



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 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 and the Adult Music Room

10:30 – 11:15 a.m. **Holy Toast Café!** Join us for complimentary coffee, tea, treats and time with new and old friends in Rodney Chapel.

10:40 – 11:30 a.m. **Adult Education (see page 6)**

Children and Youth Programming

- Nursery Care: Age 4 and under in Preschool Suite D
- Kids Zone Sunday School: Kindergarten–Grade 5 in Classroom 1 & 2
- Middle School Faith Zone: Grades 6-8 in Classroom 7

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. **180° Youth Ministry** (grades 6-12) offsite for escape room fun followed by pizza.

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

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The Music: In observance of Peace Week Delaware, the Westminster Choir brings another anthem from the Jewish tradition—*Sim Shalom*, a prayer for peace. The text calls for civic responsibility, social action, and healing the world. The introduction to the work, written by Rabbi Louis J. Swichkow (Milwaukee, Wis.) states: “Peace does not come about by itself. We must dream of it, work and strive for it, sacrifice for it. When nations will have learned to mobilize their physical strength and vast resources for the preservation of peace, as they do for the prosecution of war, then, indeed, will we realize the bounties of peace.” These sentiments ring just as true today as when they were written in 1966.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of their family on their 62nd wedding anniversary by Margo and Gary Ramage. Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event. 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 Reece Arthur LeCompte born October 16th. The parents are Polly Reinicker LeCompte and Steve LeCompte and the grandparents are Sandy and Roger Reinicker.

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 Sara Gavenonis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Gregory Knox Jones

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE *With Grateful Heart I Thank You, Lord* Mary Kay Beall
arr. John Carter

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to give thanks to the Creator of all life.

**We will love the Lord our God with all our heart,
with all our soul and with all our mind.**

Seek to be faithful in all things, great and small
and recognize God's ownership of all you possess.

We will strive to be generous with all that we have.

*HYMN NO. 612 *We Praise You, O God* KREMSER
(Hymnals are located beneath the pew in front of you.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of creation,

**we give you thanks for this October day with all its color and crispness,
and for the countless gifts you have showered upon us.**

We pause to focus on how grateful we are

**for your power that sustains the earth and ushers forth new life,
for your strength that gives us courage when life is threatening,**

for the wisdom you shine upon our path,

for the guidance you weave into our minds,

for your love that brings us joy and binds us together,

and for your peace that overcomes our fear and infuses us with hope.

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN (See "Today at Westminster" on page 2.) Randall T. Clayton

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-11, 9:6-8 New Testament, pages 161, 162

SERMON

Testimony of Daniel Malzhan

HYMN NO. 716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (V.1)*

BEACH SPRING

Testimony of Karen Asenavage

HYMN NO. 716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (V. 2)*

BEACH SPRING

Testimony of John Gavenonis

*HYMN NO. 716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (V. 2)*

BEACH SPRING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Sim Shalom (Prayer for Peace)*

Max Janowski

Grant us peace, thy most precious gift, O thou eternal source of peace.
Bless our country, that it may be a stronghold of peace.
May contentment reign within its borders, bonds of friendship throughout the world.
Plant virtue in every soul and love for thy name in every heart.
Give us thy peace.

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. 757 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

KINGSFOLD

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Promenade in G Major

McNeil Robinson

NEW TO WESTMINSTER? Welcome. We are glad you are here. We hope that you will join us following worship in Rodney Chapel for refreshments (located on the 13th Street side of the building near the elevator). There will be a member standing near the blue "Welcome Visitors" sign at the entrance of Rodney Chapel who can answer any questions you might have about Westminster. The Friendship Pad will be passed during the service. We hope you sign it and give us your email or home address that we might welcome you with a follow-up contact. Gender-neutral, handicap restrooms are located between the pulpit transept and the tower entrance.

Please see the "I'm New" page of our website at wpc.org for more information about us.

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As you undoubtedly know, since the pandemic, expenses have increased dramatically in all segments of our lives and our church is no different. With your pledge, Westminster will continue to meet our congregational needs while maintaining our programs and outreach in the community. Your pledge makes all the difference.

2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Interested in Learning More About Westminster or Considering Membership?

Sundays, November 3 and 10 | 10:40 a.m. | Ruth Christie Room

(access through Rodney Chapel or the Ruth Christie Hallway)

Are you interested in learning more about this community of faith? Have you been considering membership at Westminster? Please join us for a two-session Membership Exploration Series on November 3 and 10 to discuss the Presbyterian tradition, Westminster's ministry and mission, and ways to connect with our church family. There will also be an opportunity to join the Westminster congregation at the end of the second session on November 10 for those who desire to do so. Questions? Please contact the Rev. Randall Clayton at (302) 654-5214 ext. 103 or rclayton@wpc.org.



ADULT EDUCATION

TODAY, OCTOBER 27

First-Hand Experience on the Ground in the West Bank and Jerusalem *presented by Kara Francis*

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

Zoom link: bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom

One year into the Israel-Hamas war, we know that people in Gaza are living in dire conditions daily. Palestinians in the West Bank are also suffering the impacts of the war. Kara Francis, a long-time WPC member, recently returned from a visit to the West Bank and will share her observations, experiences, and conversations with people and organizations there, and about what life has been like since October 7, 2023, for the millions of Palestinians residing in the West Bank.

Earth Care Crises

*Presented by Dave McBride
and Roger Reinicker*

10:40–11:30 a.m. | Classroom 5



Today's topic: "Proposed Remedies,
Mitigation and Adaptation"

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

America's Four Gods

Presented by Chip Pfleegor

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

Zoom link: bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom

This class discusses a book by two Baylor University sociologists that is the most comprehensive and illuminating survey of Americans' religious beliefs ever conducted. These two sociologists argue that many of America's most intractable social and political divisions arise from religious convictions that are deeply held but rarely discussed. This class will be what "we say about God – and what that says about us."



Working to End Family Homelessness

*Presented by Tyler Shade,
Executive Director, Family Promise
of Northern New Castle County*

10:40–11:30 a.m. | Classroom 5

Tyler will share an overview of Family Promise and their recent expansion, the agency's history, Westminster's role, and plans for the future.

ONGOING/WEEKLY

Online Bible Studies

Midweek Manna Bible Study

Wednesdays | 12 p.m. | Zoom

Contact: Robin Rosser (rosser@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

Policing the Police

PBS Frontline video and discussion

Documentary about the circumstances in Newark, NJ, as events there led to a consent decree with the Department of Justice in 2016.

October 31 | 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](#).

FIRST FRIDAY WALK FOR JUSTICE & PEACE

Friday, November 1 | 5:30–6:00 p.m. (rain or shine)

Start: The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew (SsAM), 719 N. Shipley Street

End: Rodney Square



Join us for our peaceful, prayerful walk through the center of Wilmington to promote an end to racial and social injustice and to reduce gun violence in our city. We gather in the SsAM parking lot with people from various faith communities to share in this active, visible commitment to justice and peace. We walk in silence, ending at Rodney Square. Please join us! And consider inviting friends to come with you, then perhaps staying downtown for dinner at one of the wonderful Wilmington restaurants!

CONCERT: Aria, Chanson & Lieder

Friday, November 1 | 7:30 p.m. | Rodney Chapel



Our Rodney Chapel Concert Series continues with *Aria, Chanson & Lieder* performed by Grant Youngblood, baritone, and Marvin Mills, piano. Wilmington's own favorite baritone is a renowned soloist who enjoys performing operatic roles in major opera houses from coast to coast—from the MET to San Francisco Opera—and has been praised for his exceptionally expressive artistry in recital. His program will include works by Handel, Purcell, Rachmaninov, Strauss, Tchaikovsky, and others. A wine and cheese reception follows.

***In person only* | Limited seating | Advance tickets required (\$25): wpc.org/music**

The online ticketing system will be available until Noon on November 1 or until the event is sold out.

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