

MORNING WORSHIP

Caution: Roadblock Ahead

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." -Frederick Buechner

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Jen Porter

Opening Voluntary

"In Thee Is Gladness" arr. Ronald Nelson
Helen Hofmeister, Organ

++Call to Worship

Emma Richter

One: God alone is our refuge and hope,
All: our shelter and protection.
One: From our very first breath to our last,
All: God's love and compassion never fail.
One: So come, lift your voices and praise God.
All: Bear witness to God's mercy and love.
One: Proclaim God's glory to all who will listen.
All: In wonder, let us worship God.

++Hymn 722 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

Canonbury

Prayer of Confession

Generous God, when we set our tables, we imagine who belongs. We are satisfied to welcome those who we call our own. Our boundaries are drawn for our own family, our own congregation, our own neighborhood. We limit the seating to those who make us comfortable, and lay out the welcome mat for those who we choose to welcome. But your kingdom has no boundary. Before our birth you have known, loved, and claimed each and every one of us. Soften our hearts to those we rage against. Restore us to your vision of who belongs at the table. Renew us with your abundant love, which knows no end.

Silent Confession

Kyrie - Unison "Lord, Have Mercy" Lee J. Afdahl

Musical notation for Kyrie - Unison with lyrics: 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)

"Set Me as a Seal"

René Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,
For love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.
Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,
For love is strong as death.
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 4:21-30

New Testament p. 61

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Caution: Roadblock Ahead"

Rev. Lynette Sparks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Hymn 691 (8:30)

"Lord, When I Came into This Life"

Land of Rest

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Chris Dugan and Susan Jennings

Presentation of Those Elected

The Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

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:

"My Lord, What a Morning"
Helen Hofmeister, Organ

arr. Robert Lau

++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.

O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 432

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

Repton

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

arr. John Leavitt

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
One Service at 10:00 a.m.

February 6 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Broken Nets

Rev. Lynette Sparks
Luke 5:1-11

Music: Chapel Ringers, Kirk Singers, Sanctuary Choir

February 13 – Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
Finding the Level Place

Rev. Lynette Sparks
Luke 6:17-26

Music: Sanctuary Choir

Ahead in Adult Faith Formation

February 6 and 13: 11:15 a.m., Chapel

"Glory to God": Celebrating our Hymnal with Lee Copenhaver
How music joins with words and aligns with theology

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
..... Emma Richter, Communications Manager
..... Chris Dugan, Clerk of Session
..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children and Their Families
..... Susan Jennings, Minister for Pastoral Care and Mission

Musicians Helen Hofmeister, Minister of Music
..... Sanctuary Choir

Acolyte Robin Gregg

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 Lori Wenzel and Kate Bylsma
Worship Center 2 Erin Molhoek
Nurturing Center Heidi McPheeters and Malorie Ninemeier

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.

Sunday Schedule Change

Due to the ongoing impact of COVID on in-person attendance, Session approved the movement to one service at 10:00 a.m. starting Sunday, February 6. We will try this format until the end of the program year in June and take feedback to consider and evaluate how this might affect staffing, volunteers, and churchgoers.

Here's how the Sunday schedule will look:

9:30 - 10 a.m. Sanctuary choir rehearsal
10:00 - 11 a.m. Worship service
11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Sunday School and Children's Choirs
11:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Youth Group and Youth Choirs



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**FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

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

Announcements

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

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.

WPA EVENT: Thursday, February 10, 2022, 1:00 p.m., Sanctuary.

WPA is Westminster's fellowship ministry for older adults, who may or may not be retired. Our focus this month will be the A.Y.A Youth Collective, located just a couple of blocks from Westminster on State Street.

A.Y.A. Youth Collective creates safe spaces and a pathway to safe housing for youth in crisis facing homelessness or housing instability. Join us to learn more about A.Y.A. (a merger of 3:11 Youth Housing and Grand Rapids HQ) from Andy Allen and other members of the A.Y.A staff.

There is no charge for this event. Mask guidelines will be in effect. Please call the church office at 616-717-5529, to sign up no later than February 7, 2022!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2022 Stewardship Campaign – ALL-IN: Together in the Kin-dom. Together we have pledged and/or committed \$1,287,000 to the ministry of Westminster. Together we will live into our commitments to caring for each other, growing in faith, walking alongside our youth and families, partnering with our local and global communities, and gathering together in worship.

ELISABETH CIRCLE: February 15, 1:00 p.m., Parlor The Elisabeth Circle will be discussing chapter eleven 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.

CAMERA INSTALLATION UPDATE: We will be installing security cameras on the exterior and interior of the church building to help improve safety and security. All major entrances will be covered, as well as indoor spaces with high traffic. Only our facilities manager Brad Hambleton will view the footage as needed. Camera installation will happen between February and April.

HEATING UPDATE: Bear with us as certain parts of the church might feel chilly! We're working on fixing the airflow in these locations so they're warm in these winter months.

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. Children will be given their Bibles on Sunday, February 20, during the exchange of blessings time in our congregational worship.

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 angiek@wpcgr.org or call (616) 717-5581.



This Week's Calendar

SUN. JANUARY 30

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

MON. JANUARY 31

- 8:30 a.m. Sandwich BrigadeDining Room
- 11:00 a.m. Quilting GroupMulti Purpose Room

WED. FEBRUARY 2

- 6:30 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast..... Wolfgangs
- 1:30 p.m. Exploring Faith Book Group Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. WM Gay Men's Chorus..... Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. New Elder TrainingLibrary

THURS. FEBRUARY 3

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

SUN. FEBRUARY 6

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Valentine's Day Event TBD
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Faith FormationChapel
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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 30, 2022

Today, we celebrate with these members as they affirm their call to ministry at Westminster Presbyterian Church. We are confident that God will bless them as they use their gifts to bless others among us. We are grateful to each for their enthusiastic “Yes!” to the call to serve as leaders in our church.

ELDERS

Communications	Rachel Kamstra
Faith Formation	Martha Velting
Mission Partnerships	Ruth Posthumus
Nominations.....	Cheri Reid
Presbytery Relations and Clerk of Session.....	Linda Bieze
Worship.....	Peter Larson

TRUSTEES

Stu Atwater
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