

Date: September 29, 2024
Season of the Holy Spirit

Prayer of Preparation

Chiara Lubich, founder
of the Focolare Movement, Italy

Lord, may I ever speak as though it were the last word that I can speak.

May I ever act as though it were the last action that I can perform.

May I ever suffer as though it were the last pain that I can offer.

May I ever pray as though it were for me on earth the last chance to speak to you. Amen.

Gathering in the Presence of God

**Please stand as able, in body or in spirit*

Gathering Music

When Morning Guilds The Sky

Welcome

***Call to Worship** (responsively)

Liturgist

We will walk this day with you, O God, and you will walk with us,

gathering us into a community to pray for one another in all things.

We will walk this day with you, O Christ, and you will walk with us,

calling us to follow you, helping us to set aside all which holds us back.

We will walk this day with you, O Spirit, and you will walk with us,

sending us out, side by side, inspired, encouraged, and filled with the Spirit to serve those cast aside by the world.

*Hymn

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

GTG 469

Confessing Our Separation from God (unison)

Liturgist

O God, there are times when we don't know how to pray to you, or even what to pray for. We have lost confidence of the truth in our lives because we have forgotten to pray boldly and too scared to listen. Take away the barriers of self-defense and grant us the firm security that comes from trust in you. Forgive us and restore within us the confidence of daily prayer that we might grow closer to you and reach out to others in need. Through Jesus Christ, your word of love we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Jesus, Draw Me Close

Rick Founds

Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.

Let the world around me fade away.

Jesus, draw me close;

Closer, Lord, to You.

For I desire to worship and obey.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Liturgist

Epistle Lesson

James 5:13-20

Liturgist

Source: New International Version (NIV)

Anthem

What A Friend

M. Scriven,
arr. Barrie Gott

Reflection

Above All, Pray

We Respond to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

I Believe in Jesus

Marc Nelson

**Prayers of the People of God - Joys and Hopes &
The Lord's Prayer**

The Act of Gratitude

Offertory

Jesus Is All The World To Me

Will Thompson

***Doxology: An Expression of Faith to God**

GTG 606

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison)

Liturgist

God of the beginning, God of the now, and God of what will be; in your claiming us as your own, you have given us the most gracious and most powerful invitation- to pray to lift all that weighs on our hearts, with the confidence that you will hear. As we offer gifts to you this morning, we pray that you will dedicate them so that they might bring love, compassion, joy, and mercy to people who are in need. Then remind us that we are not alone until we have offered to you the prayers of our hearts. We pray this in the love and hope of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.

We Follow God's Word into the World

***Hymn**

O Christ, the Healer

GTG 793

***Benediction**

Postlude

Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart

Next Week's Liturgist: Clare MacDonald

WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Eddie Jusino

Liturgist: Pam Jusino

Ushers: Nancy Tompkins and Diana Green

Music: Art Henry

The Westminster Choir

A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 18 – OCTOBER 16 10:00-11:30AM: Adult Ed Bible Study: “Picturing Scripture” with Alan Keohane. Join us for these interesting and thought-provoking sessions on the **Book of Revelations** via Zoom. The link is on the Back of the Bulletin email and on WPC’s website.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 @ 10am – SUNDAY SERVICE WTH COMMUNION

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following the service for light refreshments, sponsored by the Cluster Groups.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 @ 2:30-4:00pm – BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS WPC is partnering with St. Edmond's for the Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pets to the church yard to receive a blessing and celebrate the bond of love that animals have with their humans, and that humans have with all of God’s creation.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 – BOARDWALK BUDDY WALK @ 9:00am –Join us as we unite for a common cause and raise funds for the 2024 Boardwalk Buddy Walk®. Whether you know someone who has Down syndrome, or just want to show your support, donate or register today! Look for the RED WPC banner near the Boardwalk and the Pavilion at 8:45am. **Westminster has been a proud sponsor of the Buddy Walk over 19 years!**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Presenting nominations from the nominating committee or the election of church officers (after the worship service).

Moderator will be Rev. Eddie Jusino

Clerk of Session: Karen Palermo (only has to certify a quorum)

Silvia Ritchie presenting the nominations

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Deb Norton asks for prayers for her friend, **Bonnie Charnock**, for whom we prayed in 2020, when she began cancer treatment. She is grateful for our prayers and for the prayer shawl ministry, as she keeps that shawl on her bed. Now, as a result of knee surgery, Bonnie is experiencing pain and discomfort. We pray for pain-relief and restoration of function. May God continue to protect and strengthen her, and may she be blessed by the sustaining power of prayer.

Darlene Griffin, mother of former WPC interim pastor, Rev. Doug Griffin, passed into her heavenly home on September 18. She had been in hospice care at Dover Assisted Living. Darlene often attended Sunday services at WPC during Doug's tenure, and she developed a special relationship with many WPC members, which extended beyond Doug's pastorate. In Doug's words, "The folks there meant so much to Mother during her years in Rehoboth Beach! We appreciate your and the church's prayerful sympathy for our family in the days and weeks ahead." We ask the Holy Spirit to comfort the family, while we also celebrate Darlene's victory over death with her translation to More Life. *Absent from the body; present with the Lord.*

Ailing

Laurie (friend of John Hawkins' daughter)

Owen (great-grandson of Marlene and Mike Quinn)

Glenn & Karen Dixon

Bonnie Ekas

Don Jacobs

Peter John (friend of Nancy Brock and her daughter, Wendy Rose)

Caleb Randall (friend of Deb Norton)

Lois Ann Rayner

Kathy Smith (friend of Linda and Al Cybart)

Surgery/Post Surgery

Fred Paleen

Amy Reed Parker (sister of Jim Reed)



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Blessing

OF THE ANIMALS
Sunday, Oct. 6th, 2024
2:30pm - 4pm

Laurel St. and King Charles Ave.
Rehoboth Beach, De.
westminster-rehoboth.org | stedmond.org

The unconditional love we give and receive from our
pets can draw us more deeply into the larger circle
of life with Our Creator.

Bring your pet or a photo of your pet.

Good will donations collected for:



**HUMANE ANIMAL
PARTNERS**
DELAWARE