



Trinity Sunday

May 30, 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 Room 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.

10:15 – 10:45 a.m. **“Psalms Alive”** – music and rhythm for young children and families – in Community Hall.
Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Contact Alexis Droke at alexisdroke@wpc.org for more information.

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

Trinity Plate Artist’s Statement: Several months ago, our pastors asked if I might create a new plate for the Communion table at Westminster. So I began to work on ideas for how I might respond in a meaningful way. I have titled this piece *Trinity Plate*; the references below were my inspiration for each of its three sections. I am honored to gift the plate to Westminster in loving memory of my parents, long-time Westminster members, Larry and Polly McPheeters.

Father/Mother | Genesis 1: 1-2. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Son | John 1: 32-34. Then John gave his testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I would not have known him except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, the man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.”

Holy Spirit | Acts 2: 4-6. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem, God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.

~ Jon McPheeters, May 2021

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 honor of all the women and men who currently serve and who have served in our Armed Forces by Tom and Carol Hogue.

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, MAY 30, 2021

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy

Dan Miller

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sudie Niesen Thompson

Mighty Wind, who danced over the deep and surveyed the shapeless void,
dance over us now and ready us for your creative purpose.
Divine Word, who commanded unruly chaos and called forth light and life,
call to us now and open us to new expressions of grace.
Eternal Artist, who formed us in your likeness and claimed us as kin,
re-form and refine us to be bearers of your blessing.
Holy Trinity—Creator, Christ, Spirit—who gathered the primeval waters,
**gather us in, then send us out, our voices echoing creation's song:
How majestic is your name in all the earth!**

HYMN NO. 10

Sing Glory to the Name of God (Vs. 1 & 4)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor
shines abroad. Alleluia, alleluia!
Enthroned above the crashing waves,
the God of grace and glory saves.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory
never cease: Alleluia, alleluia!
Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God,
the Three-in-One:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace, love, and communion,
we confess that we have failed to love you
with heart, soul, and mind;
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Like rebellious children,
we ignore your commandments
and wander from your way.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Embrace us with your love,
wrap us in your grace,
and set us on right paths
that we might follow you faithfully. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE NO. 3

Womb of Life and Source of Being (Vs. 1 & 4)

RAQUEL

Womb of life and source of being, home of every restless heart,
in your arms the worlds awakened;
you have loved us from the start.
We, your children, gather 'round you,
at the table you prepare.
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter, we are nurtured by your care.

Mother, Brother, holy Partner; Father, Spirit, Only Son:
we would praise your name forever,
one-in-three and three-in-one.
We would share your life, your passion,
share your word of world made new,
ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you.

THE WORD

~ GOD THE CREATOR ~

“We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1:1-2:4

Bob Moore

God creates the heavens and the earth.

RESPONSE NO. 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God (Vs. 1 & 2)

ELLACOMBE

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

~ GOD THE CHRIST ~

“We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:1-5, 14

Jon McPheeters

The Word becomes flesh and lives among us.

RESPONSE NO. 108

Of the Father's Love Begotten (Vs. 1 & 2)

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega; He the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!

By his Word was all created; he commanded; it was done:
heaven and earth and depths of ocean,
universe of three in one, all that sees the moon's soft shining,
all that breathes beneath the sun, evermore and evermore!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:41-52

Sue Linderman

The boy Jesus amazes the teachers in the temple.

RESPONSE NO. 108

Of the Father's Love Begotten (Vs. 3 & 4)

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

O, that birth forever blessed when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race,
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore!

This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word.
Now he shines, the long-expected.
Let creation praise its Lord, evermore and evermore!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:15-20, 25-26

Jon McPheeters

Jesus promises the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSE NO. 108

Of the Father's Love Begotten (Vs. 5 & 6)

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

O ye heights of heaven, adore him. Angel hosts, his praises sing.
Powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent;
every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be.
Honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory, evermore and evermore! Amen.

~ GOD THE SPIRIT ~

“We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Bob Moore

In a valley of dry bones, Ezekiel has a vision of hope for God's people in exile.

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,**

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One, whom alone we worship and serve.

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ANTHEM

Thou Art Holy

Craig Courtney

Holy, holy, holy, thou art holy, thou alone art holy.
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.
Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

HYMN NO. 15

All Creatures of Our God and King (Vs. 1 & 6)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice
and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam, sing praises!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God
with humble heart. Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One! Sing praises!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E-Flat Major

J.S. Bach

*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).

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The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson
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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.

The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer published in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) *Book of Common Worship* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2018). The language for the Affirmation of Faith, as well as the confessional statements associated with each person of the Trinity, are taken from *A Brief Statement of Faith*.

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Join Us for In-person Worship in Our Sanctuary

Sunday, June 6 • 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 6 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=b1dGL2c4NXRjMIRBOWJWWElsTTg3dz09>

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=MmxuZWVvREhZSVExS3lveXQvTUhaQT09>

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

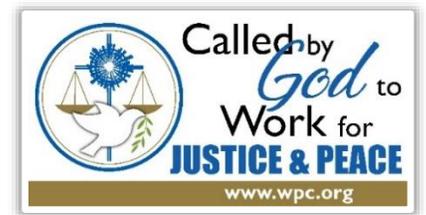
WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

The Warehouse – For Teens By Teens

Presented by Melody Phillips, Director of Operations

Thursday, June 3, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

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



A May 20, 2021, *News Journal* article focused on the continuing gun violence in Wilmington and made an urgent case for more youth programs in the city. We have been fortunate to have Logan Herring, CEO of REACH Riverside, speak to us about the Purpose Built Community being created on Wilmington's East Side. A key element of this project is the Teen Warehouse, an extraordinary facility that will provide after school programming and a second home to the communities' youth. Join us to see and hear the hope and promise being created in our midst.

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

SUPPORTING OUR SISTERS

An *ECHO* Giving Opportunity for the Guatemala Partnership

After your overwhelming support for last year's emergency food kit and egg-laying chicken projects, it is clear that our sisters in Guatemala hold a special place in our hearts!

In this same spirit, we are excited to share this **Supporting Our Sisters** initiative, which aims to help sustain the many ongoing projects that uplift these Guatemalan women. From fuel-efficient stoves to family gardens to empowerment training, the list is impressive.

We invite you to make an undesignated gift which will allow us to direct funds where they are needed most. Learn more and give online today at ncpguatemala.com/donate or by using the [ECHO Giving form](#). Thank you for supporting our sisters!



Supporting Our Sisters



Summer Celebration



It's been too long! Come see your church friends!
All Ages • Ice Cream • Games • No Need to RSVP



Sunday, June 6
9:45 AM on the WPC Lawn
(after 9 AM worship)

The deacons are sponsoring a Summer Celebration on June 6 after worship on the front lawn. If you will not be attending worship, we still hope to see you at 9:45! There will be socially-distanced activities for *all ages* including Minute to Win It Games, Side Walk Chalk, Noodle Tag, as well as ice cream treats and other refreshments. We look forward to having *everyone* – adults and children – join us!