



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 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 (9:45 – 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.

11:00 – 12:00 p.m. **Flying Solo Brunch** at Zollie's Jazz Cucina, 414 Delaware Street, Historic New Castle, DE.

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

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The Music: Today's soloist is Rebecca Hughes, our soprano section leader in the Westminster Choir. The Delaware County native has received critical praise for her "voice of rare beauty and exceptional power." Rebecca is a graduate of Temple University where she majored in voice and was a student of Benita Valente. She is a regular soloist at Westminster and has been a featured soloist with the Germantown Oratorio Choir & Orchestra in Philadelphia. We are blessed to have her sharing her gifts in worship today.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Arthur C. Butters by his wife, Anna. Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event. Available flower dates are August 4, 18, 25; and September 29. 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 John Watson Christman, born on May 20. John is the son of Susannah Eckman Christman and Michael Christman, and grandson of Rick and Susan Eckman.

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

A Litany of Joy

Alfred V. Fedak

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift your hearts! Lift your eyes! Lift your voices!

The living, moving Spirit of God calls us together.

What will happen to us if we open our lives to God's Spirit?

We will be alert for the surprises of God.

*HYMN NO. 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, restore our eyesight and awaken our insight.

We are in the presence of holiness,

but we fail to discern it.

We stand in the midst of your dynamic Spirit,

yet we do not perceive it.

We walk on the road of newness,

but we see only the dust and signs of the old.

Help us to see your activity in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary,

so that we may be aware of your power and work.

We pray in the name of the one who opens the eyes of the blind,

heals the souls of the wounded,

and commissions us to spread God's love in the world. Amen.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

(See "Today at Westminster" on page 2)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 6:1-13

New Testament, page 35

SERMON

Gregory Knox Jones

OFFERING

Come! Live In the Light!
Shine with the Joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God!

We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
So hatred and blindness will be no more!

Sing! Sing a New Song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with other
As sisters and brothers united in love!

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

When Jesus attended the wedding in Cana
he demonstrated the extravagance of God's love.

**We accept God's invitation to join the amazing feast
and to drink the nourishing cup of salvation.**

*HYMN NO. 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Eternal God...

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

The Lord's Supper is open to all who trust in Christ. To receive communion by intinction,
please approach the station on either the lectern or pulpit side, take a piece of bread and dip it in the chalice.

If you prefer packaged communion elements, you will find those in the bread basket.

Please return to your seat to partake of the packaged elements. If you are unable to come to a station,
please tell an usher so that you may be served. If you are sitting in the balcony, you will be served in your pew.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 542

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

GOD BE WITH YOU

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Promenade in G Major

McNeil Robinson

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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

Destructive vs. Constructive Conflict
How can conflict become destructive
and how can it be made constructive?
With David McBride

July 11 | 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

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Select adult education
programs are available as
a livestream/recording on
our [YouTube channel](#).

Let's Explore Books by Diana Butler Bass

SIGN UP FOR A DISCUSSION GROUP TODAY!

Discussion groups began 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!

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
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 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](https://www.braelochbrewing.com) 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
or by contacting Carrie Saathoff at:
carriesaathoff@hotmail.com

Braeloch Brewing is located at [225 Birch St, Kennett Square, PA 19348](https://www.braelochbrewing.com) (next to The Creamery).
See you there!

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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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