



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 2, 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

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. **Cereal Sunday** for Hanover Food Pantry in the Westminster parking lot

9:15 – 10:45 p.m. **Nursery Care** for infants and toddlers in Preschool Suite D

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **Worship** in the Sanctuary

Time with Our Children (approximately 9:45 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 second grade may be escorted to Children's Programming or they are welcome to remain in worship.

Children's Programming (9:50 – 10:30 a.m.)

- Children age 2 through second grade in Preschool Suite Room C

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. **Summer Tea** in the Meeting Room
Enjoy iced tea (sweet and unsweet) and apple juice served by our Deacons, and meet new and old friends.

10:45 – 11:30 p.m. **Flying Solo Brunch** at Catherine Rooney's in Trolley Square

For descriptions of our programs for children and youth, visit wpc.org/children-youth.

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The Music: The Westminster Choir brings an anthem by Jane Marshall, a widely published composer of choral music, as well as a hymnist, poet, and teacher. The Dallas native was a longtime member of the Meadows School of the Arts theory faculty and the Sacred Music graduate faculty at Perkins School of Theology at SMU, and was active as a clinician for choral organizations around the country. Would you like to add your voice to the Westminster Choir this month? Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings at 8:30. For more information and to participate, contact TonyThurman@wpc.org or speak with him after the service.

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the Deacons who do a superb job keeping our members who can no longer attend services feel included and part of the Westminster family by Connie Henke. 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.

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

You can make a contribution to Westminster Presbyterian Church by visiting our website at 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

Susan Spilecki

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

Prelude in E-Flat Major

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here as God's people gathered for worship.

We have come to praise God and seek God's strength for our lives.

Let us celebrate the gift of life that God has given us.

Let us affirm the love and hope of people who follow Jesus Christ.

*HYMN NO. 386

Come, Worship God

O QUANTA QUALIA

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we live in turbulent times when our future is shrouded in fog.

Fill our minds with wisdom so that we may choose the path of virtue.

Creator God, you breathe life into the universe and create all people in your image.

Fill our hearts with love so that we may be driven by compassion.

Mighty God, you envision a world where everyone lives together in peace.

Fill our souls with a resolve to seek mercy and justice for all. Amen.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

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

Susan Spilecki

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 1
Mark 2:23-28

Old Testament, page 452

New Testament, page 32

ANTHEM

Blessed Is the One

Jane Marshall

Blessed is the one who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.
He is like a tree planted by streams of water.

— from Psalm 1

SERMON

Gregory Knox Jones

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Fugue in E-Flat Major

Bach

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

When Jesus enjoyed a meal with tax collectors and sinners,
he proclaimed that God's love knows no bounds.

We accept both the comfort and the challenge of that witness.

All are invited to share this meal and to be nourished by the Bread of Life.

*HYMN NO. 3

Womb of Life and Source of Being
vv. 1-3

RAQUEL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sue Linderman

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

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Eternal God, you have fed us with bread and wine for the journey.
Let us in turn feed those who hunger in body, mind and spirit,
the lost and the lonely, and all who need your love. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 731

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm

REPTON

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

If You but Trust in God to Guide You

Bach

**Following worship, please join us for iced tea in
Rodney Chapel and the Meeting Room**

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YOUTH ART DISPLAY IN THE HALLWAY

June and July 2024

Pacem in Terris' 2024–2025 Traveling Peace Youth Art exhibitions are appearing in public spaces across Delaware. Seventy-five works from a spectacular collection of 600 pieces were chosen to be divided into groups and displayed at 22 locations, such as churches, hospitals, theaters, court houses, libraries, etc. These works were created by more than 650 young artists (ages 5 to 18) at more than 30 schools and community centers. Collectively, they bring an energetic and hopeful vision of what peace looks like in a youth's imagination. Westminster is privileged to host in June and July. Please slow down in our main hallway and take a look!



All are welcome to attend the **Interfaith Pride Service**, June 5th at 6:30pm at First & Central Presbyterian Church. Join us as we remember, lament, hope and celebrate our belovedness as LGBTQ+ people of faith and their allies.

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.



ADULT EDUCATION

ONGOING/WEEKLY

Online Bible Studies

Midweek Manna Bible Study
Wednesdays | 12 p.m. | Zoom

Contact: Robin Rosser
(rlrosser@aol.com)

Thursday Evening Bible Study
Thursdays | 6–7 p.m. | Zoom

Facilitators: Randy Williamson
(randywilliamson1@comcast.net)
and Mary Anne Peters

Peace and Justice Thursday Evening Education Event

“Living Into Matthew 25 Mission: A
Palestinian Perspective” – Keynote
Address at PC(USA) Matthew 25
Summit by the Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb
Video and discussion

June 6 | 7 p.m. | Zoom

Zoom link: bit.ly/peace-justice-zoom

Hosted by our Peace & Justice Work Group.
zoom.us/join | Meeting ID: 860 2752 1655

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

THREE BOOKS, ONE CHURCH

...AND A VARIETY OF DISCUSSION OPPORTUNITIES!

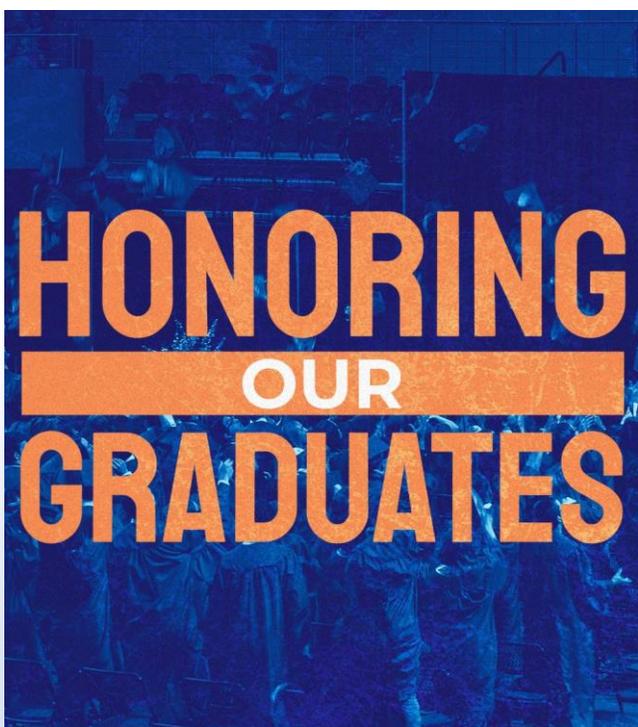
Books on sale today



In preparation for Diana Butler Bass' visit in September, we are selling three of her books today. Choose from: *Christianity After Religion*, *Grateful*, and *Freeing Jesus*.

We encourage you to sign up to join a discussion group – more details to com. There will be group meeting dates in July, August, and September. The focus of each group will be on one of the books.

Don't miss the chance to engage on important and meaningful topics; it will enrich your life and the life of our church community.



GRADUATE RECOGNITION RECEPTION

Sunday, June 9, 10:30 a.m.

Join us in Westminster's Meeting Room (adjacent to Rodney Chapel) for a special high school and college graduate recognition reception immediately following the worship service. We invite everyone to celebrate the achievements of our graduates.

Philadelphia Brass in Concert at Westminster

Sunday, June 9 | 3 p.m.

Join us in person or via livestream!



The Philadelphia Brass, Westminster's ensemble in residence, will bring our closing concert of the season in a program of works by Bach, Handel, and Massenet. Be prepared to get your toes tapping to the music of Duke Ellington, George Gershwin, and Jerome Kern. A free-will offering will be collected to support Westminster's Music Fund. Suggested contribution: \$20. All are invited to join us in person or livestream at wpc.org/watch or directly on Westminster's [YouTube channel](#).

Following the concert, a reception will be held in Rodney Chapel, where you can enjoy wine and cheese or a non-alcoholic beverage and visit with the performing artists.

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The Rev. Dr. Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff
The Rev. Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

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Rebecca Hughes; Margaret Mezzacappa; Teddy Austin; Jerry Polman, Section Leaders
Emily Haas, Director of Music for Children and Youth
Cole Walker, Choral Assistant for Children and Youth

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