WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 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), liking us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware), or following us on Instagram (www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware).

Today at Westminster

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. **Food Collection** for Emmanuel Dining in the WPC 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.

Westminster has been certified as an Earth Care Congregation by the Presbyterian Church (USA) for the 11th 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 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara Wheatley by her family. The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God by the Harron family in loving memory of Sue's father, Jack Graham. The flowers beside the lectern are in celebration of Cora and Wayne Sparling's 34th wedding anniversary.

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. Date available is July 4.

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.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP- SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021

TOWER CHIME — Craig Checkel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE — *Let All Things Their Creator Bless* — Alfed V. Fedak

CALL TO WORSHIP

How can we picture the kingdom of God?
It is like a mustard seed planted in the ground.
It germinates and grows into a mighty bush.
We sing praises to the One who makes great things possible.

HYMN NO. 5 — *God the Sculptor of the Mountains* (Vs. 1 & 3) — JENNINGS-HOUSTON

God the sculptor of the mountains,
God the miller of the sand,
God the jeweler of the heavens,
God the potter of the land:
you are womb of all creation;
we are formless; shape us now.

God the dresser of the vineyard,
God the planter of the wheat,
God the reaper of the harvest,
God the source of all we eat:
you are host at every table;
we are hungry; feed us now.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord of the morning,
You come to us in sunshine and in shower
enlightening our minds and refreshing our souls.
You whisper in our hearts words of grace and inspiration
stirring us to lives that are bold and generous.
We give you thanks for the gift of life
and the blessings of each day –
may we use our precious time wisely. Amen.

Click here to watch today's TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN *on Westminster's YouTube channel.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON — Mark 4:26-34

ANTHEM — *The Apple Tree* — K. Lee Scott

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit, and always green,
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ, the apple tree.
His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ, the apple tree.
For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ, the apple tree.
I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ, the apple tree.
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

SERMON — Gregory Knox Jones

HYMN NO. 771 *What is the World Like* (Vs. 1 & 3) NEW WORLD

What is the world like
when God's will is done?
Mustard seeds grow more
than we can conceive:
roots thread the soil;
branches reach for the sun.
This is how God moves us
each to believe.

What is the world like
when God's will is done?
No more is neighbor
just ally or friend;
peace thrives in places
where once there was none.
This is how God works
when rivalries end.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Sudie Niesen Thompson

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. 36 *For the Fruit of All Creation* (Vs. 1 & 3) AR HYD Y NOS

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while
we are sleeping, future needs
in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still
confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* Sigfrid Karg-Elert/arr. Fred Bock

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*).*

PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dr. Gregory Knox Jones
The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson
Director of Music/Organist: Dr. F. Anthony Thurman
Choristers: Hye Eun Choi, soprano; Sharon Babcock, mezzo soprano;
Jason Berger, tenor; Brenton Mattox, bass
Tower Chime: Craig Checkel
Videographers: Rich Albert, Chip Pfleegor, Roger Reinicker, Baden Saathoff,
Aaron Wemhoff and Sophia Wolff

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Join Us for In-person Worship in Our Sanctuary

Sunday, June 20 • 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) and on our YouTube channel.

To make your online reservation for June 20 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) and check out other Education Offerings for Adults on YouTube.

Online Bible Studies

Wednesday afternoons, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Zoom (Midweek Manna Bible Study)
https://zoom.us/j/97700423780?pwd=b1dGL2c4NXRjMlRBOWJWWElsTTg3dz09
Zoom Meeting ID: 977 0042 3780 | Passcode: 547264
The Midweek Manna Bible Study, facilitated by the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson, will not meet on June 16 as Sudie will be on vacation. The group will continue its reading of the Gospel of Matthew on June 23, picking up at chapter 22. New faces always welcome!

Wednesday evenings, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88941171153?pwd=MmxuZWFvREhZSVExS3IveXQvTUhaQT09
Our Bible Study, facilitated by Randy Williamson and Mary Anne Peters, continues and new faces are always welcome.

WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

Racism Has a Cost for Everyone
Thursday, June 17, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86027521655

Join us as we watch a short TED Talk by Heather McGhee, author of "The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together," followed by a discussion of the issues she identifies and the proposals she offers. Hosted by Westminster's Peace & Justice Work Group.

Use the Zoom link above, or go to zoom.us/join, enter Meeting ID **860 2752 1655** and click "Join."

2021 Summer Concert Series

Presented by Artcinia and Westminster Presbyterian Church

Fridays at 7 PM

June 18

A Musical Evening with Spanish Flare

Violin and Piano Due

June 25

From Bach to Coleman

String Quartet

For free tickets and information:

artcinia.com

Limited seating available. Please reserve ticket(s) online. Concerts will take place on the front lawn of Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1502 West 13th Street, Wilmington, DE 19806. Please bring your own blankets or lawn chairs! In case of inclement weather, the concert(s) will move indoors to the Westminster sanctuary. The church parking lot is located at the corner of North Rodney and West 13th Streets.

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To learn more about Westminster: **WPC.ORG**

Congratulations and Best Wishes to the class of 2021!

High School Graduates

Matthew Knox Burnside (son of Grandison Burnside and Mark Burnside; grandson of Greg and Camilla Jones)
Trinity Episcopal School, Richmond, VA
Matthew will attend Radford University.

Chase Joseph Haden (son of Catherine and Jeff Haden, grandson of Mary Kay and Dick Haden)
Evanston Township High School, Evanston, IL
Chase plans to live in Evanston, IL.

Katherine Elizabeth Harron (daughter of Sue and Ed Harron)
Wilmington Friends School
Kat will attend New York University.

Melissa Katherine (Katie) Kunz (daughter of Melissa and Michael Kunz)
Mount Pleasant High School
Katie will attend Stevens Institute of Technology and study Chemical Engineering.

Margaret Mae (Maggie) Kunz (daughter of Melissa and Michael Kunz)
Mount Pleasant High School
Maggie will attend DelTech and study Dental Hygiene.

Olivia Annette Langlois (daughter of Elizabeth and Timothy Langlois)
Tower Hill School
Olivia will attend Johns Hopkins University.

Nicholas Aaron Musi (son of Ken and Susan Musi; grandson of Jan Patrick)
St Anne's-Belfield School, Charlottesville, VA
Nick will attend Connecticut College where he will also play lacrosse for the school.

Mark Anthony Stallone (son of Steve and Lynn Stallone)
Caravel Academy
Mark will attend Kent State University and major in Aeronautical Engineering and Computer Science.

Anna Mariann Thomas (daughter of Rick and Sally Bittel Thomas)
The Charter School of Wilmington
Anna will attend the Honors College at University of Delaware majoring in Biology and Spanish, studying to be a dentist.

Catherine Elizabeth Timon (daughter of Gill Timon and Philip Timon)
Tower Hill School
Catherine will attend Washington University in St Louis.

Jackson Layman (Jax) Trickey (son of Jennifer Trickey and John Trickey)
Cardinal O'Hara High School in Springfield, PA
Jax will attend Marymount University in Arlington, VA.

Schuyler Andrew Taets van Amerongen (son of Jan and Kathryn van Amerongen)
Brandywine High School
Schuyler will attend the University of Delaware as a Mathematics Education major.

College/University Graduates

Andrew John Burich (son of Meg and Don Burich; grandson of Linda and Charlie Reinhardt)
Penn State University
Bachelor of Science in Data Science with a minor in Entrepreneurship
Andrew will be a Data Scientist for The Mars Corp located in the New York City area.

Matthew Johns Kunz (son of Melissa and Michael Kunz)
University of Delaware
Bachelor of Arts in English

Hugh Love (son of Cindy and Robert Love)
Duke University
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Certificate
Hugh will be an Associate Product Manager for Google in California.

Alexandra Leigh Musi (daughter of Ken and Susan Musi; granddaughter of Jan Patrick)
University of Virginia
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Will Nowland (son of the late Blair Nowland, nephew of David and Ceci Nowland)
The College of William and Mary
Bachelor of Arts in Economics and English, Summa Cum Laude.
Will plans to live in Williamsburg.

Jackson Todd Singewald (son of Beth and Chris Singewald)
University of Colorado Boulder
Bachelor of Arts in Ethnic Studies
Jackson will live in Colorado this year.

Caroline Elisabeth Sweet (daughter of Christy and Mark Sweet; granddaughter of Jeanne Checkel and the late Bob Checkel)
The College of William and Mary
Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Psychological Sciences, Cum Laude. Caroline will begin her position as a tech associate at a tech firm in DC.

Post-Graduate

Victoria Lynne Falasco (daughter of Colleen and Marty Falasco)
Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA
Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

Emily Stratton Knepper (daughter of Barbara Stratton and Marty Knepper)
Widener University, Delaware Law School
Emily will take the Delaware Bar Exam in July 2021, and work at Rhoades and Morrow LLC in Wilmington.

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

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