



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025



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 – 11:45 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 Children's Choir: Youth Music Room

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

Holy Toast Café – Join us for complimentary coffee, tea, treats and time with new and old friends in Rodney Chapel.

Children and Youth Programming

- Kids Zone Sunday School: Kindergarten-Grade 5 in Classrooms 1 and 2
- Middle School Faith Zone: Grades 6-8 in Classroom 7
- High School Connect: Grades 9-12 in the Library

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

The Music: On this Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend, our service music has been selected to reflect Dr. King's "great dream" and to inspire us to reconciliation and justice in our world. On April 4, 1968, as Dr. King stood on the second-floor balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, surrounded by friends and associates, he said to musician Ben Branch "Ben, make sure you play 'Take My Hand, Precious Lord' in the meeting tonight. Play it real pretty." These were the last words that Dr. King spoke before he died. Dr. King's words are echoed in today's anthem as arranged by Roy Ringwald. If you are moved by choral music and would like to add your voice to the Westminster Choir, please contact TonyThurman@wpc.org or speak with him after the service. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Donald Mattson, whose birthday was on January 17, by Lynne, Kyra, Corinne, Allison, and Chris Perkins. Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event; currently available dates are February 2, 9, and 16. 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.

You can make a contribution to Westminster Presbyterian Church by visiting our website at 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

Susan Spilecki

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign and pass the friendship pads.)

Gregory Knox Jones

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

Let Justice Roll

Ken Medema

CALL TO WORSHIP

Randall T. Clayton

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. We live sustained by God's presence and love.

Thanks be to God.

As we mourn the wounds of God's children,

God weeps with us.

As we give thanks for brothers and sisters who have lived in faith,

God gives thanks with us.

As we struggle for justice,

God struggles with us.

As we strive for peace,

God strives with us.

As we work to build the beloved community,

God works with us.

As we offer our gifts to all,

God blesses us.

Sisters and brothers, rejoice.

Sustained by God's presence and love we worship God.

*HYMN NO. 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most Holy and merciful God, we acknowledge and confess:
our slowness to do good, our blindness to injustice,
and our complicity in deferring the dreams and hopes of the oppressed.
We have refused to heed your call
to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, our God.**

**Help us to name our sin, and to claim responsibility for our actions.
Shake us from our sleep with your imperative to do justice;
and move us to action with the compassion of your grace. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN (See "Today at Westminster" on page 2 for more information.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 2:1-11

New Testament, pages 80-81

Jon McPheeters, Lay Reader

SERMON

"Grace upon Grace"

*HYMN NO. 156

Sing of God Made Manifest

SALZBURG

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Spiritual
arr. Roy Ringwald

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night,
Through the dark, through the storm, to thy light.
I have been to the mount, I have seen the promised land:
Precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring thy child home at last,
where the strife and the pain all are past;
I have dreamed a great dream that thy love shall rule our land:
Precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, take thy child unto thee,
with my dream of a world that is free.
For that day when all flesh, joins the glory thou hast planned:
Precious Lord, take my hand.

COMMISSIONING OF THE GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP TEAM

Cathy Higgins, Ashley Miller, Morgan Miller, and Carrie Saathoff

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Creator of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.** (FROM EPHESIANS 4:1-6)

QUESTIONS FOR THE GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP TEAM

In accepting God's call to serve as partners in mission to Guatemala,
do you promise to share God's love with those you meet?

Will you open your heart so that you may be enriched by what the people of Guatemala
will share with you?

QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Do you, the members of our church family, promise to pray for and support the Guatemala Partnership Team during their travels? **We do.**

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

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. 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Roger Lowe

NEW TO WESTMINSTER? Welcome. We are glad you are here. We hope that you will join us following worship in Rodney Chapel for refreshments and fellowship. 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 so that we might welcome you with a follow-up contact. Gender-neutral, accessible 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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ADULT EDUCATION

TODAY, JANUARY 19



The State of Affordable Housing
*Presented by the Rev. Kevin L. Smith, CEO,
Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County*
10:40–11:30 a.m. | Classroom 6 and Zoom
Zoom link (case-sensitive):
bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom

Mr. Smith will describe the state of affordable housing in Delaware and what Habitat is doing to create affordable housing and revitalize neighborhoods. He will introduce new programs, a new partnership with New Castle Presbytery, and suggestions on what Westminster can do to assist with this crucial issue.

**Reading, Praying, & Singing
the Psalms: Thinking About the
Psalms, Jesus, & the Christian Church**
Presented by the Rev. Dr. Randy Clayton
10:40–11:30 a.m. | Classroom 5

The Book of Psalms is unique among the rest of the books of the Bible. This class is designed to provide background into the structure, interpretation, and theology found in the psalms so that we are better able to sing the psalms, pray the psalms, and live as they invite us to live.

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Annual Meeting and Chili Luncheon
No Adult Education

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Syria Agricultural Livelihood Project
*Presented by Michelle Butler, Convener,
WPC Church in the World Committee*
10:40–11:30 a.m. | Classroom 6 and Zoom
Zoom link (case-sensitive): bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom



Join us for an insightful presentation on how sustainable farming is transforming lives in Syria, looking at the overall process and positive impact this community-driven initiative has had on the town of Qattineh. After the presentation, there will be time for Q&A for us and our partner, Fellowship of Middle East Evangelical Churches (FMEEC).

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**

Delaware's Firewall for Freedom
Video and discussion

Learn how the ACLU-DE will defend and expand our constitutional rights and how you can help.

January 23 | 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](#).

Westminster Members Travel to Guatemala!



Twelve people from New Castle Presbytery will be traveling to Guatemala from January 20-27, including WPC members Morgan Miller, Ashley Miller, Cathy Higgins, and Carrie Saathoff. We will renew our partnership agreement with [CEDEPCA](#) and visit the [Association](#) to see their projects including stoves, greenhouses, reforestation, cows, and of course – chickens! Be sure to sign up for our daily [travel blog](#) so you can see what we are doing each day (ncpguatemala.com/blog) and attend our post-trip presentation on Sunday, February 16 after worship. Thank you for holding the group up in prayer for a safe and meaningful trip.

HELPING HANDS (& FEET!) COLLECTION

Throughout the Month of January



Winter is a particularly difficult time for those who are, or are at risk of becoming, houseless or homeless. Our annual Friendship House “Helping Hands” project is back, collecting NEW gloves, mittens, and socks for all ages. We are collecting these items each Sunday in January at the fellowship time following worship (near the Holy Toast Café). Collection boxes will also be set up around the church during January if you miss our Sunday collections.

Thank you for giving the gift of warmth!
Questions? Email sandyking@verizon.net.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

9:30 a.m. – Worship Service in the Sanctuary

10:40 a.m. – Annual Meeting in Walton Community Hall

The annual congregational meeting of Westminster Presbyterian Church will be held in person for the purpose of conducting the following business:

1. To receive the report of the Church Officer Nominating Committee and to elect Elders, Deacons, and Trustees;
2. To elect congregational at-large members to the Church Officer Nominating Committee;
3. To receive the financial report of 2024;
4. To receive the budget report for 2025;
5. To consider changes to the calls of the pastors; and
6. To consider any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

By order of Session: Gregory Knox Jones, Moderator, and Jan Patrick, Clerk of Session

11:45 a.m. – Chili Luncheon follows the Annual Meeting!

The deacons will provide a variety of delicious homemade chili, salad, cornbread, and cookies.

PASTORAL STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff
The Rev. Dr. Randall T. Clayton, Bridge Associate 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
Marjorie Eldreth, Director of Music for Children and Youth
Madelyn Testa, Choral Assistant for Children and Youth

VIDEOGRAPHERS

Deanna Sparling (lead videographer), Rich Albert, Chip Pfleegor,
Roger Reinicker, Aaron Wemhoff and Sophia Wolff

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Dan Weintraub and Jenn Barrington

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES STAFF

Kathleen Kennan, Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry
Stephanie Burris-White, Director of Preschool Ministries
Ava Herring and Beatrice Taylor, Nursery Caregivers

SUPPORT STAFF

Susan Alexander, Reception Area Supervisor
Beth Bouchelle; Mary Clark, Administrative Assistants
Paul Crothamel, Director of Facilities and Security
Colleen Falasco, Director of Financial Operations
Doug Gerdts, Manager of Accounting and Reporting
Nicole Hughes, Director of Marketing and Communications
Delilah Gainey; John Jordan; Robert King; Joan Truitt, Sextons
Craig Checkel, Office Support and Security

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,
KC Morrison, Dave McBride, Susan McPheeters, Carol Neff, Jan Patrick, Chip Pfleegor,
Todd Piercy, Roger Reinicker, Laura Scanlan, Karissa Thacker, Dan Weintraub

BOARD OF DEACONS

Susan Baddorf, Liz Bacon, Lisa Bianchi, Jennifer Blackford, Heather Brooks, Russ Butler
Beatty Chadwick, Diane Chandler, David Cole, Jack Coleman, Tammy Daley, Erin Downing,
Beth Emmons, Sara Gavenonis, Jamie Hickey, Charlie Ingersoll, Barbara Jobe, Sheran Kegerise,
Elaine Lunardi, Sarah Mentzer, Pattie Miller, Robert Moore, Gathoni Murugi-Jenkins, Lynne Perkins,
Emily Pfaff, Rachel Psaros, Patti Ridout, Robin Rosser, Carol Tatnall, Ginger Ward, Claudia Van Lenten,
Sue Weissinger, Barbara Welch, Sandra Wermus, Linda Williams, Kathy Wissner, Sophia Wolff

TRUSTEES

Rich Albert, Tom Brooks, Gary Bryde, Nancy Fleming, John Gavenonis, Lou Hering,
Brock Jobe, Sue Linderman, Kris Qualls, Stan Stevenson

PARTNERS IN WORLDWIDE MINISTRY

DR Congo – PC(USA) Mission Co-workers: Jeff and Christi Boyd, Larry and Inge Sthreshley;
Kananga Presbytery and Members of Kamulumba-Ditalala Parish, Conserv Congo: Adams Cassinga
Middle East (Syria, Lebanon, Palestine) - Fellowship of Middle East Evangelical Churches (Syria, Lebanon)
PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker Elmarie Parker (Syria, Lebanon);
Wi'am Palestinian Conflict Transformation Center in Bethlehem (Palestine)
Guatemala - CEDEPCA, AJPU, the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development,
and PC(USA) Mission Co-workers Betsey and Eric Moe