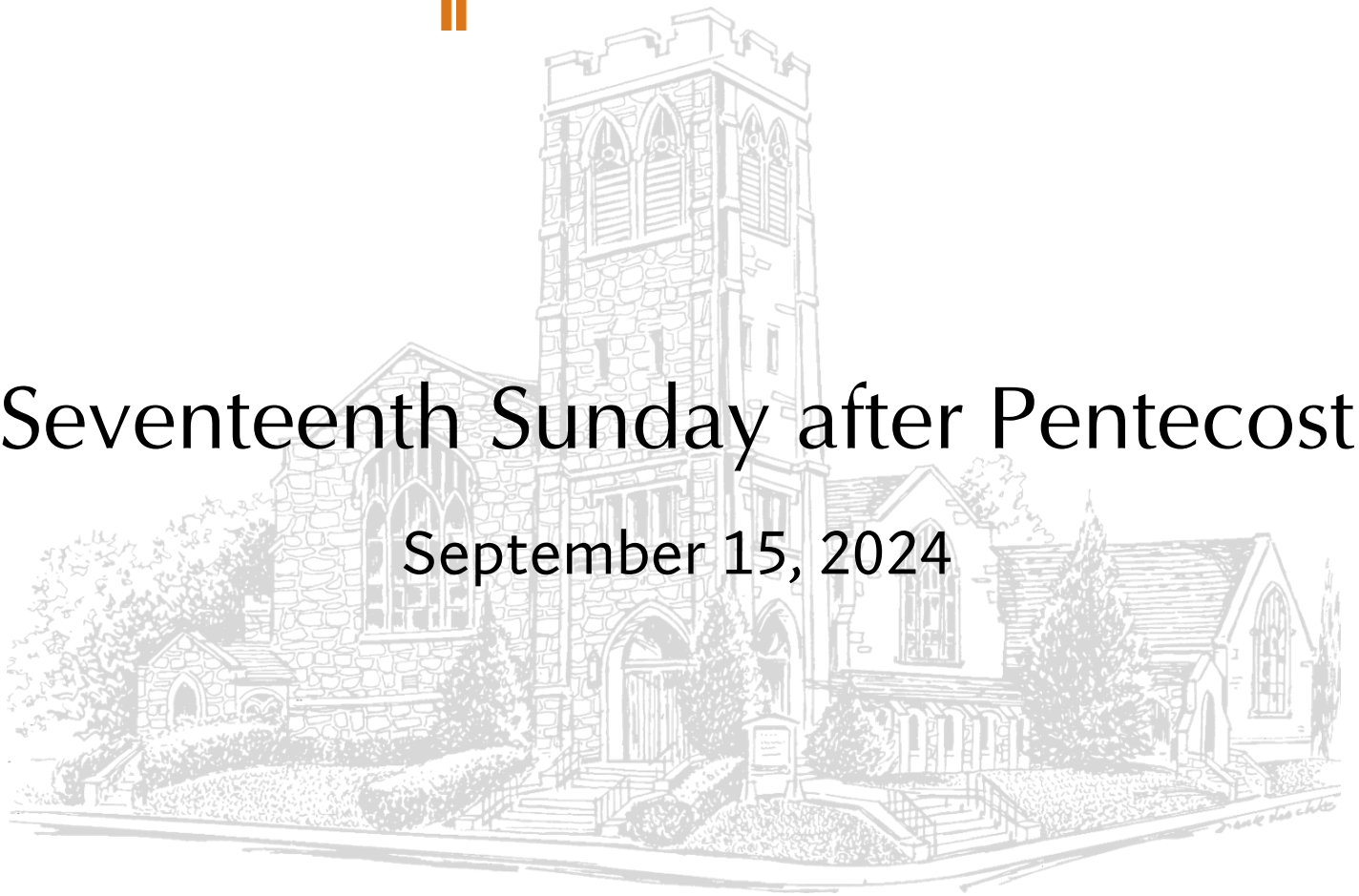




# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 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.)**

- Preschool Sunday School: Ages 3 and 4 in the Preschool Suite Classroom C
- Joyful Noise Choir: Kindergarten–Grade 5 in the Youth Music Room

**10:30 – 11:15 a.m.**      **Holy Toast Café Returns!** Join us for coffee, treats and time with new and old friends in Classroom 6.

**10:40 – 11:30 a.m.**      **Adult Education**

- Diana Butler Bass in Walton Community Hall

**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 Faith Zone: Grades 6-8 in Classroom 7
- High School Connect Group: Grades 9-12 in WPC Library

**11:00 – 11:45 a.m.**      **Flying Solo Brunch** at Kid Shelleen's Trolley Square

**5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**      **180° Youth Ministry** kick off (grades 6-12) in Walton Community Hall, Classroom 6 and 7

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

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**Worship:** Dr. Diana Butler Bass, preaching today, is an award-winning author and sought-after speaker on topics of American religion and contemporary spirituality. She has a PhD in religious studies from Duke University and has written 11 books. She is focused on the current and future state of the Christian church in North America.

**The Music:** We are honored to have internationally acclaimed concert pianist and Steinway Artist Gayle Martin and Ted Barr sharing their gifts in worship. Gayle and Ted will perform in the inaugural concerts for the Rodney Chapel Steinway & Sons concert grand piano on Friday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, September 22 at 3 p.m. A champagne reception follows. Seating is limited and advance tickets (\$25) are required. No tickets will be sold at the door. Purchase tickets online at [wpc.org/music](http://wpc.org/music).

**The flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dick May by his family. Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event. Available flower dates are October 6, 20, 27 and December 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).

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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

(Please sign and pass the friendship pads)

Gregory Knox Jones

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
Ted Barr and Tony Thurman, four-hand piano

Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP

Randall T. Clayton

A new day has dawned; a day ripe with possibilities.

**Now is the time for new beginnings,  
a time to encounter God anew.**

God calls us to new commitments and new actions.

**We pray that we may be faithful to God's calling.**

\*HYMN NO. 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

NICAEA

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Gracious and loving God,  
we are deeply grateful that we may experience lives of joy,  
thanks to Christ's rising from the dead.**

**In his victory over death,  
you revealed yourself as a God of transformation  
who is forever working to bring  
good out of evil,**

**justice out of inequity,  
peace out of strife  
and hope out of despair.**

**Through all the peaks and valleys of our lives,  
we pray that our resurrection faith may live within us  
as a mighty source of strength and guidance and confidence  
so that we may live the bold spiritual adventure you call us to live.  
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

(See "Today at Westminster" on page 2)

**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.



ANTHEM

*In This Place*

Donna Butler

In this place we honor all the spirits who dreamed this sacred space,  
Reaching out and reaching in to share the gift of faith.  
Ev'ry soul is welcome in this covenant of grace.  
Beloved child of God, join our table, take your place.  
It was only glass and stone when I first walked through the door,  
But something stirred my spirit here and now it's so much more.  
Our hearts and doors stand open, surely God is in this place.  
May the light of loving kindness shine from each and ev'ry face in this place.  
In this place we gather to soar on hope and awe.  
With your wisdom, clear our vision, help us face our flaws.  
Equip us with a growing understanding of your grace.  
Then, send us out to those in need of your embrace.  
What is the future? What are we called to do?  
We're filled with possibility because we follow you. — Kathy Burdette

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 3:1-12  
Proverbs 1:20-33

New Testament, page 203  
Old Testament, pages 546-547

SERMON

*Wisdom Cries Out in the Street*

Diana Butler Bass

\*HYMN NO. 315

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*  
Verses 1 and 5: All ; Verse 2: Women; Verse 3: Men; Verse 4: Choir

NEW DIMENSIONS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*  
Gayle Martin, piano

J.S. Bach

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 (see page 5)

*All the Colors of the Rainbow*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune on WESTMINSTER NEW*

John S. Dixon

**Please join us for Dr. Butler Bass' talk in Walton Community Hall.  
Coffee and tea are available in Classroom 6 (adjoining Walton Community Hall).**

# All the Colors of the Rainbow

Carl P. Daw

ABBOT'S LEIGH  
Cyril V. Taylor

1. All the co - lours of the rain-bow live un - seen in dai - ly light,  
2. All the bo - dy's parts are wan - ted, nor can one de - spise the rest:  
3. Ev - ery lang - uage gains more mu - sic when the words for peace ap - pear:  
4. Teach us, God, our need of oth - ers; through them help us ful - ly live.

but their splen - dors find ex - pres - sion when re - leased to hu - man sight;  
head and hand must work to - get - ther, as must eye and ear and chest;  
Pax, Sa - laam, Ei - ri - ni, Hei - wa, Pa - ce, San - ti, Frie den, Mir.  
Wean us from our sel - fish hab - its; let us list - en, learn, for - give.

so the church re - veals most beau - ty where di - ver - si - ty is real:  
so the church needs all its mem - bers for a range of min - i - stries:  
Though our tongues make sounds that va - ry all be - speak a com - mon home:  
May we see your longed - for im - age in each hu - man heart and face,

breadth of race and class and gen - der, room for doubt and space to heal.  
var - ied gifts with one great mis - sion, "Do this for the least of these."  
long - ing for the end of con - flict and a new life in God's Sha - lom.  
and be - hold how those a - round us can be chan - nels of your grace.

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# ADULT EDUCATION

TODAY, SEPTEMBER 15



## Distinguished Speaker: Dr. Diana Butler Bass

“The New Christian Awakening”

10:40–11:30 a.m. | Walton Community Hall

Dr. Diana Butler Bass, award-winning author, popular speaker, and inspiring preacher, is Westminster’s 2024 Distinguished Speaker today.

As a recognized expert on the state of Christianity and the church in North America, she will preach during the 9:30 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary and then speak during the education hour at 10:40 a.m. (immediately after worship) in Walton Community Hall on the lower level. All are invited!

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

### Wilmington Kitchen Collective

*Presented by the Rev. Chelsea Spyres, Pastor and Executive Director of Riverfront Ministries*

10:40–11:30 a.m. | Rodney Chapel



Westminster is now a part of the Wilmington Kitchen Collective, a shared kitchen space for culinary entrepreneurs to experience community and support while

trying to launch their small businesses. By transforming our physical space into a hub for local ministries, we are taking a significant step towards realizing our vision for a more just, compassionate, and inclusive society.

### Hopes and Challenges of Providing Relief to War Torn Gaza

*Presented by Mara Kronenfeld, Executive Director, UNRWA-USA*

10:40–11:30 a.m. | Classroom 6 and Zoom

Zoom link: [bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom](https://bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom)

Please join Mara as she sheds light on the daily realities faced by Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank.

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

#### Zero Waste First State

*With Dee Durham, Co-founder, Plastic Free Delaware*

Come learn more about plastics in our environment!

September 19 | 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](#).

# Steinway & Sons Grand Piano Inauguration Concert

Friday, September 20 | 7:30 p.m.

Repeat Performance: Sunday, September 22, 3 p.m.



As part of our **Rodney Chapel Concert Series**, the *Steinway & Sons Grand Piano Inauguration* concert on Friday, September 20, at 7:30 p.m., will feature Gayle Martin, Ted W. Barr, and F. Anthony Thurman, piano, and Margaret Mezzacappa, mezzo soprano, performing piano solos and duets including Schubert's *Fantasy in F Minor* plus popular songs from the '40s and '50s. Champagne reception following the concert.

The Steinway & Sons concert grand piano was given in memory of Fred and Betty Thurman.

**In person only | Limited seating | Advance tickets required: [wpc.org/music](http://wpc.org/music)**

## WHY SHOULD I PLEDGE TO WESTMINSTER?



- To support our inspiring worship, music, and Christian education programs
- To spread giving beyond our four walls into the local community and beyond
- To provide for the care and maintenance of our beautiful buildings and grounds
- To share your generosity as faithful servants of Christ

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