



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Solidarity Sunday

July 21, 2024

Churches for Middle East Peace across the country are joining together on Solidarity Sunday to pray in our congregations for peace in the Holy Land.

**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 (9:45 – 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.

**10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**      **Christian Palestinian Voices from the Holy Land Video**  
in Classroom 6

**10:40 – 11:40 a.m.**      **Vision 2030 Congregational Meeting** in Walton Community Hall

**10:40 – 11:30 a.m.**      **Backpack letter stuffing** in Rodney Chapel

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

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**We welcome to our pulpit** the Rev. Dr. William D. Hess II, who is a native of the Pittsburgh area and a Penn State graduate. He is a lifelong Presbyterian and holds three theological degrees from Ashland, Princeton, and Pittsburgh seminaries. Bill has served congregations in Ohio, Allentown, McKeesport, and for 26 years at First Presbyterian Church, West Chester, from which he retired and for which he is Pastor Emeritus. He has also served as a Transitional Pastor for conflicted congregations in Downingtown, Swarthmore, Media, and Bethlehem. As a Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow, Bill and Bev have hosted 16 high school students through the Youth Exchange program. Bill has been active in mission relationships in Villa Nueva, Guatemala, Mthatha, South Africa, and Mysore, India. Bev and Bill have been married for 51 years and have three adult children and six grandchildren.

Dr. Jones is preaching at the historic Bay Head Chapel in Bay Head, New Jersey this morning.

**The Music:** The soloist is Margaret Mezzacappa, our alto section leader in the Westminster Choir. The Ohio native rose to prominence in the opera world as the Grand Prize Winner of the 2012 Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions. A graduate of Philadelphia's Academy of Vocal Arts, she has performed with Opera Philadelphia, Opera New Jersey, San Francisco Opera, the Philadelphia Orchestra, Columbus Symphony, Phoenix Symphony, Allentown Symphony, and with the Germantown Oratorio Choir & Orchestra. In addition, we are honored to welcome internationally acclaimed concert pianist and Steinway Artist Gayle Martin back to Westminster. The Houston native has given solo performances and appeared with orchestras around the world. She achieved international prominence as the sole American laureate in the sixth International Tchaikovsky Piano Competition in Moscow—the third American woman ever to reach the finals. Gayle is a Juilliard graduate where she was one of the last students of the famed pedagogue Rosina Lhévinne. We are blessed to have these talented ladies sharing their gifts in worship today.

**The sanctuary flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Martha and Henry Tatnall and in celebration of Henry's 92nd birthday. Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event. Available flower dates are August 4, 25; and October 6, 20, 27; November 3, 17; December 1 and 29. Please contact Linda Watson at (302) 571-6719 or [lwatson@ycst.com](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com).

**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

Jill Getty

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mark Mosher

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

*Meditation on FINLANDIA*

Gayle Martin, piano

Jean Sibelius  
arr. Victor Labenske

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come to worship the living God.

**We are not here to escape the world.**

We are here to get a new perspective on the world.

We are here to reconsider the world, to discover God's view of it.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

\*HYMN No. 373

*O Day of Peace*

JERUSALEM

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we confess that we stray from your path**

**when we live only for ourselves,**

**when we turn from our neighbors and refuse to share their burdens,**

**and when we ignore the pain of the world by neglecting the poor and the ill.**

**Free us from our fears and our self-centered ways**

**and inspire us to follow your way of compassion-fueled justice**

**so that we may experience the abundant lives you urge us to live. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

(See "Today at Westminster" on page 2)

Jan Patrick

**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.



SOLO

*Prayer of St. Francis*  
Margaret Mezzacappa, mezzo soprano

Allen Pote

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord;  
where there is doubt, let there be faith;  
where there's despair, let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, let there be light;  
where there is sadness, let there be joy.  
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 2:11-22

New Testament, page 170

SERMON

"Providence"

Bill Hess

\*HYMN No. 340

*This Is My Song*

FINLANDIA

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Theme from Schindler's List*

John Williams

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. 756

*O God of Every Nation*

LLANGLOFFAN

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*O Day of Peace*

Charles Callahan

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# SOLIDARITY SUNDAY ~ JULY 21, 2024 ~ Praying for Peace in Gaza and the Middle East

Westminster has, for many years, supported and partnered with Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) in their vision of working toward a just peace for all of God's people who call Israel/Palestine the Holy Land. Please join churches around the country, and the world, and take time during worship and throughout the day to pray for a lasting, just peace where Israelis and Palestinians, Jews, Christians and Muslims can all live in safety, dignity and mutual respect. Surely, this is what God desires for us! CMEP materials will be available on the literature table.

## Action Steps to Consider

As CMEP continues to pursue peace in this time of profound crisis throughout the Middle East, CMEP encourages people to:

- Join CMEP weekly from 12:30-1:00 PM EST for community prayer via Zoom:
  - <https://cmep.org/wednesday-prayer/>
- Read and reflect using CMEP Prayers for Peace blog:
  - <https://cmep.org/blog/p4p/>
- Join CMEP in-person in Washington DC or online on July 24 for a Prayer Vigil ahead of Netanyahu's address to congress:
  - <https://cmep.org/event/joint-prayer-service-for-netanyahu-speaking-at-congress/>
- Attend CMEP webinars and other events which can be found online:
  - <https://cmep.org/events/>



# COMING SOON

## 2025 Stewardship Campaign

# ADULT EDUCATION

## 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  
([randywilliamson1@comcast.net](mailto:randywilliamson1@comcast.net))  
and Mary Anne Peters

### Peace and Justice Thursday Evening Education Event

**No peace and justice event on July 25.**  
We will be attending the Braeloch Brewing social (see page 7). Join us!

**Next peace and justice event:**  
**August 1 | 7 p.m. | Zoom**  
Zoom link: [bit.ly/peace-justice-zoom](https://bit.ly/peace-justice-zoom)  
Hosted by our Peace & Justice Work Group.  
[zoom.us/join](https://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](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](#).

## Join a Small Group Meeting to Discuss Congregational Vitality and the Future of Christianity

**Today, July 28, and August 4**

**Following the 9:30 a.m. worship service | Walton Community Hall**

Being a “Matthew 25 Church” means we are committed to three focus areas: *Dismantling Structural Racism*, *Eradicating Systemic Poverty*, and *Building Congregational Vitality*. The first two areas have had our attention for many years. The third brings us an opportunity to invite our congregation to be more engaged in this exciting spiritual community and provide input into this critical time of change in the church. We’re providing discussion opportunities through congregational small group meetings to explore this transformational period. Each one of you has something to add that will put a finer point on the complexities that face us, and each will be able to help us shape a joyful and meaningful future. We look forward to engaging with you!

## Let’s Explore Books by Diana Butler Bass

**SIGN UP FOR A DISCUSSION GROUP TODAY!**

**Up next: Tuesday, July 23, 5–6 p.m.**



In preparation for Diana Butler Bass’s visit to Westminster in September, we have discussion groups planned over July, August, and September that are focused on three of her inspiring books – *Freeing Jesus*, *Grateful*, and *Christianity After Religion*. 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](https://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!



**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

# **Vacation Bible School 2024**

**July 22–26 | 8:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Age 4/Pre-K to Grade 6 | Cost: FREE!**



“HERO HOTLINE” is our theme for this summer's Vacation Bible School (VBS). We hope you can join us for a fun-filled week of Bible stories, games, music, snacks, and crafts. There is NO FEE to participate in VBS!

**Register now at:**  
[myvbs.org/wpcdelaware](https://myvbs.org/wpcdelaware)  
**or scan the QR code →**  
*Please complete one registration form per child.*



If you have any questions, please contact our Director of VBS, Robin Rosser, at [rlrosser@aol.com](mailto:rlrosser@aol.com) or (302) 545-4591.

## **SUMMER HAPPY HOUR**

at Braeloch Brewing in Kennett Square

**Thursday, July 25, 6–8 p.m.**



All members and friends are invited to gather at [Braeloch Brewing](#) in Kennett Square on Thursday, July 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. Westminster will provide a lite fare; attendees are asked to please purchase their own beverages (craft brews and ciders, wine, and soft drinks available). We will have a section reserved inside.

**RSVP at [bit.ly/braeloch-rsvp-2024](https://bit.ly/braeloch-rsvp-2024)**  
**or by contacting Carrie Saathoff at:**  
[carriesaathoff@hotmail.com](mailto:carriesaathoff@hotmail.com)

Braeloch Brewing is located at [225 Birch St, Kennett Square, PA 19348](#) (next to The Creamery). See you there!



## **Save the Date! Ice Cream Social**

**Sunday, August 18 | 10:30 a.m. | Walton Community Hall**

### **PASTORAL STAFF**

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  
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### **SESSION**

Taryn Albert, Adam Blackford, Michelle Butler, Sally Buttner, John Carpenter, Clark Collins,  
Bob Cox, Sara Dubberly, Rob Gooderham, Laura Holmes, Carla Krupanski, Daniel Malzhan,  
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