

MORNING WORSHIP		
Measures of Mercy		
GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD		
In Preparation for Worship		
"We are given opportunities to become more aware of God and God's presence and to grow in our love for and trust of God through a wide range of experiences." — Jeannette Bakke		
Sharing the Life of Westminster	Susan Jennings	
Opening Voluntary	"Christie qui lux" Janlee Richter, Organ	William Blitheman

++Call to Worship

One: We long to hear your voice, O God.  
All: We long to know that you are near.  
One: Silence any voice within us but your own.  
All: Open our ears to hear your loving Word.  
One: Keep us near to you, near enough for us to follow closely.  
All: As we continue the journey, O God, keep us near to you.

++Hymn 49 "The God of Abraham Praise" Leoni

Prayer of Confession Elder Tom Macholan

God of hope, your way is kindness and love and you call us to the same. Help us to be aware when our activity increases as our thoughtfulness wanes. Forgive us when our efforts increase as our peace thins. When the illusion of excitement draws us in, show us just how effortless and simple your way is. Remind us of what matters most. Lord, hear our prayer...

Silent Confession

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



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 "Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake" Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,  
lay not our sins to our charge,  
but forgive that is past  
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives;  
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,  
that we may walk in a perfect heart  
before thee now and evermore.  
Sanctuary Choir

Blessings with Younger Disciples and Bibles for Three-Year-Olds 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 6:27-38 New Testament p. 64

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

Sermon "Measures of Mercy" Rev. Jen Porter

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from the Confession of 1967)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

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.

Offering Our Lives

Offertory "How Lovely Are the Messengers" Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.  
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.  
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.  
Holy God, from your abundant love you have offered us grace. Day by day we learn your way, that what we receive is blessed to be shared. May these gifts and our lives be offerings of grace given into this world. Together, may we find our way to peace and fellowship in you. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" Beecher

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary "Toccata in a minor" Johann Kobrich  
Janlee Richter, Organ

CONGREGATIONAL 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.

### AHEAD IN WORSHIP

#### **February 27 — The Transfiguration of the Lord With Unveiled Faces**

Rev. Lynette Sparks  
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2  
Music: Soprano/Alto Choir

#### **March 2 — Ash Wednesday**

**7:00 p.m.**

#### **Service with Imposition of Ashes**

Music: Sanctuary Choir

#### **March 6 — First Sunday in Lent**

Rev. Lynette Sparks  
Luke 4:1-13

### Ahead in Adult Faith Formation: **11:15 a.m., Chapel**

#### **February 20, 27 and March 6**

"Coming out of the Exile," Inductive Bible Study on the Book of Ezra with Rev. Kyle Kooyers

### 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 evaluate how this might affect staffing, volunteers, and churchgoers.

Here's the Sunday schedule:

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

### NEW CHILDREN'S SCHEDULE

Now that we've shifted to one service at 10:00 a.m. through June, our children's worship and learning schedules have shifted a bit too!  
Here's the full schedule and details of what's happening:

11:00 a.m. Kids three years old to 5th grade are led to the art room by parent after the 10:00 service for a snack.  
11:15 a.m. Three to four year olds do activities in the gym or Nurturing Center. Young fives can decide what best suits them. Kindergarten through second-grade kids stay for church school and 3rd through 5th grade kids go to choir in room 309 upstairs.  
11:50 a.m. The grades switch for choir and church school  
12:15 a.m. The children are led downstairs to their parents at the check-in

### PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher ..... Rev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor  
Liturgists ..... Tom Macholan, Elder for Camp Henry  
..... Susan Jennings, Minister for Pastoral Care, Mission and Membership  
..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children and their Families

Musicians ..... Ellen Pool, Sanctuary Choir Director  
..... Sanctuary Choir  
..... Janlee Richter, Organist

Ushers..... Team B  
..... Bernie and Kathy Smith, Gordon Griffin  
..... David Abbott, Larry Hollenbeck, Chris Mayhew  
..... Steve Marshall, Randy Block

Worship Center 1 ..... Lori Wenzel and Kate Bylsma  
Worship Center 2..... Amy Strand  
Nurturing Center ..... Katie Prince 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](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.

### **MASKING GUIDELINES**

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.

### **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 10:00 a.m. service from 11:00 to 1:30 p.m. If you would like more information about youth ministry, please contact our Interim Youth Director Christy Roosien at [christyr@wpcgr.org](mailto:christyr@wpcgr.org). To sign up for updates via email from our youth program, email [emmar@wpcgr.org](mailto:emmar@wpcgr.org).



## *Measures of Mercy*

## **SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**FEBRUARY 20, 2022  
10:00 A.M.**



# Announcements

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**BIBLES FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS:** When Westminster children progress from the nursery to joining us in worship, we celebrate by giving them a Jesus Storybook Bible. Children will be given their Bibles this Sunday, February 20, during the exchange of blessings time in our congregational worship.

**FICTION BOOK GROUP:** **February 27, 7:00 p.m., Zoom** We will be discussing *This Tender Land* by W.M. Kent Kreuger, “A magnificent novel about four orphans on a life-changing odyssey during the Great Depression, from the bestselling author of *Ordinary Grace*.” All are welcome to Zoom in for lively discussion and fellowship. Contact Marcie Beck at [beckmarcella7@gmail.com](mailto:beckmarcella7@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**UPCOMING IN ADULT FAITH FORMATION: “COMING OUT OF THE EXILE”**  
**February 20, 27, and March 6, 11:15 a.m., Chapel** Join us for this Bible study led by Rev. Kyle Kooyers as we explore the Book of Ezra and allow ourselves to be shaped by the story of God’s people coming out of the exile. As we emerge from the distancing of pandemic life, there’s no question that things have changed and that we’ve changed. As a church, there’s a very real sense that we can’t go back to the same place we left. In this season of “returning,” we must find a new way forward as we faithfully rebuild and reimagine what God’s community looks like.


**ASH WEDNESDAY:** **March 2, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary and Livestreamed** Join us for our Ash Wednesday service to observe the beginning of Lent. The service will include music from the Sanctuary Choir and the imposition of ashes.

**CHOIR SECTIONALS:** If you would like to sing in the choir but can’t make a commitment for the entire year, here’s your chance to be part of the group on a short-term basis! Just the sopranos and altos will be singing in the worship service on Sunday, February 27. Just the tenors and basses will be singing in the worship service on Sunday, March 6. You are invited to come to rehearsal on Thursdays from 7:15 to 7:45 p.m. to practice the music. This is a fun way to sing together on a short-term basis!

**WPA EVENT:** **March 10, 1:00 p.m., Sanctuary** WPA is Westminster’s fellowship ministry for older adults who may or may not be retired. Our speaker for March will be Troy Baker, Educational Foundation Director with the Better Business Bureau of West Michigan. His presentation will address the five red flags that can be used to spot scams that come your way, using examples of specific scams that are prevalent in targeting seniors. 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 March 7, 2022!

**HEATING UPDATE:** Bear with us as certain parts of the church might feel chilly! We’re working on fixing the airflow in these locations.

**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!

**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](mailto:angiek@wpcgr.org) or call (616) 717-5581.

# This Week's Calendar

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## SUN. FEBRUARY 20

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service .....Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Youth Group & Choirs ..... Various Locations
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation ..... Chapel
- 11:15 a.m. Church School & Children's Choirs..... Upstairs

## MON. FEBRUARY 21

- 9:00 a.m. Sandwhich Brigade Meeting ..... Dining Room
- 11:00 a.m. Quilting Group ..... Multi Purpose Room
- 11:30 a.m. WCDC Board Meeting..... Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting.....Parlor

## TUES. FEBRUARY 22

- 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting.....Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Evergreen Circle ..... Library

## WED. FEBRUARY 23

- 6:30 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast ..... Wolfgangs
- 6:00 p.m. WM Gay Men's Chorus ..... Choir Room
- 6:30 p.m. New Member Orientation .....Online, Chapel

## THURS. FEBRUARY 24

- 10:30 a.m. Food Pantry .....Front Lobby
- 1:00 p.m. Mary Martha Circle .....Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee ..... Library
- 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ..... Choir Room
- 7:15 p.m. Sectional Rehearsals ..... Choir Room

## SAT. FEBRUARY 26

- 9:00 a.m. All Boards Leadership Retreat..... Online, Sanctuary

## SUN. FEBRUARY 27

- 9:00 a.m. Session Meeting.....Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service .....Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Youth Group & Choirs ..... Various Locations
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation ..... Chapel
- 11:15 a.m. Church School & Children's Choirs..... Upstairs
- 11:15 a.m. House Meeting.....Parlor