

MORNING WORSHIP

Serve Together

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"Be God's."
— Rich Mullins, Christian Musician and Poet

Sentences of Scripture

Rev. Laurie Hartzell

Opening Voluntary

"Holy Manna" arr. Bonnie Johansen-Werner
Helen Hofmeister, Organ

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Lynette Sparks

++Call to Worship

Emma Richter and Karys Russell (11:00 a.m.)

One: We come, for God gathers us here with that community called faith:

All: where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.

One: We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

All: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.

One: We come, for God reunites us here, siblings in that family called love:

All: where justice rules even for the imprisoned, where the sick are cradled in God's peace.

++Hymn 100 "My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout" *Star of the County Down*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Jen Porter

God who is always with us, where we have not honored but avoided you in each other, where we have clung to our birthrights and dismissed the cries of the oppressed, where we have not touched but trampled you in creation, where we have not received but rejected your goodness, forgive us. Give us the courage and wisdom to live with you and your Kin-dom at the center of our lives. Hear our prayers...

Silent Confession

Kyrie - Unison

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Lee J. Afdahl



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The Assurance of God's Grace

One: Friends, believe the Good News.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

++Response Hymn 701

"Lord, Prepare Me"

Sanctuary

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.**

++Stand in body or in spirit

++Passing the Peace of Christ

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Ministry of Music (11:00 a.m.) "Every Move I Make"

Youth Retreat Music Group

*Every move I make I make in You; You make me move, Jesus
Every breath I take I breathe in You; Every step I take I take in You
You are my way, Jesus; Every breath I take I breathe in You
Waves of mercy, waves of grace; Everywhere I look I see Your face
Your love has captured me; Oh my God this love
How can it be?*

Blessings with Younger Disciples

Nancy Greidanus

(Children three years through second grade may finish their time of worship in the worship centers. Children's worship leaders or parents will shepherd them from the sanctuary to their rooms. Parents may pick them up in their worship rooms following the service.)

Congregation: As you worship together, may God be with you.

Children: And also with you.

Congregation: Go in peace!

THE WORD

Scripture

Psalm 82:1-4; *Old Testament p.542*
Matthew 25: 37-46 *New Testament p.29*
Vivi Duncan and Dillan Roosien (11:00 a.m.)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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Rev. Alonzo Johnson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Affirmation of Faith *(adapted from the Belhar Confession)*

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another; that we share one baptism together; that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together; that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope—which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Focus on Stewardship

Lily Fiore and Elizah Hyde (11:00 a.m.)

Offering Our Lives

Offertory: 8:30

"Christ, Be Our Light"
Helen Hofmeister, Organ

arr. Michael Burkhardt

11:00

"Hope Lingers On"

Lissa Schneckeburger
arr. Andrea Ramsey

*My mother, when love is gone, in our darkest hour, hope lingers on.
My father, when peace is gone, in our darkest hour, hope lingers on.
I will not hate, and I will not fear. In our darkest hour, hope lingers on.
My sister, when equality is gone, in our darkest hour, hope lingers on.
My brother, with tolerance gone, in our darkest hour, hope lingers on.
I will not hate, and I will not fear. In our darkest hour, hope lingers on.
My love, when honor is gone, in our darkest hour, hope lingers on.
My country, when justice is gone, in our darkest hour, hope lingers on.
I will not hate, and I will not fear. In our darkest hour, hope lingers on.
Sanctuary Choir*

++Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!**

++Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

God of strange reversals and healing mysteries, we thank you for giving us Jesus who has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. Enable us, when we are confronted by the vulnerability and suffering of others, to make those choices that will keep us in tune with your generous love, and thereby create small communities of heaven where you are truly worshipped and glorified. For your name's sake. Amen!

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Toccata in Seven"
Helen Hofmeister, Organ

John Rutter

The Charge - *Go into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold on to all that is good. Return no one evil for evil. Do justice. Walk with those who are fainthearted. Help those who suffer. Honor all people. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

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AHEAD IN WORSHIP

In person 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.

October 31—Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost Together in the Kin-dom: A Community of Love Reception of New Members

Rev. Lynette Sparks
Mark 10:35-45
Music: 8:30 Diane Helle, Violin
11:00 Sanctuary Choir

November 7—Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 160th Anniversary Sunday

Rev. Lynette Sparks
Music: Festival Strings, Sanctuary Choir

Ahead in Adult Faith Formation 9:45-10:40, Chapel

Oct. 24: "Camp: The Kin-dom across creation"
Jake Jacobs, Camp Henry Director

Oct. 31: "For All the Saints: Legacy in the Kin-Dom"
Rev. Kyle Kooyers

Nov. 7: Celebrating Our 160 years!
Carolyn Morse *meeting in the sanctuary

Welcome to Westminster

WELCOME

If you have questions about the life of the church or becoming a member, please email Susan Jennings at susanj@wpcgr.org. More information about worship and updates from the church can be found at westminstergr.org. You are welcome and celebrated here!

ASSISTANCE

If you'd like a large-print bulletin or a hearing device, please ask one of the ushers at a sanctuary entrance. For T-loop hearing assistance, set your hearing aid to T.

CHILDREN

Parents of three-year-olds to fifth graders, come to the children's check-in tables in the Gathering Place before the service to sign in. Children are welcome throughout the service! Ask an usher if you'd like special worship bags, folders, or children's bulletins to help your kids engage in worship. The nursery (babies through two-year-olds) is available during the service. Children (ages 3 through 2nd grade) will begin worship in the sanctuary and be invited to continue worship in the interactive settings of our worship centers. Leaders will shepherd them to their centers, but parents are welcome to lead them as well. Children will wait for you at the end of the service in the Children's Ministry hallway off the Gathering Place.

MASKING UPDATE

Per CDC guidelines, we ask that you wear a mask for all indoor gatherings at church. This includes worship and meetings. The Way Forward Committee and staff continue to monitor CDC recommendations and infection levels in our community. We will have masks available at church if you need one.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher..... Rev. Alonzo Johnson

Rev. Alonzo Johnson is the national coordinator for the Self-Development of People Program (SDOP) of the Presbyterian Church (USA). SDOP is a branch of the PCUSA's Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministry. He is also the convener of the Educate A Child, Transform the World initiative. Alonzo has more than twenty-five years of experience specializing in urban, youth, education, creative arts, anti-racism and social justice ministries. He served an urban congregation in Philadelphia, PA, and worked as a volunteer chaplain for nine years at Luther Luckett Correctional Facility in LaGrange, KY. Even though he works for the PCUSA, he is here with us on his own because of his passion and personal commitment to youth, young adults and youth leaders in the church.

Liturgists Rev. Laurie Hartzell, Interim Associate Pastor
..... Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
..... Emma Richter, Communications Manager
..... Karys Russell
..... Rev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor
..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children and Their Families
..... Vivi Duncan and Dillan Roosien
..... Lily Fiore and Elizah Hyde

Musicians..... Helen Hofmeister, Minister of Music
11:00 Youth Retreat Music Group
..... Sanctuary Choir
..... Janlee Richter, Accompanist

Acolytes..... Stella Vandervelde and Robin Gregg

Ushers..... Team A
8:30 Mary Dirkse, Louis VanderHave, Chuck Wylie
11:00 Bill Baguley, Tom Kormos, Jeanne Marshall,
..... Michael Marshall, Peter Persons, Bill Warren,
..... Carole Warren, Todd Helle, Heather Lermont-Pape

WORSHIP CENTERS

11:00 a.m.

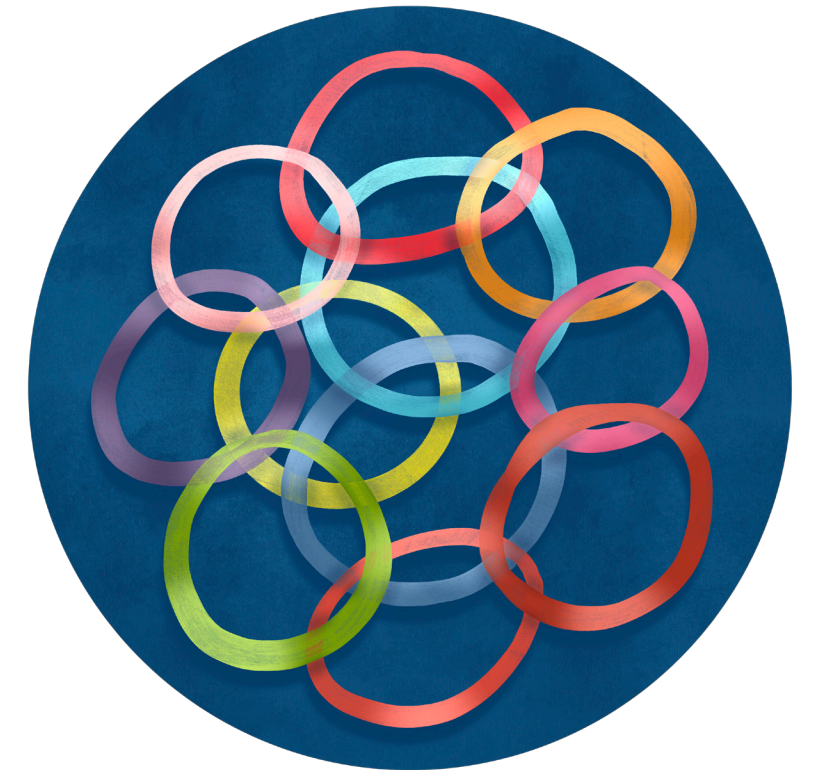
Worship Center 1 (Young 5's and Kindergarten)..... Drew Hausig
Worship Center 2 (1st and 2nd Grade)..... Tim, Molly, and Nancy Born

NURTURING CENTER (Age 3 and 4) Maggie Atwater
..... Amanda Schnepf

A Stewardship Invitation

What does being ALL-IN: Together in the Kin-dom mean for you? For Westminster? Perhaps you are drawn closer to God's heart through worship, or through engaging with our young ones and our youth, or through our involvement in the community around us, or in caring for each other. However you choose to be together in ministry at Westminster, be assured that you are welcome - welcome to being ALL-IN.

Your invitation to respond to God's gifts to you is in the mail. Prayerfully consider your financial commitment for 2022 as you fill out the pledge card. Be sure to bring it to worship on October 31 - Pledge Sunday. If you are unable to attend in person, you can either fill out your pledge online or mail your pledge card to the church office. Let's be ALL-IN.



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**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**OCTOBER 24, 2021
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.**