

MORNING WORSHIP  
Jesus' Mission Statement

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"What difference would it make in your faith journey if you simply substituted 'today' for 'tomorrow' or 'someday?'  
—Janet H. Hunt

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Opening Voluntary

"All Glory Be to God on High" Andreas Nicolaus Vetter

++Call to Worship

John Schlafley

One: We gather to worship on this day holy to the Lord.

All: **The joy of the Lord is our strength and our salvation!**

One: In singing and in silence, in Word and in prayer,

All: **let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

++Hymn 772

"Live into Hope"

Truro

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have wandered from your light. We follow paths of self-indulgence, instead of focusing on our need for you. We passively accept the suffering of the world, expecting others to stand up and work for the change we would like to see. In your strength, forgive and renew us. Compel us by your invitation to pursue your justice and mercy for all people, sharing your light in ways great and small. Hear the prayers of our hearts...

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) "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" John Rutter

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but, yet in love he sought me,  
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreads't a table in my sight, thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth.

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

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

Luke 4:14-21

New Testament p. 61

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Jesus' Mission Statement"

Rev. Lynette Sparks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Hymn 757 (8:30) "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

Kingsfold

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

Rev. Jen Porter

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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.

Offering Our Lives

Offertory:

8:30

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Robert Hobby

11:00

"Gaelic Blessing"

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you,

Deep peace of the flowing air to you,

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,

Deep peace of the shining stars to you,

Deep peace of the gentle night to you,

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,

Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you.

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.**

**We give you thanks, O Lord, with all our heart. In your steadfast love you have provided everything we need. Receive these offerings as our response to your great faithfulness, for the praise of Jesus' name. Amen.**

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 744

"Arise, Your Light Is Come"

Festal Song

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Fanfare"

David Willcocks

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.

\*Please remain for the annual meeting of the congregation to begin in the sanctuary immediately following the service.

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AHEAD IN WORSHIP

**January 30 – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Two Services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**  
**Ordination and Installation of Officers**

Rev. Lynette Sparks  
Luke 4:21-30  
Music: 11:00 Sanctuary Choir

**February 6 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**One Service at 10:00 a.m.**

**Youth Led Worship**  
**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**  
Music: Kirk Singers

Ahead in Adult Faith Formation

**9:45-10:40 a.m., Chapel**  
**Stories of Mission Engagement and Transformation**

**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. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor  
..... John Schlafley, Elder for Music  
..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children and Their Families

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

Acolyte..... Jacob Herrick

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 ..... John Meyers and Mike Herrick  
Worship Center 2..... Lisa Smith and Rowen Heethuis  
Nurturing Center ..... Sarah Pipher and Sam Baker

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

**Today, 12:00 p.m., online and in person**

Our annual congregational meeting will be held today 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 sanctuary or online via Zoom.



*Scroll of Isaiah from Qumran, Israel Museum*

*Jesus' Mission Statement*

**THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 23, 2022**  
**8:30 & 11:00 A.M.**

# Announcements

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## **ANNUAL MEETING: January 23, 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary 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.

## **VALENTINE'S ALL CHURCH EVENT: February 6, 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Gym**

Mark your calendars for this annual event! We'll be putting together Valentine's 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.

**BIBLES FOR 3-YEAR-OLDS:** When Westminster children progress from the nursery to joining us in worship, we like to celebrate by giving them a Jesus Storybook Bible. If your child turns or turned three anytime between February 2021 and the end of February 2022, please let Nancy Greidanus know at [nancyg@wpcgr.org](mailto:nancyg@wpcgr.org). Children will be given their Bibles on Sunday, February 20, during the exchange of blessings time in our congregational worship.

**ORGAN MAINTENANCE:** In the next few weeks, some of the organ pipes will be taken out to undergo maintenance. There won't be a noticeable difference in the sound of the organ while these pipes are gone. We are grateful to have such fine musical instruments at Westminster!

**COLLECTION FOR IN THE IMAGE:** January is our month for collecting and giving to 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](mailto:nancyg@wpcgr.org) with any questions.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION OFFERINGS:** There are a number of new winter Adult Faith Formation offerings beginning in February. Watch in our weekly events email for more information and to sign up. There are offerings around writing our stories, joining together in Holy Listening, and more.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:kathrync@wpcgr.org) or call 616-717-5533.



# This Week's Calendar

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## SUN. JANUARY 23

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service ..... Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Church School & Children's Choirs .....Upstairs
- 9:30 a.m. Church Directories Available .....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. Church Directories Available .....Gathering Place
- 12:00 p.m. Annual Meeting..... Sanctuary and Online

## MON. JANUARY 24

- 11:00 a.m. Quilting Group .....Multi Purpose Room
- 7:00 p.m. Social Justice Committee..... Online

## WED. JANUARY 26

- 6:30 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast.....Wolfgangs
- 6:00 p.m. WM Gay Men's Chorus..... Choir Room

## THURS. JANUARY 27

- 10:30 a.m. Food Pantry ..... Front Lobby
- 1:30 p.m. WPA Committee Meeting.....Conference Room
- 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ..... Choir Room

## FRI. JANUARY 28

- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group Tubing at Cannonsburg .....Offsite

## SUN. JANUARY 30

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