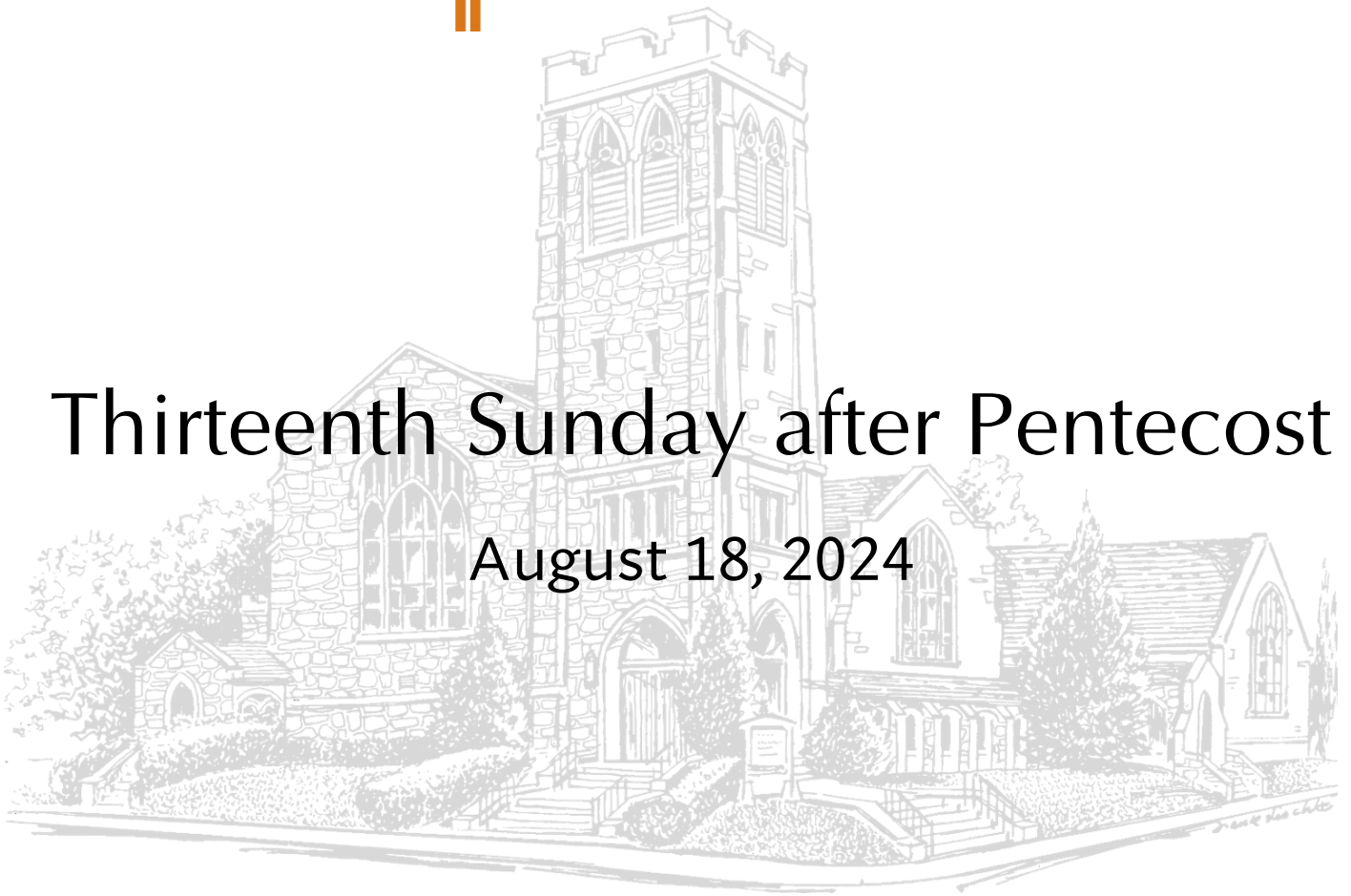




WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 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 fifth 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 fifth grade in Preschool Suite Room C

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. **Ice Cream Social** in Walton Community Hall
(see announcement on page 7)

10:45 – 12:30 pm **Flying Solo brunch** at Schaeffer's Canal House, Chesapeake City, MD
Carpool from church parking lot or meet at restaurant at 11:30.

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

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The Music: We welcome Luigi Mazzocchi back to Westminster as our instrumental soloist today. Mr. Mazzocchi is the Concertmaster of the Philadelphia Ballet Orchestra, the Lancaster Symphony, the Black Pearl Chamber Orchestra, and the Ocean City Pops Orchestra; he is also Associate Concertmaster of the Delaware Symphony and a member of Opera Philadelphia, the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, the West Jersey Chamber Orchestra, the NoName Pops, the Pyxis Piano Trio, and Camerata Philadelphia. Luigi is an artistic director of Artcinia and has served as substitute violinist and a teaching artist for the Philadelphia Orchestra. He has also performed with the Philly Pops, Orchestra 2001, the Philadelphia Classical Symphony, the Serafin and Dalí String Quartets, the Pagode Project, and Alô Brasil. The Venezuela native studied violin with Liliana Ciulei and Helen Kwalwasser at Rowan and Temple Universities and is a prizewinning soloist in the U.S., Latin America, and Puerto Rico.

Our vocal 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 these extraordinary musicians sharing their gifts in worship today.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her brother, Thomas S. Vane, by Mary Vane. Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event. Available flower dates are August 25; October 6, 20, 27; November 3, 17; December 1 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

Partita No. 2 (Sarabanda)
Luigi Mazzocchi, violin

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as a family of faith to listen for a word from God.

We come eager for an encounter with our Creator.

Let us open our hearts, our minds, and our souls

so that we may be transformed by God's Spirit.

*HYMN NO. 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God,

**We give great thanks for our community of faith and
for the ways it serves as our extended family:**

**by welcoming us when we are anxious and lonely,
by embracing us when we are marginally lovable,
by encouraging us when our confidence is evaporating,
by elevating us when we feel dispirited,
by cheering us when we have something to celebrate,
and by supporting us when we face challenges.**

**Help us deepen our bonds to share your love with one another
and with a divided and chaotic world that is starving for love.**

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

(See "Today at Westminster" on page 2)

Blessing of the Backpacks

ANTHEM

Make a Rainbow
Rebecca Hughes, soprano

Portia Nelson

Red and white and black and yellow,
tan and brown and tearful blue.
These are the colors of children
everywhere, just like me and you.
Orange ice and meadows of marigold,
pink balloons and teddy-bear brown;
these are the colors that children
everywhere love to have around.

Make a rainbow, make a rainbow,
let the colors dance and shine;
make a rainbow 'til that rainbow
is a beautiful design of
red and white and black and yellow.
All so different, yet the same.
Rainbows will sparkle when children
everywhere answer to one name.

Make a rainbow, make a rainbow,
'til the skies are clear above.
And we know that the colors of children
everywhere shine in a world of love.
Red and white and black and yellow
like the rainbow high above.
Let us make the colors of children
everywhere shine in a world of love.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 11:12-19

New Testament, page 41

SERMON

Gregory Knox Jones

*HYMN NO. 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Orchestral Suite No. 3 (Air)

Bach

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Randy Clayton

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. 305

Come Sing, O Church in Joy

DARWALL'S 148TH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Partita No. 3 (Gavotte en Rondeau)

Bach

**Following worship, please join us in Walton Community Hall
for the Ice Cream Social.**

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2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



Generosity (/jěn"ə-rōs'ī-tē/) *n.* 1. Liberality in giving or willingness to give. 2. Kindness or magnanimity. 3. Amplitude; abundance.

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

**Clean Slate Delaware – Record
Expungement Process**

*With John Reynolds, Deputy Policy &
Advocacy Director, ACLU DE*

August 22 | 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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check our events calendar
at WPC.ORG/EVENTS.

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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!

Up next: Thursday, August 29, 7 p.m. on Zoom



In preparation for Diana Butler Bass's visit to Westminster in September, we have discussion groups planned during 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 where we'll explore the themes and impact of her message. You'll find dates, times, and locations through the link. Please join us!

BACKPACKS PROJECT 2024

Fresh Start for the School Year



This year our Backpacks Project will help students in need at five local schools, Family Promise, and an after-school program at Jesus es El Camino in Guatemala City. You can support this mission outreach by purchasing school supplies to fill one (or more!) backpack(s) or by making a financial donation to cover the cost for **each** student you wish to help, which is \$20 for a local student and \$30 for a Guatemala student. Write a check (payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church with "Backpacks" in the memo line) or give online at wpc.org/donate (click on "DONATE NOW" and choose Backpacks Project from the Fund drop-down list). For more details, see the [July/August Chimes](#) article.

As our pastors bless these supplies and our WPC student backpacks this morning, we are grateful for this opportunity to make a difference in a child's life.

Come Join Our

ICE Cream Social

TODAY

**10:30 a.m. (immediately following worship)
Walton Community Hall**

Join us for ice cream, cookies, games, and fellowship!

PASTORAL STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff
The Rev. Dr. Randall Clayton, Bridge Pastor
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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Dan Weintraub and Jenn Barrington

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Sydney Walker, Associate Director of Youth Ministry
Stephanie Burris-White, Director of Preschool Ministries and Beatrice Taylor, Nursery

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