



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 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

8:45 – 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 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

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- The Gnostic Gospels in Classroom 6

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

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

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The Music: We are delighted to have our Joyful Noise children's choir singing in worship today and express our gratitude to Emily Haas and Cole Walker for their leadership. The Westminster Choir brings Ted Barr's arrangement of a nineteenth-century Shaker Hymn from South Union, Kentucky. The Shaker's believed in total equality of the sexes and in the feminine nature of the Divine.

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth and Rodney Higgins by Cathy Higgins. 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

Sara Gavenonis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

Chorale-Prelude on RHOSYMEDRE

Ralph Vaughan Williams

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good,

God's steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN NO. 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

SERENITY PRAYER

God grant me the serenity

to accept the things I cannot change;

courage to change the things I can;

and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;

enjoying one moment at a time;

accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;

taking, as Christ did, this sinful world as it is,

not as I would have it;

trusting that God will make all things right if I surrender to God's will;

that I may be reasonably happy in this life

and supremely happy with God forever in the next. Amen.

- Reinhold Niebuhr

ANTHEM

One Foot/Lead with Love

Melanie DeMore

Joyful Noise Children's Choir

You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love.

Don't give up hope, you're not alone.

Don't you give up. Keep movin' on.

Lift up your eyes, don't you despair.

Look up ahead the path is there.

Hudson Adams
Stella Baddorf
Amelia Blackford
Samuel Blackford

Jack Burkhardt
Kaylea Donaghy
Garrett Hoopes
Charles McAllister

Fionn Murphy
Cooper Wemhoff
Griffin Wemhoff
Madison Wolanski

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(The congregation is asked to please refrain from taking photographs or video recording during the baptism.)

PRESENTATION OF THE PARENTS AND CHILD

Susan McPheeters

OPENING WORDS

As this child is helpless without adults,
may we learn how helpless we are without God.
As this child is curious to explore the world,
may we be curious to explore the ways of faith.
As this child will learn to trust and be open to others,
may we learn to trust God's ways for us.

PROMISES OF COMMITMENT

Kate and Adam Mowery

Kate and Adam, 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 son?

QUESTION TO CONGREGATION

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

QUESTION TO CHILDREN

Do you promise to be a friend to Hayes by playing with and helping him?

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE ACT OF BAPTISM FOR WILLIAM HAYES MOWERY

PRAYER FOLLOWING BAPTISM

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:25-34

New Testament, page 4

SERMON

Gregory Knox Jones

HYMN NO. 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

My Love Is My Mother's

Shaker Hymn
arr. Ted W. Barr

My love is my Mother's is heav'nly and pure,
My love is my Mother's will always endure.
Her name is more precious, yea sweeter to me,
Her smiles are more healing than balsam can be.
O Mother, dear Mother thy children do sigh
For once more beholding thy beautiful eye.
O bless us good Mother once ev'ry new year
With a little sweet care to thy children here.
The love of our Mother keeps watch o'er us here
Lest evils o'er take us and leave us in fear.
Her love is our refuge when we be in need
It shields and protects us from ev'ry wrong deed.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. 643

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Albert L. Travis

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ADULT EDUCATION

TODAY, MAY 12



The Gnostic Gospels

Presented by Bob Cox

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

Zoom link: bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom

This is the third class of this series. You are welcome to join even if you missed the other classes. The Gnostics were Jewish and Christian sects beginning in the late first century who emphasized personal spiritual knowledge (“Gnosis”) above orthodox teachings. Their writings flourished across the Mediterranean world until early Christian Church leaders denounced their teachings as heresy. Join Bob Cox as we review Gnostic teachings, both from the perspective of their critics and from the Gnostics own writings rediscovered in Nag Hammadi, Egypt, in 1945.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19

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Walking the Labyrinth

Presented by Janet Steinwedel

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Delaware Art Museum



Experience the freedom and joy of walking the Labyrinth at the Delaware Art Museum. Join Janet Steinwedel for a walk on an accessible area Labyrinth.

Our spiritual practices support us through the ups and downs that make up our lives. Sometimes our practices grow stale, or we find we need a new approach. Walking the Labyrinth, especially outdoors, opens us to movement that often reveals a new experience of communication with the Holy.

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

and Mary Anne Peters

Contact: randywilliamson1@comcast.net

Peace and Justice Thursday Evening Education Event

A Mighty Hero(ine)

Video and discussion of Ruby Bridges, a powerful advocate for equal rights.

Facilitated by Sue Linderman

May 16 | 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](#).

Spring ECHO Giving



ECHO Giving provides the opportunity to honor someone by making an *ECHO* gift in their name, while supporting the local and global mission partners of Westminster. Your *ECHO* gift made during our Spring campaign produces life-sustaining reverberations of kindness and goodwill throughout our Wilmington community and across the world. Gifts of any size are welcome and 100% of dollars donated go directly to the mission organization you select.



***ECHO Giving* Order Forms are available online at bit.ly/ECHO-Giving-Spring2024 and can also be found at the information tables in the main hallway through May 19.**

You can request gift cards to notify recipients that a gift was made by you in their name.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 19

One Service:
9:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

**May 26 – September 1
(Summer Schedule)**

One Service:
9:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

Westminster Choir Spring Concert

My Spirit Sings

Sunday, May 19 • 3 p.m.



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.



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