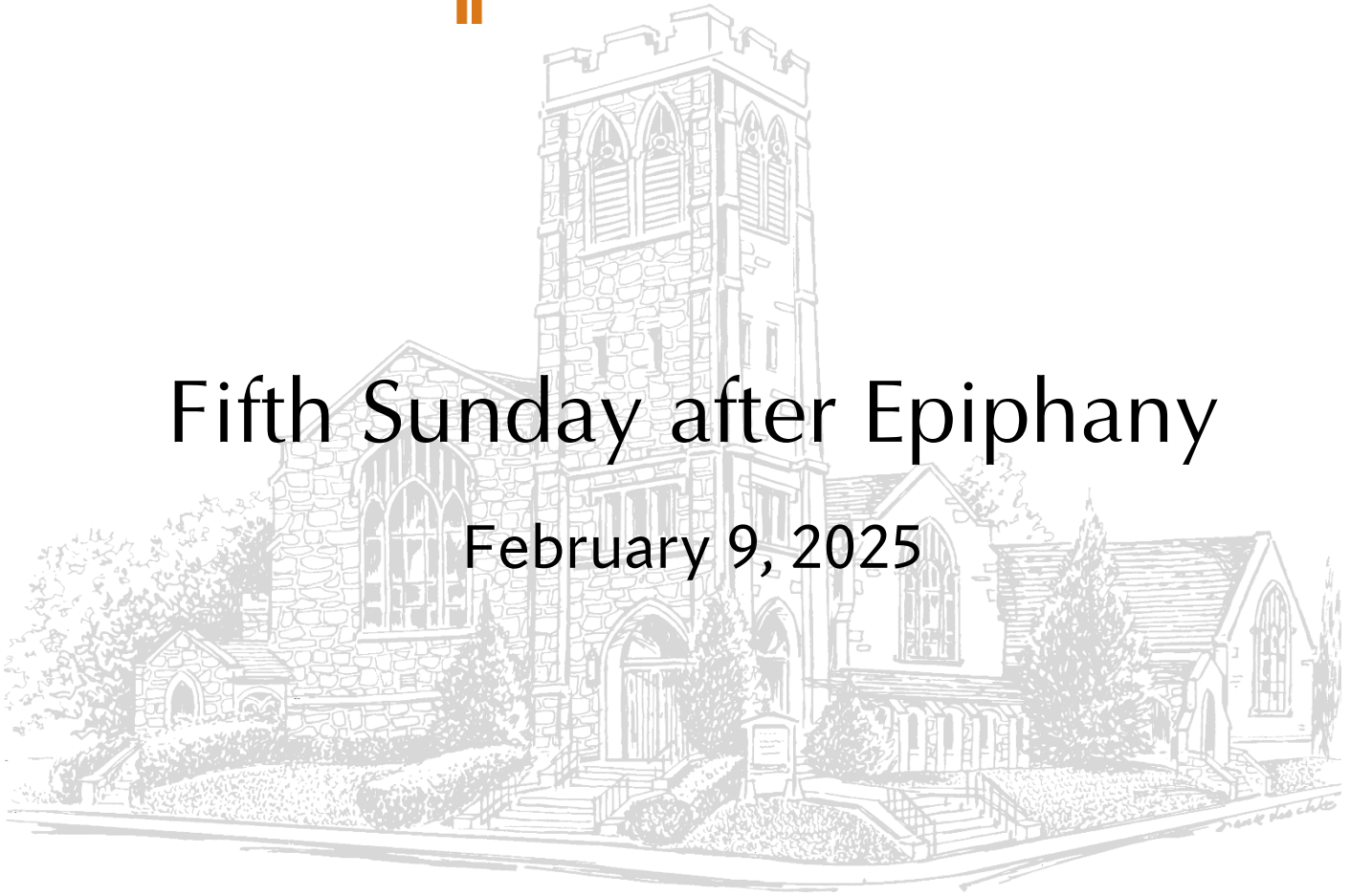




# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 9, 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 Choir: Kindergarten–Grade 5 in the Youth 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 Classrooms 1 and 2
- Middle School Faith Zone: Grades 6-8 in Classroom 7

**5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**      **180° Youth Ministry (grades 6-12)** in Walton Community Hall, Classrooms 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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**The Music:** Our service music includes works by living composers. Michael Joncas is an internationally recognized priest, liturgical composer, author, speaker, and professor who has composed more than 20 collections of liturgical music. Aaron David Miller is Director of Music and Organist at House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minnesota. He has dozens of sacred choral works in print, including our offertory anthem today. Carson Cooman is Composer in Residence at The Memorial Church, Harvard University. His catalog of works includes many forms—from solo instrumental pieces to operas, and from orchestral works to hymn tunes. His music has been performed on all six inhabited continents in venues that range from the stage of Carnegie Hall to the basket of a hot air balloon. The Westminster Choir welcomes new members to all sections. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m. For more information or to participate, contact [TonyThurman@wpc.org](mailto:TonyThurman@wpc.org) or speak with him after the postlude.

**The chancel flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Betsy Knox by her family. Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event. Currently available dates are March 2, 9, 16, and 30. Please contact Linda Watson at (302) 571-6719 or [lwatson@ycst.com](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com).

**You can make a contribution** to Westminster Presbyterian Church by visiting our website at [wpc.org](http://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

Sara Gavenonis

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

Gregory Knox Jones

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

*On Eagle's Wings*

Michael Joncas  
arr. John Carter

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift your hearts, lift your eyes and lift your voices.

**The living, moving Spirit of God has called us together.**

We are called together to hear the wisdom of God and to celebrate the love of God.

**We will heed God's Spirit and faithfully follow Christ.**

\*HYMN No. 1

*Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty*

NICAEA

CALL TO CONFESSION

RANDALL T. CLAYTON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we have heard your call to discipleship,  
but too often have listened to other voices.**

**We have felt the pull of your Spirit,  
but have turned to other pursuits.**

**We have seen our own lack of meaning,  
yet have searched in places that are empty.**

**Forgive us for ignoring your call,  
and give us the determination to follow your way.**

**In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 5:1-11

New Testament, page 54  
Chris Perkins, Lay Reader

SERMON

\*HYMN No. 721

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

OFFERING

Softly, tenderly Jesus is calling to you.  
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching for you and me.  
Come home, you who are weary.  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling sinners to come home.  
Time is now fleeting, moments are passing from you and me;  
Shadows gathering, nighttime is coming for you and me.  
Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised for you and me.  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon for you and me.

COMMISSIONING, ORDINATION, AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
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## SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are different gifts,  
**but it is the same Spirit who gives them.**  
There are varieties of ways to serve God,  
**but it is the same Lord who is served.**  
God works through people in different ways,  
**but it is the same God who inspires a faithful response.**  
Each one is given gifts by the Spirit, to use for the common good.  
**Together we are the body of Christ.**

## COMMISSIONING OF THE TRUSTEES

Lou Hering, President of Trustees

## PRESENTATION OF TRUSTEES

Dave Brinkley, Laura Scanlan, and Craig Stabler

## QUESTIONS FOR THE TRUSTEES

## QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, the members of Westminster, receive these men and women as trustees and do you promise to support them in their work for the congregation? **We do.**

## COMMISSIONING PRAYER

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

## PRESENTATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Jan Patrick, Clerk of Session

Elders

Brud Bacon  
Brenda Bilous  
Mike Gnade Jr.  
Chris Hickey  
Tara Lee  
Jen Máthé  
Helen Zumsteg

Deacons

Ellie Furry  
Rick Holmes  
Carrie Saathoff  
Robin Shaeffer  
Zora Stevens  
Jill Zehner

## CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS

## CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept these men and women as Elders and Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

## ORDINATION PRAYER

## DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

\*HYMN NO. 69

*Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Westminster Carillon*

Carson Cooman

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**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](http://wpc.org) for more information about us.**



[tacklehunger.org](http://tacklehunger.org)

## 2025 Souper Bowl of Caring

Today we participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring, a nationwide movement that began in 1990 when a group of young people leveraged the excitement of the Super Bowl to collect donations for those in need. Since then, millions have joined in, raising over \$170 million.

On this special Sunday, our teens will collect donations before and after the worship service. Your dollars will support local food banks and provide meals for those who struggle with food insecurity. As millions tune in to watch the Super Bowl, join us in turning our enthusiasm for the game into a powerful force for good!

# ADULT EDUCATION

TODAY, FEBRUARY 9

## **The Book of Genesis**

*Presented by Alan Fox, University of Delaware*

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

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



Did Adam and Eve fall, or were they pushed! Did the events in Genesis really happen, or are they just myths? Come here Dr. Fox unpack these many perspectives in Genesis.

Fox is a Professor of Asian and Comparative Philosophy and Religion in the Philosophy Department at the University of Delaware.

## **“The Way” by Adam Hamilton**

*Presented by the Rev. Jill Getty*

**February 9, 16, and 23**

**10:40–11:30 a.m. | Classroom 5**

Join us for Hamilton’s engaging six-session DVD study, *Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus*, where he explores the life and ministry of Jesus Christ in the Holy Land. This unique experience includes on-location video footage.

## NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

### **Back from Guatemala with Lots to Share!**

*Presented by Carrie Saathoff and Cathy Higgins*

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

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



Twelve travelers from New Castle Presbytery (including three from Westminster) just returned from Guatemala and will share stories and photos of their adventure. Come experience the work God is doing there. Guatemalan hot chocolate will be served!

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## 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**

**What Does the Future Hold for Wind Power in Delaware?**

*With Sierra Club Delaware*

Join us to get the latest news and thoughts about the future of wind power in Delaware.

**February 13 | 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](#).**



# CALLING ALL KIDS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

## Upcoming Youth Service Corps Event

Sunday, February 16 • 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. • Walton Community Hall



Our February Youth Service Corps event for children in grades K-5 will take place next Sunday. We will make “Care Bags” for our unhoused neighbors. Please join us! You may invite non-WPC friends! 😊

**Questions? Contact: Teresa ([teresalunardi@gmail.com](mailto:teresalunardi@gmail.com))  
or Kara ([karalee.francis@gmail.com](mailto:karalee.francis@gmail.com))**

## THREE UPCOMING CONCERTS



### MICHAEL HUNTER JAZZ TRIO

Friday, February 21

7:30 p.m. | Rodney Chapel

***In person only | Limited seating***

**Advance tickets required (\$25): [wpc.org/music](http://wpc.org/music)**

The online ticketing system will be available until Noon on February 21 or until the event is sold out.



### BRYAN ANDERSON, ORGAN

Sunday, February 23

3 p.m. | Sanctuary

**In person and livestream at [wpc.org/watch](http://wpc.org/watch)**

**Free-will offering requested**



### BRASS OF THE DELAWARE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Tuesday, February 25

7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

***In person only | Tickets: [delawaresymphony.org](http://delawaresymphony.org)***

### **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**

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### **SESSION**

Brud Bacon, Brenda Bilous, Adam Blackford, Michelle Butler, Sally Buttner, John Carpenter, Clark Collins,  
Bob Cox, Sara Dubberly, Mike Gnade Jr., Chris Hickey, Laura Holmes, Carla Krupanski, Tara Lee, Daniel Malzhan,  
Jen Máthé, KC Morrison, Dave McBride, Susan McPheeters, Carol Neff, Chip Pfleegor,  
Roger Reinicker, Dan Weintraub, Helen Zumsteg

### **BOARD OF DEACONS**

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Barbara Welch, Grace Wermus, Sandra Wermus, Linda Williams, Kathy Wissner, Jill Zehner

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