

MORNING WORSHIP

Gifted and Called

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"Through all the ebb and flow of history, the church has been and will continue to be emerging." —Alan Brehm

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Susan Jennings

Opening Voluntary

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

arr. Wilbur Held

++Call to Worship (based on Psalm 36)

One: No matter how far we wander,

All: God's steadfast love finds us.

One: No matter how unjust the world seems to us,

All: God's righteousness sustains us.

One: No matter how vulnerable our lives seem,

All: God's steadfast presence gives us hope.

One: Thanks be to God for these blessings!

All: Let us celebrate God's joyful love!

++Hymn 297

"In Christ Called to Baptize"

St. Denio

Prayer of Confession

Rock of our salvation, we long to be your faithful people, but our good intentions run out and we come up empty. You know the faults we try to hide from you and others: we have not cared for all people in the same way; we think some are more gifted or better than others; we are more willing to rejoice with someone than to suffer with another. For all the ways we fall short, forgive us, Gracious One. Change us to become what the world lacks, that our community, our nation, our church, and all creation may know your justice and love. Hear us as we pray...

Silent Confession

Kyrie - Unison

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Lee J. Afdahl

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us,
Christ, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Friends, believe the Good News.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

++Response Hymn 673

"Jesus, Light of Joy"

Lauda Anima

stanza 1

Jesus, light of joy, surround us;
let your splendid glory shine:
source of every earthly blessing, heaven's everlasting sign.
Alleluia, alleluia, we adore you, light divine.

++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)

"Climbin' Up the Mountain"

Traditional Spiritual

arr. William Henry Smith

Climbin' up the mountain, children, Didn't come here for to stay,
If I nevermore see you again, Goin' to meet you at the judgment day!

Moses went down into Egypt land, He told ole Pharaoh,

That the good Lord sittin' on His heavenly throne,

Said "Let my people go," Good Lord, let my people go!

Daniel in the den of lions, He did begin to pray,

And the Angel of the Lord locked the lions' jaw,

Good Lord, that sho' was a mighty day!

Children in the fiery furnace, They did begin to pray,

And the Angel of the Lord put the fire out, Good Lord!

Climbin' up the mountain, children, Didn't come here for to stay,
If I nevermore see you again, Goin' to meet you at the judgment day!

Sanctuary Choir

Blessings with Younger Disciples (11:00)

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

I Corinthians 12:1-11

New Testament p. 174

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Gifted and Called"

Rev. Lynette Sparks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Hymn 300 (8:30)

"We Are One in the Spirit"

They'll Know We are Christians

++Affirmation of Faith from "A Brief Statement of Faith" (Presbyterian Church USA)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls all people to the ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Kyle Kooyers

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.

Offering Our Lives

Offertory:

8:30

"Steal Away"

arr. Ronald Nelson

11:00

"Guide My Feet"

arr. Wendell P. Nelson

Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Stand by me while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.

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.

Lord, you take delight in us and fill us with every good thing so that we may share your joy with all who hunger. Receive what we offer as testimony to your goodness, and let these gifts lead to rejoicing in all your world; in Jesus' name. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 302 "When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace" O Waly Waly

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" arr. Johann Lemckert

CONGREGATIONAL CHARGE

Go into the world: sing, laugh, create with the assurance of God's blessings.

Go into the world: risk, discover, love with the assurance of God's grace.

Go into the world: believe, hope, remember with the assurance of God's love.

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AHEAD IN WORSHIP

Two Services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

January 23 – Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Jesus' Mission Statement

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Luke 4:14-21

Music: 11:00 Sanctuary Choir

January 30 – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Luke 4:21-30

Music: 11:00 Sanctuary Choir

Ahead in Adult Faith Formation

9:45-10:40 a.m., Chapel

Stories of Mission Engagement and Transformation

January 16: Jeanne DeWaard and Ted Hartzell, Community Organizing

January 23: Marc Bohland, First Hand Aid, Cuba Mission

January 30: Diane Helle and Nancy Janisch, United Campus Christian Fellowship

Children and Youth

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. 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.

Youth

Our youth ministry serves middle and high schoolers through weekly meetings, youth choirs, retreats, and summer trips. Join us for youth group and choir after the 11:00 a.m. service from 12:00 to 2:30 p.m. If you would like more information about youth ministry, please contact our Interim Youth Director Christy Roosien at christyr@wpcgr.org. To sign up for updates via email from our youth program, email emmar@wpcgr.org.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
 Liturgists Rev. Kyle Kooyers, Parish Associate
 Susan Jennings, Minister for Pastoral Care, Membership, and Mission
 Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children and Their Families

Musicians Helen Hofmeister, Minister of Music
 Sanctuary Choir
 Janlee Richter, Accompanist

Acolytes Emma and Katie Kloostra

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

Worship Center 1 Nancy Greidanus
 Worship Center 2 Tim Born
 Nurturing Center Katie Prince

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.

MASKING UPDATE

Per CDC guidelines, we ask that you wear a mask for all indoor gatherings at church. 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.

2021 ANNUAL MEETING

January 23, 12:00 p.m., online and in person

Our annual congregational meeting will be held next Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. service to elect new officers, approve pastoral terms of call, and reflect on 2021. Join us in person in the dining room or online via Zoom. Links to meeting materials and Zoom link will be sent out later next week and available on the website.



"New Spirit," Dale Chihuly

Gifted and Called

**SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 16, 2022
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.**

Announcements

COLLECTION FOR IN THE IMAGE: January is our month for collecting and giving for In the Image, a nonprofit organization that provides items at no cost to people who need assistance. We will be collecting gently-worn, warm outdoor clothing and footwear, baby and toddler supplies (including diapers and wipes), and new personal care items. Starting in January, bring your items to the Children's Check-in Tables. Contact Nancy Greidanus at nancyg@wpcgr.org with any questions.

DEACONS' FUND: The Administrative Deacons want to thank the congregation for their generous support of the Deacons' Fund. There have been several requests for financial assistance this past year and your donations have provided the means to grant these requests. In addition, the Deacons welcome your assistance in making sure our church is able to meet the needs of our congregation and our church neighbors. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please contact Rev. Jen Porter at jenp@wpcgr.org or Susan Jennings at susanj@wpcgr.org who will pass these requests along confidentially to the administrative deacons. Continued prayers and financial support are so appreciated.

ELISABETH CIRCLE: **January 18, 1:00 p.m., Parlor** The Elisabeth Circle will be discussing chapter ten of *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor. The Elisabeth Circle always welcomes new members and visitors. Contact Lois Waldecker at 616-784-0900 for more information.

ANNUAL MEETING: **January 23, 12:00 p.m., Dining Room and Virtual** Mark your calendar! We will meet for our annual congregational meeting to elect new officers, approve pastoral terms of call, and reflect on 2021. Links to meeting materials and Zoom link will be sent out later next week and available on the website.

VALENTINES ALL CHURCH EVENT: **February 6, 10:00-10:45, Gym** Mark your calendars for this annual event! We'll be putting together Valentines for our food pantry clients, filled with valentines, toiletries, and treats. If you have individual-sized toiletry items to donate, bring them to the children's check-in tables at any time.

REMINDER OF THE MOLHOEK-MCPHEETERS MENTAL HEALTH FUND: Westminster Presbyterian Church provides financial support for members of this faith community and for our neighbors who may need assistance covering the cost of outpatient mental health services with the providers listed in our Mental Health Referral Panel booklet. The Molhoek-McPheeters fund is a resource available when private or public healthcare coverage poses a serious financial barrier for those seeking mental health services.

If you or someone you know could benefit from the use of these funds, please contact Susan Jennings at susanj@wpcgr.org or 616-717-5542.

DONATIONS: Donations can be made by scanning the QR code on this page, through our secure online giving site, by check sent to the church office, and through other forms. If you have questions about how to give to the church, please email kathrync@wpcgr.org or call 616-717-5533.



This Week's Calendar

SUN. JANUARY 16

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Church School & Children's Choirs Upstairs
- 9:30 a.m. Girl Scout Cookie Fundraiser..... Gathering Place
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Group & Choirs Various Locations
- 12:00 p.m. Girl Scout Cookie Fundraiser..... Gathering Place

MON. JANUARY 17

- 9:30 a.m. Sandwich Brigade Dining Room
- 11:00 a.m. Quilting Group Multi Purpose Room
- 6:00 p.m. Mission Partnerships Committee Online
- 6:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting Parlor and Online

TUES. JANUARY 18

- 1:00 p.m. Elisabeth Circle Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee Library
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Formation Online, Youth Room

WED. JANUARY 19

- 6:30 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast..... Wolfgangs
- 4:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Online
- 6:00 p.m. WM Gay Men's Chorus..... Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Children and Families Committee Offsite
- 7:00 p.m. House Meeting Planning Library

THURS. JANUARY 20

- 10:30 a.m. Food Pantry Front Lobby
- 6:30 p.m. Session Budget Meeting..... Chapel
- 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

SUN. JANUARY 23

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- 12:00 p.m. Youth Group & Choirs Various Locations
- 12:00 p.m. Girl Scout Cookie Fundraiser..... Gathering Place
- 12:00 p.m. Annual Meeting..... Dining Room and Online