

# MORNING WORSHIP

All In: A Kin-dom of Love

## GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

### In Preparation for Worship

"I believe that Jesus Christ still loves the Church!" – Theodore J. Wardlaw

### Sentences of Scripture

Rev. Lynette Sparks

### Opening Voluntary

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" arr. John Leavitt  
Helen Hofmeister, Organ

### Sharing the Life of Westminster

Susan Jennings

### ++Call to Worship (from Psalm 96)

One: Sing to God—worship God!

**All: For God is great, and worth a thousand hallelujahs.**

One: God made the heavens, and royal splendor radiates from God.

**All: Everyone join in praise, awed by God's beauty and might!**

One: Bring gifts and celebrate. Worship God in holy splendor.

**All: The heavens are glad; the earth rejoices! Together we sing for joy.**

### ++Hymn 363

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

Darwall's 148th

### Prayer of Confession

Elder John Nienhuis

(Trusting that God is love, we express our lament, our brokenness, and our failings to God.)

**Holy God, you call us to love you with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind. Forgive us when selfishness takes up too much of our heart, when worry seems to crowd wonder out of our soul, when fear causes us to close our minds to the movement of your Spirit. Holy God, you call us to bear with one another in love. Forgive us when we cannot love our neighbors. Forgive us when we cannot love ourselves. Help us to love with abandon...**

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 42

Your Faithfulness, O Lord Is Sure

Winchester New

(stanza 1)

**Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure in all your words, your gracious deeds; you gently lift all burdened souls and well provide for all our needs.**

++Stand in body or in spirit

### ++Passing the Peace of Christ (A sign of forgiveness and reconciliation.)

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

**All: And also with you.**

### Ministry of Music

"Morning Has Broken"

arr. Ervin Monroe

Diane Helle, Violin

### Blessings with Younger Disciples (11:00 a.m.)

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

### Prayer for Illumination

(We pray that the words of Scripture may be encountered as God's Word.)

### Scripture

Mark 12:28-34

New Testament p. 49

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

All In: A Kin-dom of Love

Rev. Lynette Sparks

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### Reception of New Members (11:00 a.m.)

#### The Meaning of Membership

#### Questions to the New Members

#### Questions to the Congregation

#### Charge

### Prayers of the People

Rev. Jen Porter

### 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

Kent Riddle

## Offering Our Lives and Dedication of Stewardship Pledges for 2022

Offertory: 8:30

"Adagio" and "Allegro" from Sonata I  
Diane Helle, Violin

Arcangelo Corelli

11:00

"Now Thank We All Our God"

J.S. Bach

from Cantata #79 God Is Our Strength and Shield  
also known as the Reformation Cantata

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices.  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices.  
Who, from our mother's arms has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.  
Sanctuary Choir

### ++Doxology (means "words of glory"—they are a traditional expression of praise to God.)

**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.**

One: Creator of all, the earth is yours, the world and all who live in it.

**All: You have entrusted us with gifts—time, talent, energy, money—and asked us to use them to build your kin-dom of love. With thanks and praise we respond to your call.**

One: With love, we bring these gifts you have given, returning your generosity.

**All: We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours. We commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call.**

One: We ask your blessing on this, your church, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

**All: Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future, that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

## GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

### ++Closing Hymn 275

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Ein' Feste Burg

### ++Charge and Benediction

#### Closing Voluntary

"Chant Héroïque"  
Helen Hofmeister, Organ

Jean Langlais

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.

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" by John Leavitt and "Morning Has Broken" arr. by Ervin Monroe is used with permission under ONE LICENSE, License #724668-A. All rights reserved.

## AHEAD IN WORSHIP

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

### **November 7—Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 160th Anniversary and Heritage Sunday Sacrament of The Lord's Supper Together in the Kin-dom: 160 Years of God's Faithfulness**

Rev. Lynette Sparks  
Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-16  
Music: Festival Strings, Sanctuary Choir  
11:00 Carol Choir

### **November 14 — Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Confirmation Sunday: Big God, Big Questions**

Rev. Laurie Hartzell  
Scripture: Matthew 16:13-19  
Music: 8:30 Ellen Pool, Piano  
11:00 Kirk Singers, Sanctuary Choir

### Ahead in Adult Faith Formation 9:45-10:40

#### **Oct. 31: "For All the Saints: Legacy in the Kin-dom"**

Rev. Kyle Kooyers  
Meeting in the parlor

#### **Nov. 7: Celebrating Our 160 years!**

Carolyn Morse  
Meeting in the chapel

## A Stewardship Invitation

What does being all in for Westminster mean to you? Maybe 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 your gifts—whether they be gifts of time, resources, or skills—help build God's kin-dom and community.

This stewardship season, we invite you to consider your financial commitment for 2022 as you fill out the pledge card available in the pew (or the digital pledge card or a pledge card mailed to you). We will have extra pledge cards available for both kids and adults. We hope you will go all in on community and generosity this season!

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher.....Rev. Lynette Sparks

Liturgists .....Susan Jennings, Minister for Pastoral Care and Membership  
..... John Nienhuis, Elder for Membership Growth and Development  
..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children and Their Families  
..... Rev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor  
..... Kent Riddle, Westminster Member

Musicians.....Helen Hofmeister, Minister of Music  
..... Diane Helle, Violin  
11:00 ..... Sanctuary Choir  
.....Janlee Richter, Accompanist

Acolyte.....Jacob Herrick

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)..... Katie Prince  
..... The Faasse Family  
Worship Center 2 (1st and 2nd Grade)..... Erin Molhoek and Nadia Schoon

**NURTURING CENTER** (Age 3 and 4) .....Sarah and Ben Pipher

## 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](mailto:susanj@wpcgr.org). More information about worship and updates from the church can be found at [westminstergr.org](http://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.



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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

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9:40 a.m.	Confirmation Class.....	Conference Room
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### MON. NOVEMBER 1

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## This Week's Calendar

### SUN. OCTOBER 31

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service.....	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Church School and Children's Choirs.....	Upstairs
9:30 a.m.	Session Meeting.....	Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Church Directory Photo Shoot.....	Library
9:40 a.m.	Confirmation Class.....	Conference Room
9:45 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation.....	Parlor
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service.....	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Chapel Singers Rehearsal.....	Choir Room
12:15 p.m.	Youth Group Halloween Tailgate.....	Parking Lot
12:45 p.m.	Kirk Singers Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

### MON. NOVEMBER 1

11:00 a.m.	Quilting Group.....	Multipurpose Room
1:30 p.m.	Spiritual Formation Group.....	Library
7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting.....	Chapel

### WED. NOVEMBER 3

6:30 a.m.	Youth Prayer Breakfast.....	Wolfgang's
1:30 p.m.	Exploring Faith Book Group.....	Parlor
4:30 p.m.	Way Forward Committee Meeting.....	Online
6:30 p.m.	WM Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal.....	Choir Room
7:00 p.m.	Youth Committee.....	Online

### THURS. NOVEMBER 4

10:30 a.m.	Food Pantry.....	Front Lobby
7:15 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

### SUN. NOVEMBER 7

7:30 a.m.	Strings Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
8:30 a.m.	Worship Service.....	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Church School and Children's Choirs.....	Upstairs
9:45 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation.....	Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service.....	Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	Game On Board Game Group.....	Online
4:00 p.m.	Porter Hills Communion.....	Porter Hills
4:00 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group.....	Youth Room
4:00 p.m.	Chapel Singers.....	Music and Choir Room
5:00 p.m.	High School Youth Group.....	Youth Room
5:00 p.m.	Kirk Singers.....	Choir Room

## Announcements

**LEADERSHIP NOMINATION:** As the Nominating Committee considers members for roles in leadership, we ask that the congregation partner with us in this important work and let us know about those members who may have gifts for leadership as an elder, deacon, trustee, or member of the memorial trust. If you know of someone that you would like to recommend for consideration by the Nominating Committee, please contact Carol Lautenbach at [cjlautenbach@gmail.com](mailto:cjlautenbach@gmail.com) or Susan Jennings at [susanj@wpcgr.org](mailto:susanj@wpcgr.org). Thank you!

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