

MORNING WORSHIP  
With Unveiled Faces

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"Believe me, I know how tempting it is to remain inside this blessing, to linger where everything is dazzling and clear...But this blessing is built for leaving. This blessing is made for coming down the mountain." — Jan Richardson

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Jen Porter

Opening Voluntary "Creator of the Stars of Night"

Mary Beth Bennett  
Helen Hofmeister, Organ

++Call to Worship

Elder Karen Meyers

One: Come, let us worship God,  
**All: singing joyful songs of praise!**  
One: For the glory of the Lord shines upon us,  
**All: and calls us forth with thanksgiving.**  
One: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord,  
**All: for the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

++Hymn 193 "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" Unser Herrscher

Prayer of Confession

Holy Lord, we confess that we do not always seek the light of your way. We are satisfied to dwell in darkness. We have not loved as you command. We have not spoken truly. We have not cared for creation, including ourselves, according to your will. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace. Help us to know the mind of Christ, that our lives might reflect the light of your grace. Lord, in your great mercy, hear our prayer...

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.**

++ Stand in body or in spirit

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++Passing the Peace of Christ

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

Ministry of Music

"Ascribe to the Lord" Rosephanye Powell  
Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones,  
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name,  
In the splendor of His holiness, worship Him!  
The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the God of glory thunders.  
The voice of the Lord is powerful,  
The voice of the Lord is majestic!  
Soprano and Alto Choir

Blessings with Younger Disciples

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

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

New Testament p. 180

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

Sermon

"With Unveiled Faces"

Rev. Lynette Sparks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Reception of New Members

The Meaning of Membership

Susan Jennings

Questions to the New Members

Questions to the Congregation

Karen Meyers

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 "The Lord Is My Shepherd" (based on Psalm 23) Will Todd  
The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.  
Though I walk through the valley of death, I will fear no evil;  
For you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.  
Surely your goodness and loving mercy shall follow me  
All the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord.  
Soprano and Alto 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.**  
**You are indeed holy, and we praise your great and awesome name. Use us and these gifts in your service to establish justice, righteousness, and equity for the good of your people and the glory of your eternal realm. Amen.**

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 666 "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright" Puer Nobis Nascitur

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary "Toccata on "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" Alan Smith

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.

The Opening Voluntary today is by a female composer, Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954). She lives in Richmond, Virginia, where she serves on the music faculty of the University of Richmond and is Director of Music Ministries at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Gloucester, Virginia. The Closing Voluntary, composed by Alan Smith, is based on the opening hymn. The melody is first heard in the left hand and then in the bass notes. Alan Smith was a British composer (d. 2017) in Sussex.

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**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Preacher .....Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor  
 Liturgists ..... Rev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor  
 .....Karen Meyers, Elder for Older Adults  
 ..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children and their Families  
 ..... Susan Jennings, Minister for Pastoral Care, Mission and Membership

Musicians ..... Helen Hofmeister, Minister of Music  
 .....Soprano and Alto Choir  
 .....Janlee Richter, Accompanist

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

Worship Center 1 .....Katie Prince  
 Worship Center 2..... Leslie and Lily Fiore  
 Nurturing Center ..... Heidi McPheethers

**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).

**AHEAD IN WORSHIP**

**March 2 – Ash Wednesday**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Service with Imposition of Ashes**  
 Rev. Lynette Sparks  
 Music: Sanctuary Choir

**March 6 – First Sunday in Lent**  
**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**  
**Lent Is Not for the Faint of Heart**  
 Rev. Lynette Sparks  
 Luke 4:1-13  
 Music: Tenor/Bass Choir

**March 13 – Second Sunday in Lent**  
**Three Rs for Lent**  
 Rev. Lynette Sparks  
 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32  
 Music: Sanctuary Choir

**Ahead in Adult Faith Formation:**

**February 27 and March 6 11:15 a.m., Chapel**  
 "Coming out of Exile," Inductive Bible Study on the Book of Ezra  
 with Rev. Kyle Kooyers

**Broad Based Organizing**

**February 27 and March 6 11:15 a.m., Parlor**  
 BBO House Meeting

**Sunday Schedule**

9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. .... Sanctuary Choir rehearsal  
 10:00 a.m. - 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 their parents 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 tables to go home.



"Be Thou My Vision," Mike Moyers

*With Unveiled Faces*

**THE TRANSFIGURATION  
OF THE LORD**

**FEBRUARY 27, 2022  
10:00 A.M.**

# Announcements

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**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.

**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. Ashes will also be available from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

**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!

**ELISABETH CIRCLE: March 15, 1:00 p.m., Parlor** The Elisabeth Circle will be discussing chapter twelve 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.

**MEDICATION COLLECTION:** First Hand Aid, a non-profit organization supported by Westminster’s Mission Partnership Committee, will be collecting over the counter medications and supplies beginning Sunday, February 27 through Sunday, March 6. Tables for donations will be in the gathering place on those two Sundays and donations will be accepted at the church throughout the week in between.

**FISH BANKS:** Church School children are receiving fish banks and a page of ideas of how to observe Lent. The money collected goes to provide food and comfort for people all over the world as part of the One Great Hour of Sharing Program. Bring your filled fish to place in the baskets in the worship service on Easter Sunday, April 17. Anyone else who would like a fish bank, there will be extras on the children’s check-in tables. They are for everyone!

**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 27

- 9:15 a.m. Session Meeting..... Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. New Member Photos..... Library
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service .....Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. New Member Photos..... Library
- 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

## MON. FEBRUARY 28

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

## WED. MARCH 2

- 6:30 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast ..... Wolfgangs
- 12:00 p.m. Ashes Available ..... Chapel
- 1:30 p.m. Exploring Faith Book Group ..... Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal .....Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service.....Sanctuary

## THURS. MARCH 3

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

## SUN. MARCH 6

- 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. House Meeting..... Parlor
- 11:15 a.m. Church School & Children's Choirs..... Upstairs
- 11:15 a.m. Baptism Seminar.....Formation Suite
- 1:00 p.m. Game On Board Game Group..... Online
- 3:00 p.m. Communion ..... Porter Hills