See page 8 for more details.**

**For full descriptions of our programs and more adult education and small group opportunities, visit [WPC.ORG/ADULTS](https://WPC.ORG/ADULTS) or check our events calendar at [WPC.ORG/EVENTS](https://WPC.ORG/EVENTS). Select adult education programs are available as a livestream/recording on our [YouTube channel](#).**

# MORE ADULT EDUCATION

Monday Afternoon Virtual Opportunity

## PICTURING SCRIPTURE

GENESIS 1-11 • FOUR-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

**Mondays, April 15, 22, 29, and May 6 • 12 p.m. • Zoom**

For the Zoom link, email: [steve@leadersinsight.com](mailto:steve@leadersinsight.com)



Did the events in Genesis 1-11 really happen, or are they just myths? We will take a look at the origin stories of the Old Testament and compare them to our current evidence from science, archaeology, paleoanthropology, and other disciplines to explore whether science and faith are compatible. We'll also examine the philosophical and theological ramifications of those stories. Join us for a visual tour of some of the most controversial and challenging passages in the Bible.

Alan Keohane graduated from Cambridge University, England with a Master's degree in Natural Sciences. Now retired, he spent most of his career in human services. Alan has taught at the National Leadership Institute on Aging and was a faculty member at Alfred University, New York. He has more than 20 years of experience teaching Bible studies, including two years leading a missional Bible study in inner city Wilmington.

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

## RACISM IN AMERICA:

**The History We Didn't Learn in School**

Wednesdays, April 17 – May 22 • 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Knowing our past enables us to move forward in more meaningful ways. Join us Wednesday evenings in person or via Zoom on a journey through American history unlike any other you have taken. We will see how the events of our past have led us to our present situation, gain new perspectives on current events, and be inspired to act in support of equity and justice. This class series will offer you a safe place to explore, to learn, and to grow. We believe you will find this experience to be eye-opening, empowering, and energizing. We look forward to sharing it with you! **Please register for this class series via our online form at <https://bit.ly/racism-in-america-spring2024> or scan the QR code. →**

**REGISTER NOW**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

PEACE AND JUSTICE THURSDAY EVENING EDUCATION EVENT

## **Delaware Historical Society Marks 70 Years Since the *Brown v Board of Education* Decision**

*With Executive Director Ivan Henderson and Board Member Karen Ingram*

**Thursday, April 11 • 7 p.m. • Zoom**

**Zoom link: [bit.ly/peace-justice-zoom](https://bit.ly/peace-justice-zoom)**



It was in 1954 that the U.S. Supreme Court declared segregation in public schools illegal, calling it “inherently unequal.” Delaware was one of four states, and the District of Columbia, party to the legal suit, *Brown v Board of Education*, that challenged this system. The Delaware Historical Society and its Mitchell Center for African American Heritage are marking the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this decision with a tour of historical sites on Saturday, May 18. This evening’s program will describe the half-day tour at sites associated with the Brown decision and the continuing importance of desegregation efforts. Join us to learn more!

Hosted by Westminster’s Peace & Justice Work Group | [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) | Meeting ID: 860 2752 1655

## **MEMBERSHIP EXPLORATION SERIES**

**Sundays, April 14 and 28 | 10:10 a.m. | Ruth Christie Room**

*(access through Rodney Chapel or the Ruth Christie Hallway)*

Have you been considering membership at Westminster? Please join us for this two-session series! Membership Exploration series are wonderful opportunities to learn more about Westminster, discover ways to connect with others in the congregation, and explore ways to serve within and beyond our community. For those who wish to join the Westminster congregation, there will be an opportunity to do so at the end of the second session. Questions? Contact Daniel Malzhan at [dmalzhan@gmail.com](mailto:dmalzhan@gmail.com).



**New to Westminster?** Welcome! We’re so glad you’re here. If you are joining us for the first time, please introduce yourself via our contact form on the [I’m New](#) page of our website or scan this QR code to get there from your mobile device. We look forward to getting to know you.





## Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

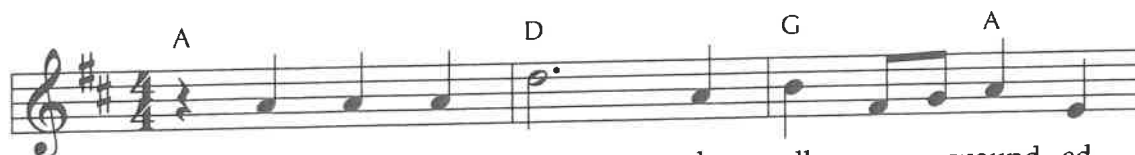
emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

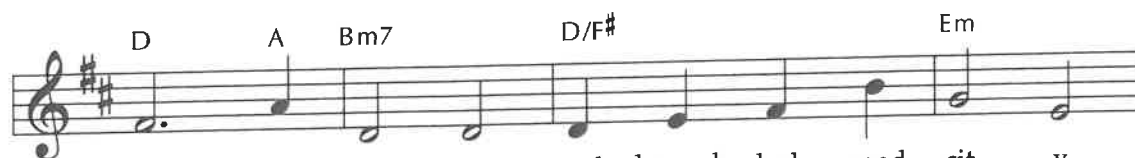
In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

## The Risen Christ

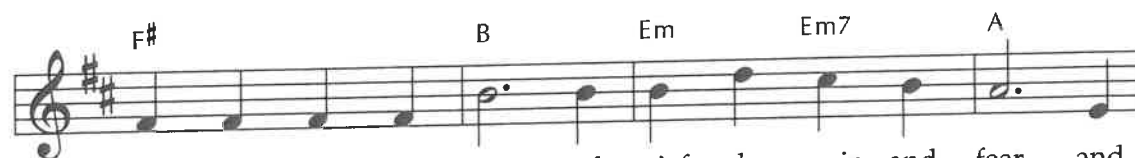
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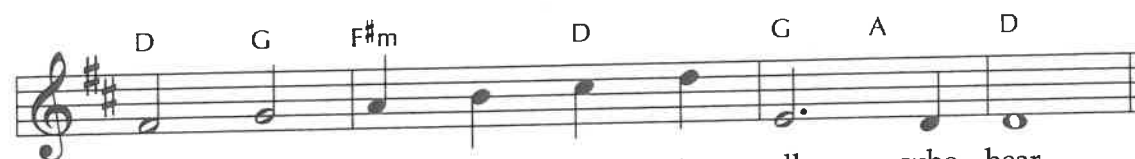
1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound - ed  
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound - ed  
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound - ed  
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and



feet from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y  
 side, breathes out his Spir - it on them to a -  
 hand the bread for those who fail to un - der -  
 stand with the op - pressed in this and ev - ery



street, un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear, and  
 bide whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve; new  
 stand, re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - gering tears, en -  
 land, till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be, re -



speaks a word of peace to all who hear.  
 grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.  
 flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.  
 stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This perceptive hymn centers on Christ's post-Resurrection appearances described in John 20:19-29 and Luke 24:13-48. The first three stanzas are shaped by the wounded body parts: feet, side, hand; the fourth prays for such woundedness in the witness of Christ's body, the Church.

# 254 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone  
 2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the  
 3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -

out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
 glo - rious wounds a - bide, the to - kens true which  
 deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
 made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a - gain.  
 us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

These Eastertide stanzas are derived from a longer Latin text that was one of the earliest hymns written especially for a season of the church year. They are set here to a tune with Christmas associations, a means of linking the two great festivals of the Christian year.

TEXT: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1852, alt.  
 MUSIC: Trier ms., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609