

MORNING WORSHIP

Broken Nets

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"Faith does not come as assent to statements previously preached, but as trust in Jesus' call to try once more, contrary to all dictates of reason." —Eduard Schweizer

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Opening Voluntary

"Jesus Loves Me" arr. Martha Lynn Thompson
Chapel Ringers

++Call to Worship

Sylvie DeVries

One: God asks, "Whom shall I send?"

All: Here I am.

One: Jesus says, "Follow me and share in my work."

All: Here I am.

One: The Holy Spirit gathers each of us for worship.

All: Here we are to worship God!

++Hymn 649

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Amazing Grace

Prayer of Confession

Peter Larson

Merciful God, you call, but we seldom listen. You beckon, yet we turn away. Sin keeps us from responding to you and thwarts even our best efforts. Forgive us for forgetting things that matter and restore our sense of your priorities. Focus us on your call to worship and serve you as we seek to follow Jesus Christ.

Silent Confession

Kyrie - Unison

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Lee J. Afdahl

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us,
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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

"Swingin' Sweet Chariot"

Rollo Dilworth (b. 1970)

Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan and what did I see;

A band of angels comin' after me.

If you get to heaven before I get through,

Tell all my loved ones, "I am comin', too."

In the mornin' as I look into the skies,

It's comin' for to carry me on home.

In the midnight hour as I close my weary eyes,

It's comin' for to carry me home.

Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.

Kirk Singers

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

Luke 5:1-11

New Testament p. 62

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Broken Nets"

Rev. Lynette Sparks

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.

Offering Our Lives

Offertory

"I'm Building Me a Home"

arr. Anthony Trecek-King

(b. 1975)

I'm building me a home. This earthly house is gonna soon decay,

An' my soul gotta have somewhere to stay.

When you hear me moanin', I'm building me a home.

When you hear me prayin', I'm building me a home.

This earthly house is gonna soon decay,

An' my soul gotta have somewhere to stay.

When you hear me shoutin', I'm building me a home.

This earthly house is gonna soon decay,

An' my soul gotta have somewhere to stay.

I'm building me a home. When you hear me shoutin', Lord!

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!

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Kees Duncan, Karys Russell

For those worshiping in the sanctuary, we are using pre-packaged communion elements with gluten-free bread and juice. If you didn't receive one before you entered the sanctuary, simply raise your hand, and someone will bring you one. Children are welcome to participate in this sacrament. You may place the used packaging materials on the communion racks on the back of the pews, and then dispose of them in bins when you exit the sanctuary at the conclusion of the service.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

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.

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer of Response

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have fed us with your mercy and poured out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day, that we may live as your beloved people; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 170

"You Walk Along Our Shoreline"

Wie lieblich ist der Maien

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Fugue in D Major"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Helen Hofmeister, 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.

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Thank you to the High School Youth Group who helped write today's communion liturgy.

AHEAD IN WORSHIP
One Service at 10:00 a.m.

February 13 – Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Finding the Level Place

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Luke 6:17-26

Music: Sanctuary Choir

February 20 – Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Measures of Mercy

Rev. Jen Porter

Luke 6:27-38

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 10:00 a.m. service from 11:15 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. To sign up for updates via email from our youth program, email emmar@wpcgr.org.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

PreacherRev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
LiturgistsPeter Larson, Elder for Worship
.....Sylvie DeVries
.....Kees Duncan
.....Karys Russell
..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children and Their Families

Musicians Helen Hofmeister, Minister of Music
.....Chapel Ringers
..... Kirk Singers
..... Sanctuary Choir
.....Janlee Richter, Accompanist

Acolyte..... Jacob Herrick

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

Worship Center 1 Sandy and Kyah VanBrouwer
Worship Center 2..... Erin Molhoek
Nurturing Center Carla and Joel Fortuna

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 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.

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 the new Sunday schedule:

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



Miracle Catch, Mike Moyers. From Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library.

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**FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**FEBRUARY 6, 2022
10:00 A.M.**

Announcements

VALENTINE'S ALL CHURCH EVENT: February 6, 11:15 a.m., Dining Room

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.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION: February 16 and 23 Interested in Membership at Westminster? Our next new member orientation is Wednesday, February 16 and 23, 6:30-8:30pm. This will be a hybrid gathering! New members will be formally received into membership on Sunday, February 27. If interested, please contact Nicole at nicolek@wpcgr.org or 717-5529.

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 if you have any questions.

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. FEBRUARY 6

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Valentine's Day Event Dining Rm.
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation Chapel

MON. FEBRUARY 7

- 11:00 a.m. Quilting Group Multi Purpose Rm.
- 1:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation Group Library
- 5:30 p.m. Deacon Moderators..... Online
- 7:00 p.m. Facilities Committee Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting..... Online, Chapel

TUES. FEBRUARY 8

- 7:00 p.m. FASD Support Group Library

WED. FEBRUARY 9

- 6:30 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast..... Wolfangs
- 5:30 p.m. Communications Committee Conference Rm.
- 6:00 p.m. WM Gay Men's Chorus..... Choir Rm.

THURS. FEBRUARY 10

- 10:30 a.m. Food Pantry Front Lobby
- 1:00 p.m. WPA Event..... Gathering Place
- 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Rm.

FRI. FEBRUARY 11

- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group World of Winter..... Offsite

SUN. FEBRUARY 13

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



**Sunday,
February 13,
2022**



Soup is a staple for our Heartside neighbors. It's hearty, tasty, easy, can be mixed, often it can even be opened without a can opener. Soup is a vital component for many.

Last year we received over \$20,000 in "in-kind" donations, meaning actual gifts of product. Soup was one of the most popular donations – a huge help. We can also purchase soup through Feeding America for a fraction of the cost at a grocery store.

Remember Souper Bowl Sunday, February 13, and bring cans, cases, cash, or checks to assist the pantry in carrying out its mission to feed the hungry and assist our neighbors. Soup cans and cases, along with monetary donations can be brought to the Food Pantry table in the gathering place. You can also give online at <https://bit.ly/3L5eIkU> or by scanning the QR code below. Thank you!



***Let's make it a super Souper Bowl
and fill the shelves!***