



# Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021

**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.



**Covenant Network Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Matthew 25 Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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We hope you will stay connected with our community of faith during this season of social distancing by subscribing to the *Westminster Weekly Word* e-newsletter through the homepage of our website ([www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org)), liking us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware](https://www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware)), or following us on Instagram ([www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware](https://www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware)).

### **Today at Westminster**

**8:30 – 10:00 a.m.**     **Food Collection** for Emmanuel Dining and **Cereal Sunday** for the Hanover Pantry in the Westminster parking lot.

**9:00 – 9:45 a.m.**     **Worship** in the Sanctuary  
Anyone over the age of five is required to wear a mask and children must remain with their parents.

*Please see page 6 for information on Educational Offerings for Adults.*

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**Westminster has been certified as an Earth Care Congregation** by the Presbyterian Church (USA) for the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. This honor means we exhibit exceptional leadership in protecting God's creation and are good stewards of earth's resources through our worship, education, outreach and advocacy. Only 2% of the 10,000 Presbyterian congregations in the U.S. have earned this honored distinction.

**Westminster is a Matthew 25 Congregation** that strives to eradicate systemic poverty, dismantle structural racism, and build congregational vitality. The gospel calls us to actively engage in the world so that our faith comes alive.

**Westminster is a member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians** whose mission is to strengthen the church of Jesus Christ, with the help of God's grace, by working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a more just and inclusive church.

**The flowers in the sanctuary today** are given by Suzie Hurlock to the glory of God and in loving memory of Fred Hurlock, Jr. and David John Frie, U.S. Marine Corps. They are also given in honor of those who have served or are currently serving to protect our country, both here and abroad.

**Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship** to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event, while expressing praise and thanksgiving to God. Please contact Linda Watson during business hours at 302-571-6719 or [lwatson@ycst.com](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com). Available dates are August 15, 22, 29; and September 19.

**Westminster's Prayer Team** prays for the needs of our community of faith. You may submit a prayer request by sending an email to [wpcprayerlist@gmail.com](mailto:wpcprayerlist@gmail.com).

**You can make a contribution** to Westminster Presbyterian Church by visiting our website [www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org) and click the "Donate Now" button or scan the QR code on your smart phone.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP- SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Variations on AMERICA*

Austin C. Lovelace

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, all nations; extol our Creator, all peoples!

**For God's kindness overwhelms us; God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Come, let us lift our voices in prayer and praise.

**Let us worship the Lord!**

HYMN NO. 331

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* (Vs. 1 – 3)

NATIONAL HYMN

God of the ages, whose almighty hand

leads forth in beauty all the starry band

of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,

our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past.

In this free land by thee our lot is cast.

Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:

thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,

be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.

Thy true religion in our hearts increase.

Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, just as you called the disciples of old,**

**so you call each one of us to be your witnesses in our world today.**

**Forgive us when we are hesitant to follow:**

**when we question your call or make excuses for our abilities;**

**when we complain about our lack of time or hoard our resources.**

**Give us courage to step out in faith –**

**to go where you send us, trusting that your presence goes with us**

**and that you will provide all that we need. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 6:1-13

ANTHEM

*The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation*

Frances Allitsen

The Lord is my light, my light and my salvation, whom, then, shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid;

And though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

For, in the time of trouble, he shall hide me in his tabernacle,

Yea, in the secret places of his dwelling shall he hide me,

And set me up upon a rock of stone.

– From Psalm 27

[Click here](#) to watch today's TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN on Westminster's YouTube channel.

HYMN NO. 761

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service (Vs. 1 & 2)*

BEECHER

<p>Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.</p>	<p>Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.</p>
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dick Jolly

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. 340

*This Is My Song (Vs. 1 – 3)*

FINLANDIA

<p>This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.</p>	<p>My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine. So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.</p>
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This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:  
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:  
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Roger Lowe

*At the conclusion of the Postlude, please exit the sanctuary, row by row, beginning with the last pew to the front pew. Those sitting in the side transepts exit from the front pew to the back pew down the center aisle to the narthex. **Please wait until an usher directs you to leave.** You may want to have a conversation with others you have missed during the lockdown. We ask that you please meet them outside, maintaining the required six-foot social distancing, while continuing to wear your mask.*

GOING FORTH: OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES TO GOD

*With gratitude for the grace we have received, we go forth from worship to offer our energy, our hands, and part of our income in service to God. One way we respond to Christ's call is by giving our financial gifts to further God's mission in the world. You may mail a check to the church or make an online offering to support the many ministries of Westminster Presbyterian Church by clicking "Donate Now" on the homepage of our website ([www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org)).*

## SOURCES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The resources for children attached at the end of the online bulletin are provided by Illustrated Ministry. Please print them to participate in this service or for family devotions throughout the week.

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# Join Us for In-person Worship in Our Sanctuary

## Sunday, July 11 • 9:00 AM



Our sanctuary is open on Sunday mornings for one worship service at 9:00 a.m. Attendance is limited and an online reservation (one per family) is required. When we reach the maximum number of reservations we can safely host, the reservations will close. We have established [guidelines](#) for your safety, which include social distancing, wearing a mask, and the use of no-touch sanitizing stations. The liturgy will be emailed to you after you make your online reservation. You are encouraged to print the liturgy from home and bring it to the service or pull it up on your mobile device; a limited number of printed copies will be available.

The decision to attend in-person worship rests with each individual. A virtual livestreamed/recorded option continues to be available on our website ([www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org)) and on our [YouTube channel](#).

**To make your online reservation for July 11 worship in the sanctuary, [click here!](#)**

# EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

You can find virtual Christian education and small group opportunities on the homepage of the Westminster website ([www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org)) and check out other Education Offerings for Adults on [YouTube](#).

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## Online Bible Studies

### Wednesday afternoons, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Zoom (Midweek Manna Bible Study)

<https://zoom.us/j/97700423780?pwd=b1dGL2c4NXRjMIRBOWJWWEIsTTg3dz09>

Zoom Meeting ID: 977 0042 3780 | Passcode: 547264

The Midweek Manna Bible Study, facilitated by the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson, is reading through the Gospel of Matthew. New faces always welcome!

### Wednesday evenings, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88941171153?pwd=MmxuZWVREhZSVExS3lveXQvTUhaQT09>

Our Bible Study, facilitated by Randy Williamson and Mary Anne Peters, continues and new faces are always welcome.

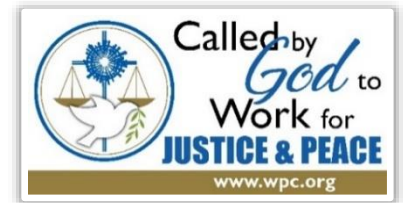
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## WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

### Delaware Legislative Actions Review

Thursday, July 1, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86027521655>



Many of us devoted time and energy during this past session of the Delaware legislature to advocate for bills that would address issues of injustice and seek to improve the lives of thousands in our communities. Join us as we review the work accomplished and the challenges that lie ahead. Use the Zoom link above, or go to [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join), enter Meeting ID **860 2752 1655** and click "Join."

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## Adult Education Series – “After the New Testament: Early Christian Apocrypha”

### Wednesday evenings in July, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Facilitated by Bob Cox

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89904680006?pwd=UDg0M0lzbWNCa1NqcEc3V0pjd1ZVdz09>

Christians didn't stop writing after the first century. The gospels, letters, and other writings in our New Testament canon are not the only writings early Christians were reading in the first centuries of the church. Some of those writings fill gaps and answer questions arising from the works that were later canonized. "Why was Mary chosen to be the mother of Jesus?" "What was Jesus like as a child?" "If Mary was a perpetual virgin, who were Jesus' siblings?" "Why isn't Joseph in the gospels?" "What's going to happen to the people who don't go to heaven?" We'll explore these and other questions over the four weeks of this study.

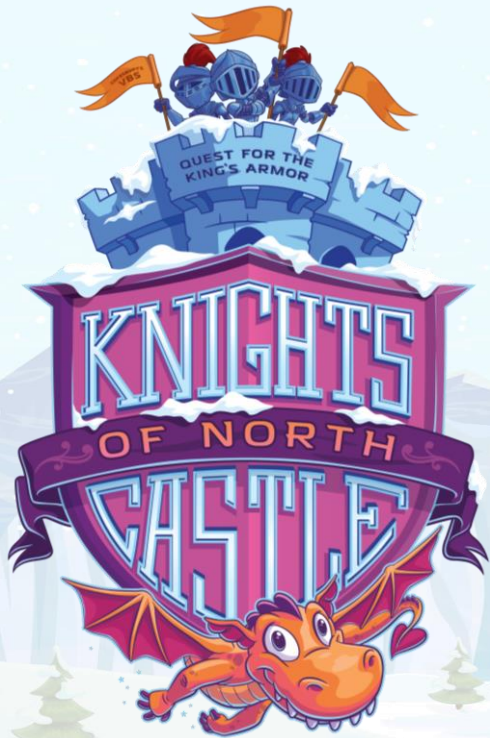
July 7 – Proto-Gospel of James

July 14 – Infancy Gospel of Thomas

July 21 – Gospel of Thomas

July 28 – Other Apocalypses





# Vacation Bible School 2021 is On!

**Monday, July 26 – Friday, July 30  
9 AM – 12 PM**

**\$25 per child / \$40 maximum per family**

All children Pre K – 6th grade are welcome to participate in “Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King’s Armor” by Cokesbury Publishing. Stories, music, crafts, and games will be lively and fun as we explore Bible stories about the armor of God in our lives. Ready to register your child(ren) for VBS? Fill out this short form (<https://forms.gle/t2eq4Q49HqRV8WhX7>) to let us know, and we’ll send you an online registration packet! The registration fee is \$25 per child or \$40 maximum per family. Teen and adult helpers are invited to contact VBS Director Robin Rosser ([rlrosser@aol.com](mailto:rlrosser@aol.com)) as soon as possible. [Click here](#) to read our COVID-19 safety guidelines for VBS this year.

## Sunday Worship COVID Policy Update

### Through Sunday, July 11:

- We will continue our current policies, which require everyone to wear masks, except for worship leaders who are in the act of leading worship.
- Reservations are required to attend worship and limited to 48 reservations (1-5 people per reservation).
- Everyone is required to practice social distancing in the sanctuary as well as while entering or exiting our building.

### Beginning Sunday, July 18:

- Worship reservations will no longer be needed.
- Those who are fully vaccinated and comfortable going without a mask will sit in the front of the sanctuary and side transepts. This section is open seating and mask optional for fully vaccinated people. Worshippers may access this section via the lectern-side transept door off the main hallway.
- Those who are not vaccinated or choose to wear a mask will be able to social distance in the back part of the sanctuary and balcony. Masks must be worn at all times in this section. Worshippers may access this section through the Narthex (the rear of the sanctuary).
- Ushers at both entrances will be masked and available to direct you to the proper section.
- Everyone is required to wear a mask when entering or exiting the sanctuary. This is for the well-being of those who are not vaccinated.
- We hope to begin livestreaming the worship service to Rodney Chapel. Masking (for those over age 2) and social distancing will be required in Rodney Chapel. This space will be open to all, but it will be especially welcoming for families with children too young to be vaccinated. Materials to engage young children in worship will be provided.

### **PASTORAL STAFF**

Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff  
Sudie Niesen Thompson, Associate Pastor  
Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

### **MUSIC STAFF**

Director of Music/Organist: Dr. F. Anthony Thurman  
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Choristers: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock, Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

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### **SESSION**

Michelle Butler, Sally Buttner, Clark Collins, Bob Cox, Michael Enderle, Jessica Fischer,  
Dick Jolly, Carla Krupanski, Faith Kuehn, David Máthé, Kelly McCulloch, Susan McPheeters,  
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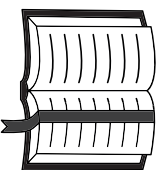
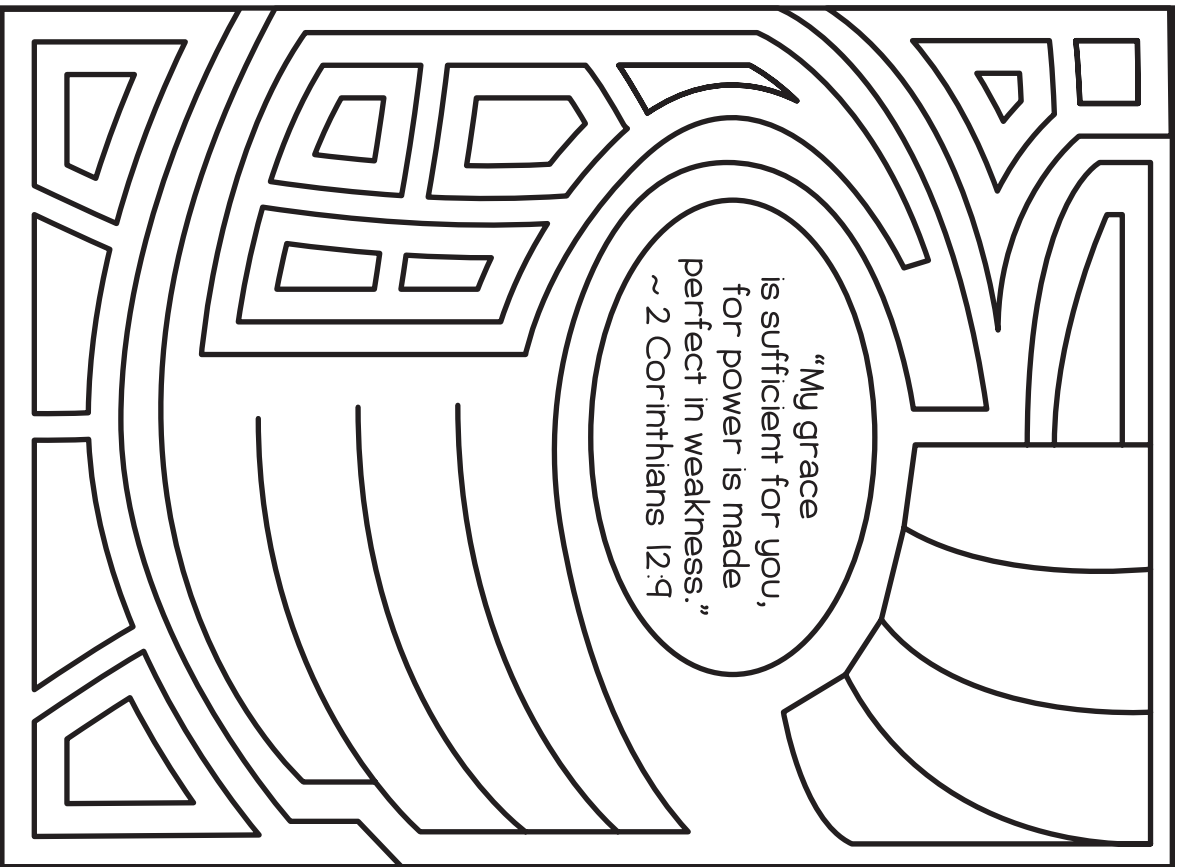
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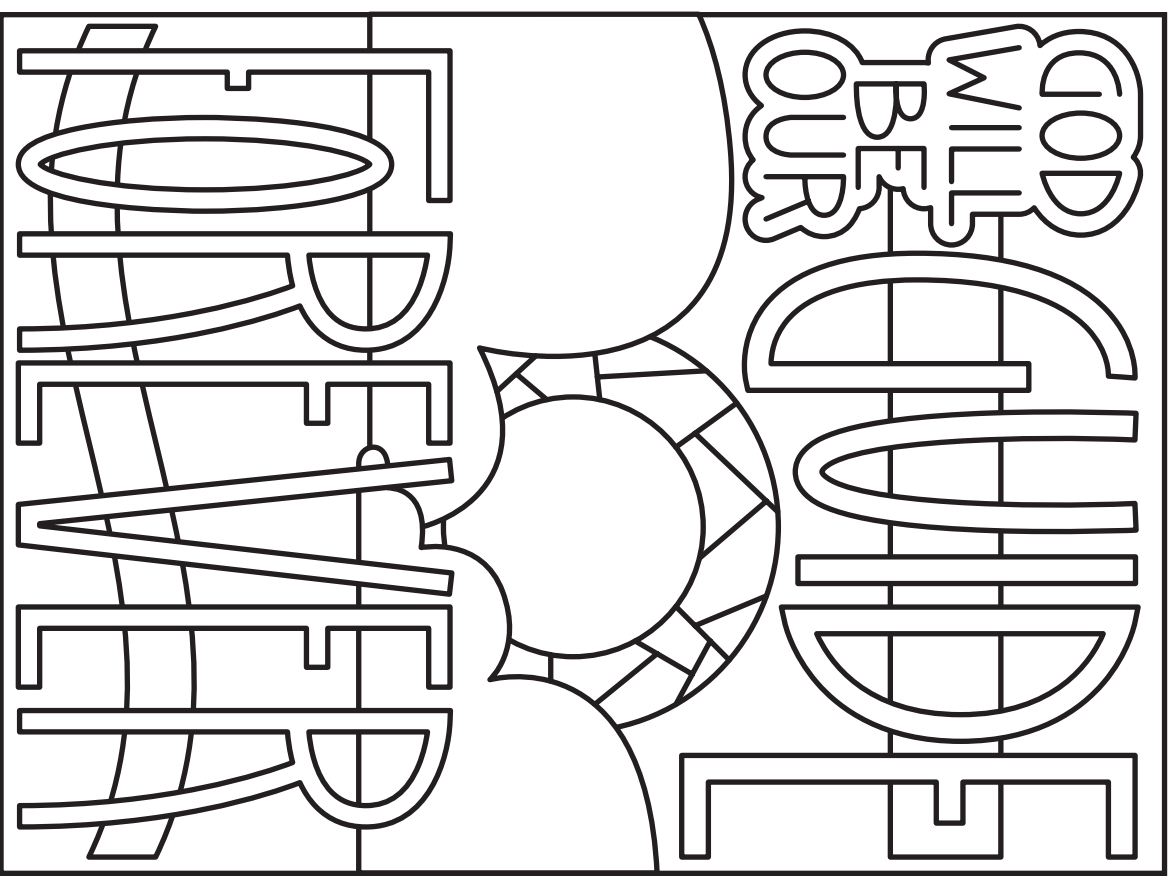


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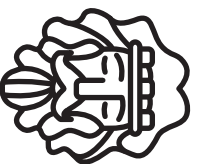
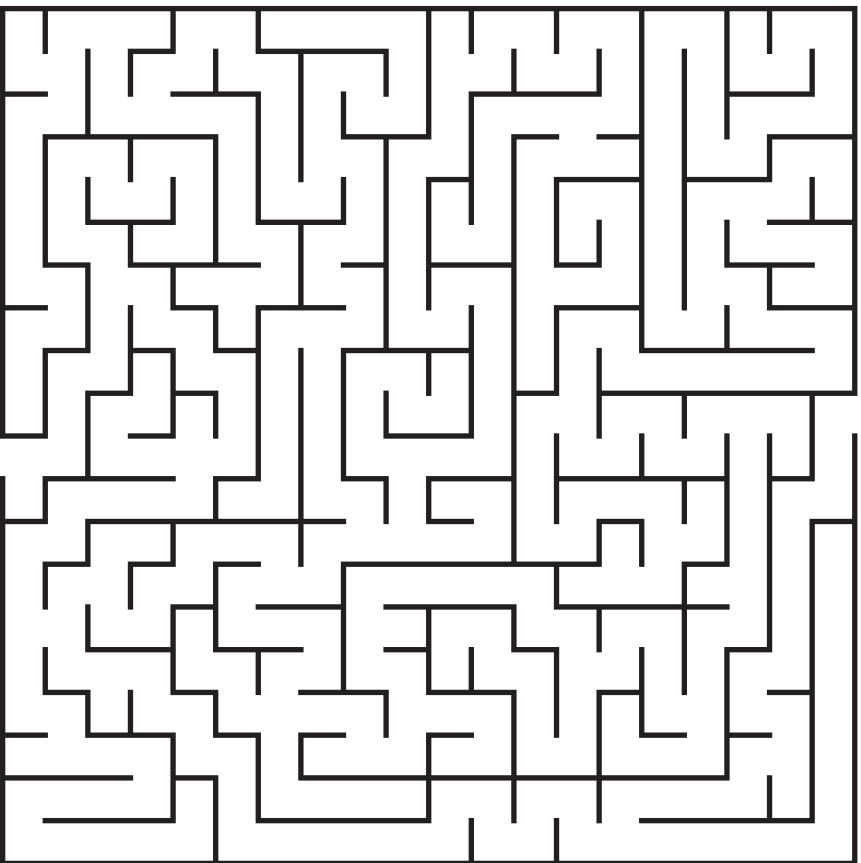
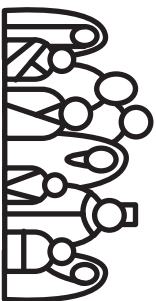
# CHILDREAN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10, Psalm 48,  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13.



# SOLVE (the) MAZE

In 2 Samuel, the leaders of the Israelite people go to see King David. Help them find their way through the maze.



# DRAW IT

In Mark 6, Jesus sends out his disciples, two by two, to share the Good News and bring healing in God's name. Draw a picture of you and a friend doing this same work. Where can you share Jesus' healing and Good News?

