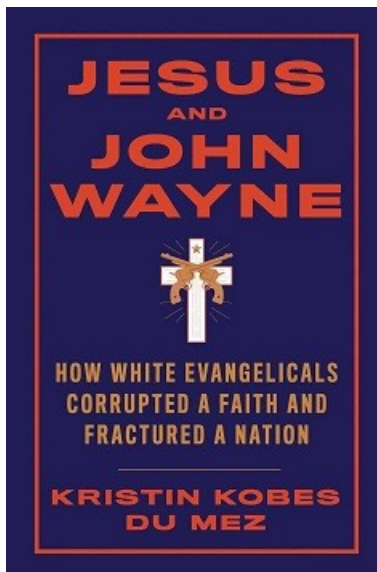


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Westminster Presbyterian Church, Santa Fe

Summer All Church Book Read:

JESUS AND JOHN WAYNE: HOW WHITE EVANGELICALS CORRUPTED A FAITH AND FRACTURED A NATION



Many of you participated in our January/February discussion group “Understanding Christian Nationalism,” which centered around three Diana Butler Bass essays on the subject. As we wrapped up the series, many participants expressed their desire to continue both the conversation and exploration of this particular ‘brand’ of Christianity.

This summer, all members and friends of Westminster are invited to join me in reading *Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation*, by Kristin Kobes Du

Mez. Published in 2020, *Jesus and John Wayne* “presents a seventy-five-year history of evangelicalism that identifies the forces that have turned Donald Trump into a hero of the Religious Right.”

You can find a copy of *Jesus and John Wayne* at the Santa Fe Public Library, in any number of local bookstores, as an e-book, or as an audio book. We’ll gather twice a month beginning in June (on the second and fourth Sundays) before worship for conversation and discussion about what we are reading. There’s no particular reading schedule, though a suggested schedule would be one-third of the book each month, June through August.

I look forward to exploring this topic more with you!

Prayers for Our Congregation

Georgia Ortiz
Cindy Piatt
Dale and Carolyn Raar
Diane Ransom
Sandy Reynolds

Over the course of the year, all members and friends of Westminster will appear on this list. Please hold them in prayer, knowing they will hold you in prayer.

Birthdays!

6/4: Lois Morton
6/5: Alan Tway
6/6: Jennifer Frisch
6/16: Madeline Hart-Andersen
6/19: James Rotunno

QUERIDO WESTMINSTER:

Last Sunday, we celebrated Pentecost - decking the sanctuary out in red (and wearing red ourselves) as we remembered the Spirit descending like tongues of flame on the disciples gathered in Jerusalem, offering the gift of language and understanding for all who were present. We celebrate Pentecost on the last day of Eastertide (the fiftieth day after Easter, specifically). Pentecost represents the culmination of the church's seven-week celebration of Christ's resurrection. As the Lord's Day is sometimes called the "eighth day" of creation, Pentecost is a day of new creation – all things transformed and made new by the Word and Breath of the living God. On the Day of Pentecost we give particular thanks for the gift of God's Holy Spirit, who gathers the church as the body of Christ and sends us to share in Christ's mission throughout the world.



It's also a day where we celebrate the church - Christ's body gathered together! That celebration of the church has often led people to refer to Pentecost as "the church's birthday," but it's really more of a celebration of the movement of the Spirit through us as we look to the future. On Pentecost, we are reminded of the relentless movement of the Spirit throughout our history and the promise that the Spirit will never be done moving in and through us.

And we can see the movement of the Spirit present among us - in our work with Matthew 25 and local shelters, in our care for one another, and in our efforts to revitalize this congregation. I am constantly amazed at the creative, caring, and welcoming ideas you all have dreamed up - and I look forward to working together to put them in place! Happy Pentecost, indeed.

Bendiciones,
Rev. Madeline

P.S. Please join me this summer as we read *Jesus and John Wayne* together!

MADELINE'S SCHEDULE:

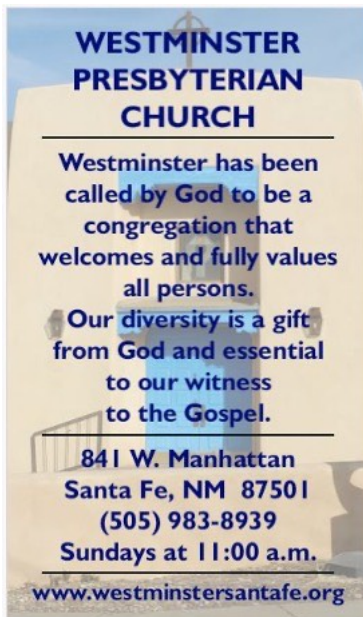
Vacation: June 29-July 3; July 24-August 2

Office hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 9:30-1:30; Fridays by appointment. Saturday and Monday are my days off! If you have an emergency on my days off, please call my cell phone or send me a text.

Revitalizing Our Church: Two Requests from Evangelism and Outreach

The Evangelism & Outreach Committee is exploring a number of ways to grow and revitalize our church, and among them are two immediate requests which involve **YOU!**

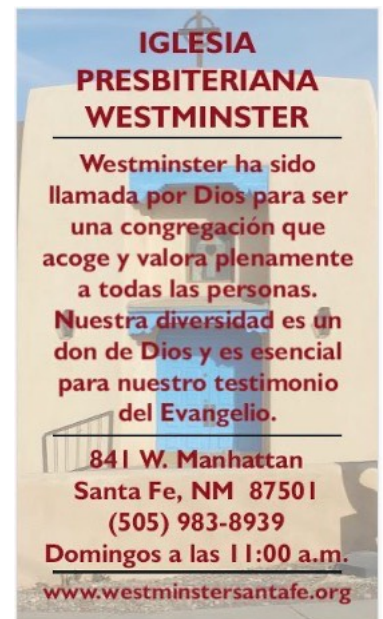
The first request is to carry and hand out **Westminster's new business card**. Unlike a traditional business card, this business card doesn't have anyone's name or job title or email address, but it does have a very important statement about our call as people of God in this time and space. The text on one side of the card is in English, the other side is in Spanish.



Please take 5 to 10 cards the next time you're at church; we'll keep a supply of them on the table in the hallway so you can always get more. Carry them in your wallet, purse, pocketbook, and/or phone case. And whenever the opportunity presents itself, hand one to a friend, co-worker, or acquaintance as a way to say *"I am part of a faith community that welcomes all people, and we'd love to have you join us for worship any Sunday you're available, in-person or online."* As you may already know, word-of-mouth recommendations or referrals often have a much greater impact than any ad in the newspaper, any billboard along the highway, or any commercial on TV or radio. And best of all, it's free!

The second request is to help us put the finishing touches on **a new brochure** to hand to visitors as a way for them to know more about us. One of the sections of the brochure will include your one- or two-sentence responses to the question **"Why Worship With Us?"** Your response can be something as simple as *"The sermons are inspiring"* or *"You can wear shorts, bring your doxie, and just be yourself"* to something like *"I have worshiped at Westminster for years because of its strong sense of community, caring, and inclusivity."*

Put on your thinking caps, consider what it is that brings you to attend worship at Westminster, and then write it down. Once you're done, email it to Kent at DeMiracle@comcast.net no later than June 30. Thank you so much!



Is Quiet Space on your monthly calendar?

Join us on the second Saturday at 10am for this once-a-month chance to take a deep breath and enjoy some creativity and contemplation!

Since our start last year, we've gathered on Saturday mornings for a number of creative, contemplative practices. We worshipped in the Taizé style during Lent; we created Bible Blackout poem-prayers in January and in May; and during Advent, we created new banners to hang in the sanctuary.

This summer, we'll lean into our creativity with three months of art! Join us at 10am on June 10, July 8, and August 12 for explorations of the Trinity in art – both that created by others and art we create ourselves. This is a great low-key entry for friends you want to introduce to Westminster!

I look forward to seeing you there!

Taizé moves to summer schedule

Beginning June 1, Taizé is moving to the Summer schedule. In June and August, we'll meet just once a month, on the first Thursday of the month. We'll gather in-person in our sanctuary, but we'll also live-stream our Taizé service – look for it on our YouTube channel!

Contemplative Worship

Taizé: A brief prayer service in the style of the Taizé Brothers in France is held the first Thursday of June and August during the summer, meeting at Westminster at 5:30pm. It is a time of scripture, prayer, chants and silence. If you'd like the link for the livestream, or to be added to the Taizé email list, please contact the church office at wpcsantafe@gmail.com.

Second Saturday Quiet Space: On the second Saturday of the month, we gather at 10am for a creative, contemplative gathering. We will read Scripture, pray together, and hold a time of silence. Within that structure, Quiet Space is a time for creativity and contemplation; every month will be a different experience.



An update from our Afghan evacuee family

The eldest daughter of the family we support graduated from 8th grade this spring. At the end of the year, her English teacher asked the class to write a personal essay. Sema wrote and read aloud the essay below. One of our volunteers, Rev. Lee Walters, was present in the classroom that day and had the following to say, "Her enthusiasm, curiosity and willingness to try so many new things and this speech show the depth of her intelligence and spirit. This morning Sema was a super star!"

In August we were in Afghanistan in 2021 and then the Taliban came. My family went to the airport in Kabul.

The airport was very big. It was full of people. The people were trying to get out of Afghanistan. They don't want to stay with the Taliban because the Taliban kills people.

It was the first time I got on an airplane. There were no seats, we sat on the floor. It was very hot. Many children were crying. I had a headache. The American Army had lots of water for us to drink. The American Army and some Afghan police helped keep my family of eight together.

First, we flew to Qatar for one hour to get some air. Then we got back on in the plane. Next, we went to Germany for about fifty days. I couldn't speak English or German. I felt bad.

From Germany we flew to Philadelphia where we stayed for one or two days.

Then we went to Virginia where we stayed on a military base. First, we stayed in trailers for two months then we stayed in barracks for two months. There were many families in a large room separated by fences. My dad and my brother went to a big dining hall three times a day to get food for us.

There were bunk beds. We put our mattresses on the floor to sleep. It was easy to sleep, we were happy and warm

In the day time we had English classes. I took care of my sisters when my mother was in the women's class.

We came to New Mexico in February 2022. We stayed in a house in Albuquerque for one night then we came to Santa Fe.

In April we started school at Gonzales. One of the things I like about living here is going to school. If I were in Afghanistan I couldn't go to school. In Afghanistan girls can't go to school.

There are many things I have done for the first time since coming to the United States.

I learned English.

I just started running track. I never did that before.

I took science class and art class.

I went to a book fair.

I went to summer camp.

I met Flavia. We cooked and played games.

I feel good to be here in the U.S. I miss Afghanistan. I want to go back some day.

Thank you Sema for sharing your words with us!

The Co-Sponsoring Team is delighted to announce that we recently helped the family pass a huge milestone: everyone has a Green Card! While it truly takes a village to help with a transition like the one the Ibrahim family has experienced, it is also a delight and a deep joy to be part of that work.

Per Capita and Westminster

It has been an amazing year for our Afghan family, with over a dozen people from four congregations coming together to help in small and large ways. But for many, the most amazing part was being part of a team. That's what being Presbyterian means and where per capita comes from. Each 'head', each one, does a small part so that huge projects can be accomplished and wonderful things can happen for all.

Yes, our budget line has a per capita listing and we, as WPC, pay our portion to the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. In that way we are assured that the larger bodies have enough resources to provide the necessary support, ideas, and oversight to share our faith with the wider world, wider country, wider area of our state, and to each individual congregation as needed. The good old saying that it takes a village is so true. With each contributing in the way we feel most able, we are creating connections - that's what Presbyterians strive to do in all our layers of being church - TOGETHER.

For 2023, each individual portion is \$37. If you are able to contribute this along with your pledge one week, it will go a long way to easing the total budget line of thousands of dollars that WPC will pay to the Presbytery - allowing us to stay connected and continue to do great things. \$37 is a small price to pay for such great benefits.

Thank you.

Have you signed up? SANTA FE PRIDE PARADE SATURDAY, JUNE 24 at 11:00 A.M.

Join your Westminster family as we march in the Santa Fe Pride Parade on Saturday, June 24th! The parade is scheduled to step off at 11:00 a.m. from the PERA Building (across from the Roundhouse) down Old Santa Fe Trail past the San Miguel Chapel and the Loretto Chapel toward the Plaza. One could say it has potential to be a religious experience!

Around twenty-five Westminster folks have already signed up to march, and there's plenty of room for more! We'll meet at the church around 10:00-ish that morning, decorate the vehicle (the Brinegar truck?), we'll drive down the parade route, and carpool to the PERA Building.

Join us for what promises to be a feast for the eyes! You never know what you might see or who you might meet. And you never know who might visit Westminster for Sunday worship afterward because all of us were there!



Updates from the April Session Meeting

WPC Committee Meetings

Building and Grounds:
6:30pm; 1st Thursday

Money Cares: 6:30pm; 1st
Wednesday

Missio Dei: 9:45am; 2nd
Sunday

Worship: 12pm; 2nd Sunday

Evangelism and Outreach:
6:30pm; 2nd Tuesday

Creation Care: 7pm; 3rd
Wednesday

Session: 6:30pm; 4th
Thursdays

Personnel: as needed

Deacons: as needed

Nominating: as needed,
beginning in summer

Westminster's Session meets on the fourth Thursday of each month - usually. We met April 27 at 6:30pm. The Session heard reports from committees, and had robust discussions about those reports!

We are working on the creation of a Child, Youth, and Vulnerable Adult Safety Policy!

From B&G:

- Exterior woodwork was repainted!

From Money Cares:

- Annuity at Del Norte Credit Union to mature in Nov. 2023 - investment committee researching reinvestment options

- Beginning work on Stewardship theme

From Missio Dei:

- Restarted Agape Fast! So far, so good!
- Gratitude for Menaul students, B&G members, and Missio Dei members who took part in work-day during Holy Week - much was accomplished! (Go peek at the storage space in the hall!)

From Evangelism and Outreach:

- Identifying specific priorities for immediate focus (before end of summer)
- Pride sign-ups going well - 25 people so far

(For full minutes, check the church library!)

Creation Care Corner

Are you interested in Creation Care? Please reach out to Consuelo Walker, or any of the members of the Creation Care Committee to learn more about what we do! Members are: Consuelo Walker, Fred Dennis, and Jim Roghair.



Scrub Jays on the Caja del Rio!

The "blue jay" of dry lowlands from Nevada south to Mexico, Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay is a dusty blue bird set off by gray-brown and white. It looks very similar to the California Scrub-Jay (considered the same species until 2016), but it's a dimmer blue and dingier gray, with almost no necklace, a straighter bill, and higher-pitched calls. The bird's rounded, crestless head immediately sets it apart from Blue Jays and Steller's Jays. These birds are a fixture of dry shrublands and woodlands of pinyon pine and juniper.

Look for Woodhouse's Scrub-Jays in open habitats and pinyon-juniper woodlands of the intermountain West; also backyards and pastures. Woodhouse's Scrub-Jays live mainly

PRESBYTERY OF SANTA FE'S EARTHCARE RESOURCE PACKET - WAYS YOU CAN BE A STRONGER STEWARD OF CREATION!

1. Want interesting and inspirational quotes? On pages 34-38, there are 30 quotations from famous leaders about Climate Change.
2. Want to conduct an energy audit of your church? See pages 10-11
3. Want to contact others doing good work about Climate Change? Some suggestions for getting started can be found on pages 18-23.
4. Want to start a discussion about Climate Change? The Resource Packet includes a section from the Presbyterian Mission Agency. On page 12 there are two posters you can download and discuss: 'Climate and Food' and 'Climate and Water'.
5. Would you like to start reading to your children, grandchildren, children of friends about Climate Change? Find a children's booklist on pages 38-40.

Access the Packet here on the Presbytery's website:

<https://www.santafepresbytery.org/resources-2/earth-care>

among pinyon pine trees. They developed relatively thin, pointed bills that are adept at getting at the pine nuts hidden between pine cone scales.

Woodhouse's Scrub-Jays have a mischievous streak, and they're not above outright theft. They've been caught stealing acorns seeds and pine cones from Clark's Nutcrackers. You might see Woodhouse's Scrub-Jays standing on the back of a mule deer. They're picking off and eating ticks and other parasites (eewww!). The deer seem to appreciate the help, often standing still and holding up their ears to give the jays access.

From Earthkeepers 360 May 15 Newsletter)

Un Siglo de Recuerdos - A Century of Memories 1893-1993

Westminster Presbyterian Church of Santa Fe; Spanish Presbyterian Church; Spanish Department, First Presbyterian Church; La Iglesia Segunda Presbiteriana (Hispañola) de Santa Fe

The following is an excerpt from Un Siglo De Recuerdos, written by Elizabeth N. Naranjo for the occasion of our centennial anniversary in 1993. This spring, Westminster celebrated our 130th birthday and as we prepare for a fall celebration, we are sharing portions of Libby's work, so we might all know our own history!

On April 11, 1893, a commission of Santa Fe Presbytery, meeting in regular session in Las Vegas, New Mexico, authorized the organization of a Spanish Presbyterian Church in Santa Fe. The commission members involved in this first step in the history of Westminster Presbyterian Church were Rev. George G. Smith, Rev. Guillermo Williams and Mr. Robert Harvey. Rev. Smith was pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Santa Fe, having succeeded Rev. David McFarlane in 1874. Mr. Harvey was an elder there and Rev. Williams was to be organizing pastor of the new church...

The organizing meeting of the new church's Session was held on July 15, 1893. In a later meeting on July 26, the group adopted the name "La Iglesia Segunda Presbiteriana (Hispañola) de Santa Fe."

The members of this first Session, or "directos," were Robert Harvey, F. B. Crichton, Victor Durán, José Jesus Vigil, and Eugenio Romero. As previously stated, Rev. Guillermo Williams was the organizing minister.

The original congregation consisted of the following members: Eugenio Romero, Alvina Lopez, Eufimia Martínez, Alena Lopez, Rosalita Montoya, Bidál Garcia and his two daughters Lucinda and Francesquita, Panchita Sanchez, Ursula Padilla, Florencia Lopez and Amelia Sandoval, all of whom transferred from First Presbyterian Church...

In February of 1895 the Session confirmed the purchase of a house for the church on the south side of the Santa Fe River close to Galisteo Street. The property was purchased for \$200.00.

This may be the place which Rev. Rendón describes as "a very humble place of worship, an adobe building which had been acquired by Mr. Madrid. He, with the help of some of the member[s] made one room out of two by knocking down the partition, and fixed [it] the best they could. There was an organ and regular church pews that were given to the congregation by the Episcopal Church for the 'next 99 years.' ...

The first infant baptism entered in the church records is that of Daniel Durán, son of Vicot and Cecilia Durán, who was baptized on July 10, 1894. . . A number of adult baptisms were performed during those early years, apparently because baptism in the Roman Catholic Church was not considered acceptable for membership in the Presbyterian Church. . .

COVID-19 AND WESTMINSTER

CDC Levels

The CDC Community Level for Santa Fe County is posted on our website every Friday. Please check our website or [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) on Friday or Saturday to learn the current level!

Masking

CDC Community Level

High: **Masks required**

Medium: **Masks required**

Low: **Masks encouraged; required if not vaccinated**

Vaccination

At all levels, we encourage members, friends, and visitors to get vaccinated and boosted!

CDC Community Level

High: **Proof required**

Medium: –

Low: **Vaccination status asked; if not vaccinated, masking is required.**

During this season of pandemic, we continue to be the church, worshiping God together even though we are not all together in one space. In God, we are made one church, bigger than any building might contain. Our [COVID-19 Safe Protocols](#) are part of our response to God's call to care for the vulnerable among us. As Christians, we believe it is important to live out our care for one another and the wider community by following our protocols.

Our matrix is an easy-to-use guideline for where we are in our COVID-19 restrictions. You will find an announcement bar on our website, updated regularly, with the current CDC Community Levels. Our COVID-19 Safe Protocols will be communicated to the congregation on the website and in *El Semanario*. The current version of the matrix, [accessible here](#), has an approval date of 12/18/22. If substantive changes are made to the guidelines or matrix, we will notify the congregation via email. An email will go out on any Friday when we move from one level to another, so that worship attendees can be prepared for any changes to Sunday's worship!

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or have tested positive for COVID-19, (or if you don't feel up to coming in to church this Sunday!) you are welcome to join our online congregation! Every Sunday at 11am, as people are gathering in person at the church building, we are also streaming via YouTube. A bulletin can be accessed in the comments of the Live video so that you can participate fully with us!

All are welcome to worship with us, whichever way feels most appropriate for you!

THE NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ENDED MAY 11. THE SESSION WILL BE DETERMINING WHAT OUR PATH FORWARD WILL LOOK LIKE AT OUR JUNE MEETING. PLEASE REACH OUT TO ANY MEMBER OF SESSION IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OFFER INPUT!

June Calendar

1: Taizé, 5:30pm,
 Building and Grounds, 6:30pm, Zoom
 3: Marilie Blanchard Memorial, 2pm
 4: Coffee Hour, 10am
 Worship with Communion, 11am
 7: Money Cares, 6:30, Zoom
 10: Quiet Space, 10am
 11: Coffee Hour, 10am
 Worship, 11am
 Worship Committee, 12pm
 13: Evangelism & Outreach, 6:30pm,
 Zoom
 18: Coffee Hour, 10am
 Worship, 11am
 Missio Dei, 12:30pm
 21: Creation Care, 7pm, Zoom
 22: Session, 6:30pm, Zoom
 25: Coffee Hour, 10am
 Worship with Communion, 11am

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