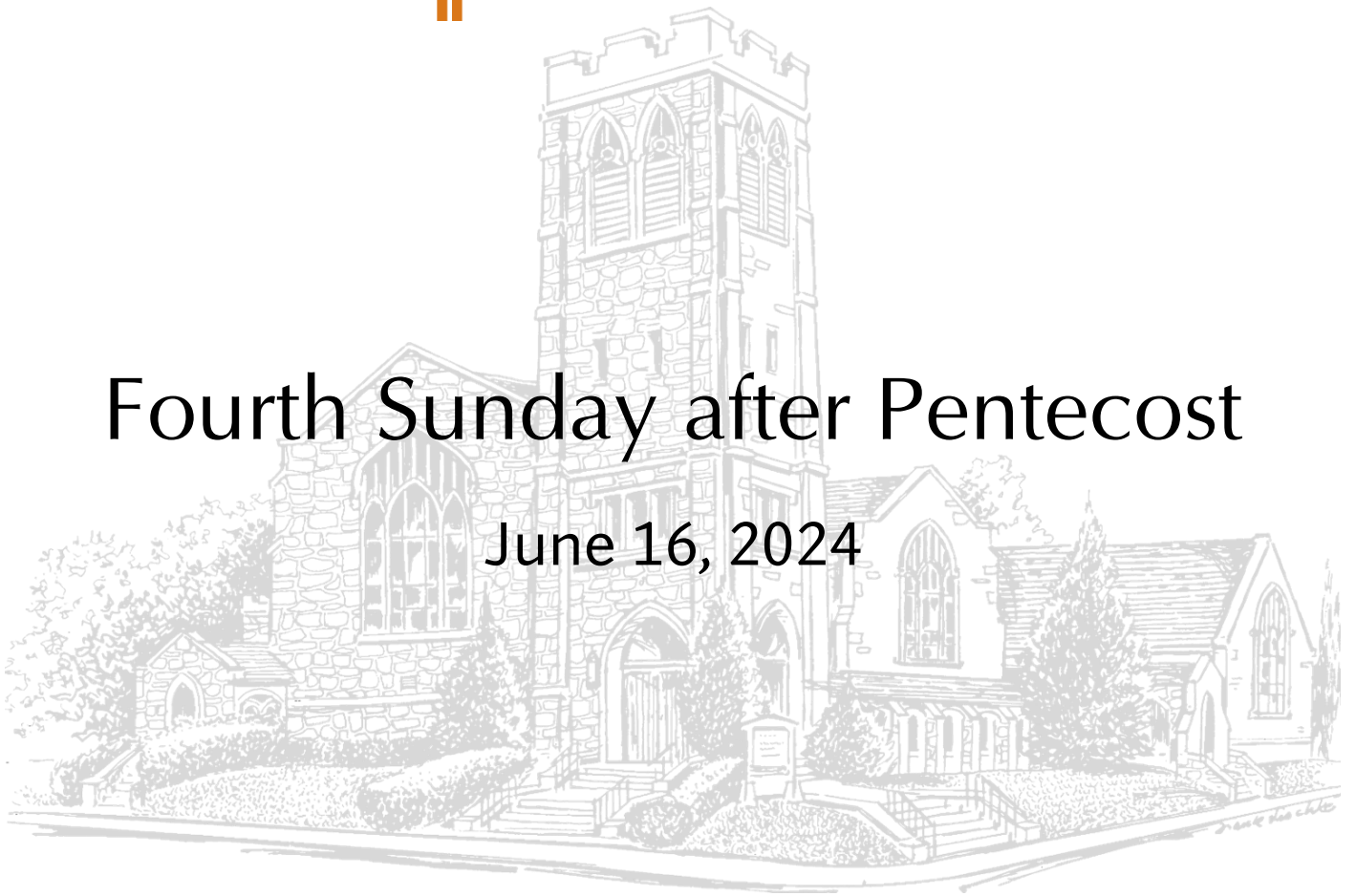




WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 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

9:15 – 10:45 a.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.

10:40 – 11:40 a.m. **DCMEP Speaker** Mae Elise Cannon in Rodney Chapel

12:00 – 12:45 p.m. **Flying Solo brunch** at Scout Café, 2316 Baynard Blvd
Wilmington, DE 19802

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

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Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon is the executive director of Churches for Middle East Peace and an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC). Cannon holds an MDiv from North Park Theological Seminary, an MBA from North Park University's School of Business and Nonprofit Management, and an MA in bioethics from Trinity International University. She received her first doctorate in American History with a minor in Middle Eastern studies at the University of California (Davis) focusing on the history of the American Protestant church in Israel and Palestine and her second doctorate in Ministry in Spiritual Formation from Northern Theological Seminary. She is the author of several books including the award-winning *Social Justice Handbook: Small Steps for a Better World* and editor of *A Land Full of God: Christian Perspectives on the Holy Land*. Her work has been highlighted in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, CNN, *Chicago Tribune*, *Christianity Today*, *Leadership Magazine*, *The Christian Post*, *Jerusalem Post*, *EU Parliament Magazine*, *Huffington Post*, and other international media outlets.

The Music: Today's anthem was arranged by Westminster's Director of Music in 2020 and dedicated to Westminster Presbyterian Church and U.S. President Elect Joe Biden. This prayer for peace by Lloyd Stone and Georgia Harkness is set to the famous FINLANDIA hymn tune by Jean Sibelius. 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 loving memory of Barbara Wheatley by her family. Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event. Available flower dates are July 21, 28; August 4, 18, 25; September 8, 15, and 29. 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.

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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

Tim Ohmart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

Let Justice Roll

Ken Medema

CALL TO WORSHIP

Faith is fragile in a world plagued by suffering and evil.

Hope is cautious in a world crucified by injustice.

Our world is but a shadow of the greatness for which God created it.

And yet we cling to the vision of scripture

that God intends for the world to become a realm of justice and peace.

*HYMN NO. 372

O for a World

AZMON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you urge us to be reconciled to you and to one another,
but we confess that the circle of love is repeatedly broken.

We often divide into separate circles:

the inner circle and the outer circle,

the circle of power and the circle of despair,

the circle of privilege and the circle of deprivation.

We confess that the circle of love is broken

whenever there is alienation,

whenever there is prejudice,

whenever there is neglect or a hardening of the heart.

Forgive us our sins, transform our hearts and minds

and help us to recreate circles of love in the world.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

(See "Today at Westminster" on page 2)

ANTHEM

This Is My Song

Jean Sibelius
arr. F. Anthony Thurman

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine;
this is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine:
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine:
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

May truth and freedom come to every nation;
may peace abound where strife has raged so long;
that each may seek to love and build together,
a world united, righting every wrong;
a world united in its love for freedom,
proclaiming peace together in one song.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all the earth's kingdoms:
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:9

New Testament, page 4

SERMON

What makes for Peace?

Mae Elise Cannon

*HYMN NO. 378

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

MERLE'S TUNE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

I've Got Peace Like a River

Spiritual/arr. Robert J. Powell

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gregory Knox Jones

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. 373

O Day of Peace

JERUSALEM

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on AZMON

Frederick L. Swann

**Following worship, please join us for iced tea and fellowship
in the Meeting Room (adjacent to Rodney Chapel).**

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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~ YOUTH ART DISPLAY IN THE HALLWAY ~

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!

Blood Drive at Westminster

Saturday, June 29, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Walton Community Hall



Westminster is hosting a blood drive on June 29 for the Delmarva Blood Bank. You can either register online in advance at bit.ly/blood-drive-2024 or just walk in. It only takes an hour of your time to donate your blood, but the good feeling you have for helping to save a life lasts a long time. Thank 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

**Crisis Intervention Teams – A
Partnership with Police**

*With Wes Ingram, NAMI, and
Lt. Harold Bozeman, Wilmington
Police Department*

June 20 | 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](#).

Faith in Action: Christian Approaches to Peacebuilding in Palestine/Israel

Special guest at Westminster today



This morning, Westminster is pleased to welcome the [Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon](#), Executive Director of Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP). She will preach at our 9:30 a.m. service followed by a presentation at 10:45.

CMEP is a coalition of more than 35 national Christian denominations working to actively promote just, lasting, and comprehensive resolutions to conflicts in the Middle East. Dr. Cannon will discuss the events that have unfolded in the Holy Land since October 7. She will share her thoughts on the war in Gaza and what it means for people of faith to pursue peace and advocate for justice in Israeli/Palestine. Join us to hear her perspective on this heart-wrenching situation.

Countdown to Summer Brunch

Sunday, June 23, 10:30 a.m.



Q. What completes the equation?

Brunch + Friends + _____ =

A great kick-off to the summer season!

A. **YOU** complete the equation!

Our Summer Brunch will be incomplete without YOU. Please join us in Walton Community Hall on June 23 after the 9:30 a.m. worship service for delicious food prepared by our Deacons and fabulous fellowship with church family and visitors.

Let's Explore Books by Diana Butler Bass

SIGN UP FOR A DISCUSSION GROUP TODAY!

Discussion groups start July 2



We are excited to announce that in preparation for Diana Butler Bass's visit to Westminster in September we have five discussion groups planned over July, August, and September. We'll continue to sell three of her inspiring books: *Freeing Jesus*, *Grateful*, and *Christianity After Religion* on Sundays. Each book offers great insights and perspectives on faith and spirituality.

We invite you to purchase a book (or two) and sign up for a discussion group at bit.ly/DBB-Book-Group where we'll explore the themes and impact of her message. You'll find dates, times, and locations through the link. Please join us!

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The Rev. Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

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