



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



The Day of Pentecost

May 19, 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

Adult Education (see page 6)

- The Gnostic Gospels in Classroom 6

11:15 – 12:00 p.m. **Walking the Labyrinth** at the Delaware Art Museum (see page 6)

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. **WPC Spring Choral Concert** (see page 8)

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Reception** in Rodney Chapel and the Meeting Room

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

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Guest Preacher Jenny Warren: The Reverend Jenny Warren has been serving churches in New Castle Presbytery, Baltimore Presbytery, and Donegal Presbytery for decades—11 churches in all. Her ministry has taken the shape of transitional work for congregations during pastoral leadership change, with all the chaos and possibility that season brings. In 2021, she served an Americorps Fellowship with the Reading Assist Institute, which placed her as a Reading Interventionist at Academia Antonia Alonso—a dual language elementary school. The school hired her, and she's spent the last two years re-inventing herself and finding great meaning in working with English Language Learner students.

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John S. Carpenter Jr. on his birthday by John, Donna, Andrew, and Christy Carpenter. The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in honor of Lucy Peeble's 91st birthday by her many friends in Westminster's Peace and Justice Work Group. 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.

The rosebud on the chancel this morning is in celebration of the birth of Daisy John born May 9, 2024, to Nicole and Alex John.

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

Craig Checkel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

Spirit of God, Descend on My Heart

John Carter

CALL TO WORSHIP

Wind of God, who awakened creation and stirred dry bones to life,
sweep through this space, and enliven our worship.

Wind of God, who descended as tongues of fire and galvanized the disciples,
sweep through this space, and ignite our hearts.

Wind of God, who guides our ministry and equips us for service,
sweep through this space, and embolden our witness.

*HYMN No. 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

CALL OF CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mighty God, you poured out your Spirit upon gathered disciples,
creating courageous and compassionate followers.**

**We confess that we resist the force of your Spirit among us
when we do not listen to your wisdom,
speak the good news of your love,
or live as people made one in Christ.**

**Forgive us when we are too cautious,
transform our timid hearts,
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

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

Gregory Knox Jones

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-42

New Testament, page 103

SERMON

Jenny Warren

*HYMN No. 315

In the Midst of New Dimensions

NEW DIMENSIONS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Spirit of Mercy, Truth, and Love
Ted W. Barr, piano

Howard Helvey

Spirit of mercy, truth, and love, O shed your influence from above;
and still from age to age convey the wonders of this sacred day.
In ev'ry clime, by ev'ry tongue be God's eternal glory sung;
let all the list'ning earth confess the name that claims our faithfulness.
Unfailing comfort, heav'nly guide, still o'er thy holy church preside;
descend upon us like a dove, Spirit of mercy, truth, and love.

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 INTRODUCTION

Laura Scanlan

*HYMN (See page 5)

Faithful God, We Seek Your Presence

KNOX JONES

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Spiritual/Arr. Moses Hogan

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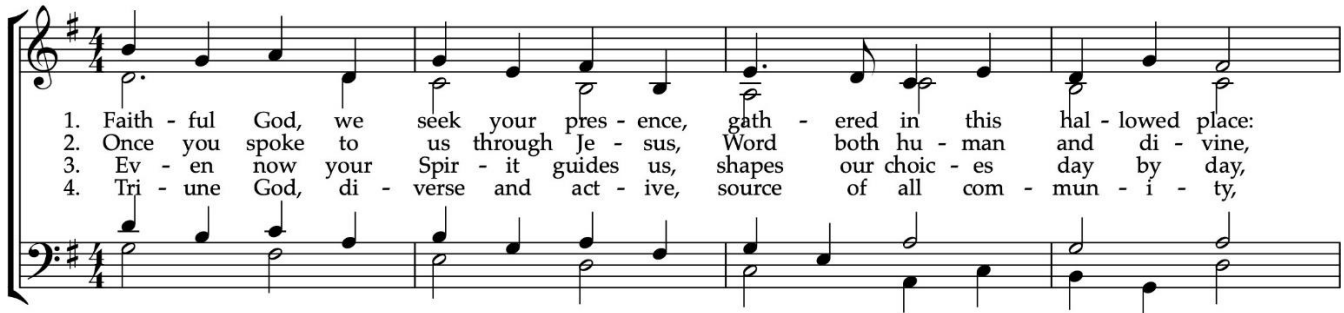
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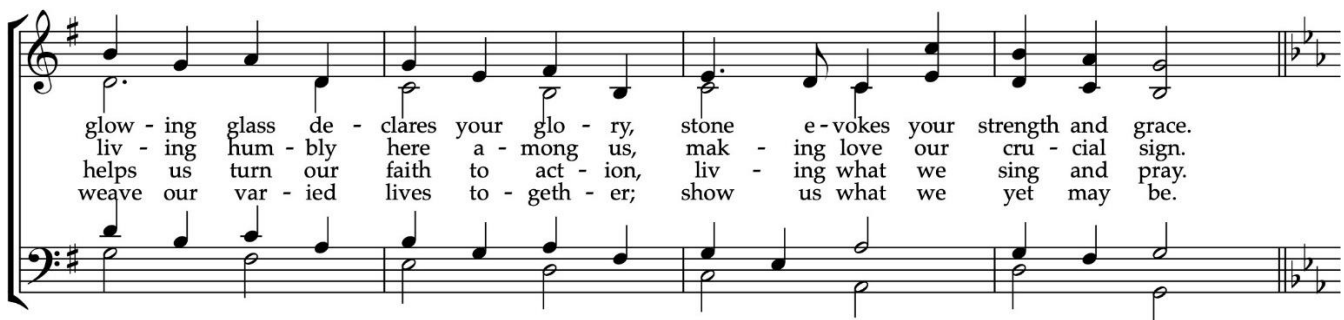
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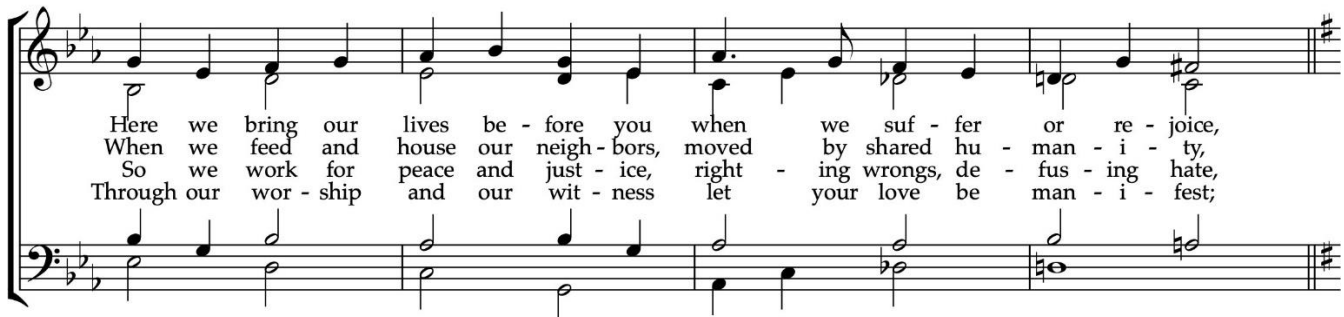
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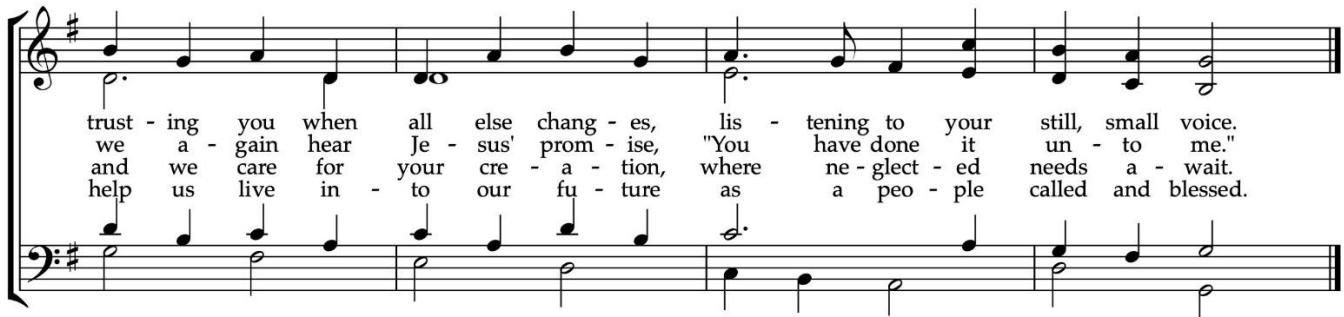
1. Faith - ful God, we seek your pres - ence, gath - ered in this hal - lowed place:
2. Once you spoke to us through Je - sus, Word both hu - man and di - vine,
3. Ev - en now your Spir - it guides us, shapes our choic - es day by day,
4. Tri - une God, di - verse and act - ive, source of all com - mun - i - ty,



glow - ing glass de - clares your glo - ry, stone e - vokes your strength and grace.
liv - ing hum - bly here a - mong us, mak - ing love our cru - cial sign.
helps us turn our faith to act - ion, liv - ing what we sing and pray.
weave our var - ied lives to - geth - er; show us what we yet may be.



Here we bring our lives be - fore you when we suf - fer or re - joice,
When we feed and house our neigh - bors, moved by shared hu - man - i - ty,
So we work for peace and just - ice, right - ing wrongs, de - fus - ing hate,
Through our wor - ship and our wit - ness let your love be man - i - fest;



trust - ing you when all else chang - es, lis - tening to your still, small voice.
we a - gain hear Je - sus' prom - ise, "You have done it un - to me."
and we care for your cre - a - tion, where ne - glect - ed needs a - wait.
help us live in - to our fu - ture as a peo - ple called and blessed.

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KNOX JONES
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ADULT EDUCATION

TODAY, MAY 19

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 fourth class of this series. You are welcome to join even if you missed the other classes. See above for class description.

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

**African American Reparation Report for
the City of Wilmington, Delaware**

Hear highlights of the report presented to City Council to address historical injustices and build a path to equity and access.

May 23 | 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](#).

SUMMER WORSHIP

May 26 – September 1

One Service:

9:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

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

MUSIC STAFF

Dr. F. Anthony Thurman, Director of Music/Organist
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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Bob Cox, Sara Dubberly, Rob Gooderham, Laura Holmes, Carla Krupanski, Daniel Malzhan,
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WESTMINSTER CHOIR SPRING CONCERT

🎵 *My Spirit Sings* 🎵

Today | 3 p.m.



The Westminster Choir's Spring Concert, *My Spirit Sings*, will feature hymns and anthems celebrating the gift of music and songs of the spirit accompanied by Ted Barr, piano, and Tony Thurman, organ. All are invited to this in-person and livestreamed concert. A free-will offering will be collected to support Westminster's Music Fund. Suggested contribution: \$20.

Join us in person or livestream at wpc.org/watch
or directly on Westminster's [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 today.**

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