

MORNING WORSHIP

Come to the Water

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

Sometimes the greatest challenge is to actually begin; there is something deep in us that conspires with what wants to remain within safe boundaries and stay the same.
— John O'Donohue

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Opening Voluntary "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

Helen Hofmeister, Organ arr. John Hirten

++Call to Worship

One: Everyone who thirsts, come to the water.
All: Seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.
One: All who are hungry for righteousness: come to the water.
All: All who need the help of God, come.
One: Come to the water, so that you may find life in God.

++Hymn 32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Ellacombe

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Kyle Kooyers

Create in us clean hearts, O God...we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us holy gifts, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, yet we indulge our own desires. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire to become who you intend us to be. Create in us clean hearts, O God, cleansed by your mercy, and made strong by your love...

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: God freely offers mercy to us through the grace of our baptism—safe passage through the sea, justice rolling down like water, deliverance from sin and death forever. Rejoice and give thanks!
All: Through God's love in Christ, we are washed clean and created anew.
One: Friends, believe the Good News.
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

++Response Hymn 434 "Restore in Us, O God"

Baylor

stanzas 1 & 3
**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.
Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.**

++ 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 "Kyrie" from Missa Brevis in B Flat (K. 275)

W. A. Mozart

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Sanctuary Choir

Sacrament of Baptism

Waters of Baptism

Response Hymn 486 "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

Stuttgart

(Stanza 1)
*Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.*

Reception into the People of God

One: These children are now received into the holy universal Church. See what love God has given us that we should be called children of God.
And we are!
All: Children of the Covenant, we welcome you into Christ's church for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you. We promise to help you know Christ.
One: Thanks be to God.
All: Alleluia! Amen!

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

Isaiah 55:1-13

Old Testament p.685

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Come to the Water"

Rev. Jen Porter

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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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: "Gloria" from Missa Brevis in B Flat (K. 275) W. A. Mozart
*Gloria in excelsis deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnum gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*
Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to all those of good will.
We praise thee. We bless thee. We worship thee. We glorify thee.
We give thanks to thee according to thy great glory.
Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father almighty.
Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
Thou who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou alone art holy. Thou alone art the Lord.
Thou alone art the most high, Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
Eric Richter, Tenor
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, we have beheld your goodness and we trust in your promised future. By these gifts, may others know of your care. Send us—not only our offerings, but our very selves—to your children everywhere. May we follow your Holy Word wherever you may lead. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 490 "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

Beach Spring

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Fugue in F Minor"

J.S. Bach

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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AHEAD IN WORSHIP

10:00 a.m.

March 27 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Youth Sunday

Music: Kirk Singers, Chapel Singers, Children's Choirs

April 3 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Beauty and Truth

Rev. Lynette Sparks

John 12:1-8

Music: Sanctuary Choir

AHEAD IN ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

March 20, 11:15 a.m., Parlor

Broad Based Organizing House Meeting

Active Hope

March 20, 27; April 3, 11:15 a.m., Chapel

The contribution each of us makes to the healing of the world is our gift of Active Hope. Led by Rachel Hood, Heather Lermont-Pape, and Rev. Jen Porter.

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TODAY:

Robin Grace Gregg, child of Jana and John Gregg
Estelle Avery VanderVelde, child of Andrew VanderVelde
and Miranda Gustinis

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 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

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher Rev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor
Liturgists Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
..... Rev. Kyle Kooyers, Parish Associate
..... Tim Born, Elder for Children and their Families
..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children and their Families

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

Ushers..... Team C
..... Doug and Joanie Dowling, Keith Combs
..... Kari and Chris Fuller, Ann and Jim Jarvis
..... Kevin Larr, Rich Zimmerman, and Sharon VanderWilp

Welcome to Westminster

MASKING UPDATE

Based on the most current guidance from the CDC, local vaccination rates, and the continued, significant decline in local COVID-19 case numbers, the Way Forward Committee has decided that masking in our facilities is now optional, including in Sunday worship.

MEMBERSHIP

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.

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 Lead Youth Coordinator Christy Roosien at christyr@wpcgr.org. To sign up for updates via email from our youth program, email emmar@wpcgr.org.



Create in Me a Clean Heart



Come to the Water

**THIRD SUNDAY
IN LENT**

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

Announcements

HOUSE MEETING: March 20, 11:15 a.m., Parlor The West Michigan Community Organizing group is setting out to hold hundreds of house meetings in March and April among its twenty participating institutions. These meetings are a chance to share our stories and make connections with others eager to act on community concerns. Come to a house meeting in the parlor after the service to participate in this powerful process. For more information, contact Jeanne DeWaard at 616-822-1529 or jeldersdewaard@comcast.net.

FAITH FORMATION BOOK GROUP: March 20, 11:15 a.m., Chapel Adult Faith Formation will discuss *Active Hope* by Joanna Macy. She offers a process for strengthening our long-term commitment for the healing of the world. Reading the book is not necessary to participate in the conversation. Led by Rachel Hood, Heather Lermont-Pape, and Rev. Jen Porter.

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE March 21, 2022, 6:00 p.m., St. Mark's Episcopal Church Please consider joining us for an hour of prayer as we unite our hearts in prayer for our sisters and brothers in Ukraine. St. Mark's is located at 134 N. Division Ave at Pearl Street, Grand Rapids. All are welcome.

HEARTSIDE ART AND EXPERIENCE AUCTION: Thursday, March 24, 2022, 6:00 p.m., The High Five GR, 19 La Grave Ave SE As a mission partner of Heartside Ministries, we support their ministry in many ways; the Art and Experience Auction is another way that we can support their important work! For more information, visit <https://buff.ly/3LvvgCZ>

SACRED TRAUMA BOOK GROUP: March 29, April 12, April 26, 7:30-8:30 p.m. We hope you'll consider joining a Faith Formation group which will be discussing the book *Sacred Wounds* by Teresa Pasquale. The book explores the nature of emotional wounds, trauma, brokenness, and spiritual hurt that come from experiences within the church. Please reach out to Rev. Jen Porter (jenp@wpcgr.org) with any questions.

PUT WESTMINSTER CAMP 2022 ON YOUR CALENDARS! September 1-4, 2022 Enjoy some late summer days at the exciting and beautiful Camp Henry by joining your church family at Camp. Absolutely everyone is welcome! Camp 2022 begins in the late afternoon of Thursday, September 1 and culminates with worship and camp activities on Sunday, September 4. Camp provides time for spiritual, mental, emotional, physical, and communal joy. Be on the lookout for more information and registration. Contact Nancy Greidanus at nancyg@wpcgr.org if you have questions.

KATHY CISLER'S RETIREMENT: Now that Kathy Cisler is retiring, we want you to know where you can direct any questions that you might have asked her. For any questions concerning financial matters or your contributions, please contact Angie Kelley, Finance Manager (angiek@wpcgr.org). Questions regarding building and facilities use should be directed to Brad Hambelton, Facilities Manager (bradh@wpcgr.org). For any other general information needs, or if you don't know who to contact, please call or email Christine Davis (616-717-5532, christined@wpcgr.org) or Nicole Koetje (616-717-5529, nicolek@wpcgr.org) in the office; they will help direct you to the right person. While we will miss Kathy greatly, we also want you to know you are in very good hands with these individuals!

NOMINATIONS FOR LEADERSHIP: As the Nominating Committee considers members for roles in leadership, we ask that the congregation let us know about those members who may have gifts for leadership as an elder, deacon, trustee, or member of the memorial trust. If you know of a member that you would like to recommend for consideration, please contact Susan Jennings at susanj@wpcgr.org or Cheri Reid, Elder for Nominations, at creid@yahoo.com by April 15. Thank you!

CULTURAL IMMERSION EXPERIENCE: CIVIL RIGHTS ROAD TRIP April 18-21 The Social Justice Committee is offering scholarships to cover half the cost for two Westminster members interested in joining this trip! We will travel via bus from Grand Haven, MI to Birmingham and Montgomery, Alabama as well as a stop in Memphis, TN. We would love for you to join us as we explore important places in the history of the Civil Rights Movement. For more information, see www.momentumcentergh.org/civil-rights-road-trip. To inquire about the scholarship, please contact Dan VanMeurs at (616) 243-0787 or danvm56@live.com.

This Week's Calendar

SUN. MARCH 20

10:00 a.m.	Worship Service.....	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Gathering Place
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

MON. MARCH 21

9:00 a.m.	Sandwich Brigade.....	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Quilting Group.....	Multipurpose Room
6:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Service for Ukraine.....	Offsite
6:00 p.m.	Mission Partnerships Committee	Library
6:30 p.m.	Trustee Meeting	Parlor

TUES. MARCH 22

2:00 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting.....	Library, Online
7:00 p.m.	Evergreen Circle.....	Library

WED. MARCH 23

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

THURS. MARCH 24

10:30 a.m.	Food Pantry	Front Lobby
11:00 a.m.	House Meeting.....	Parlor
6:30 p.m.	Choir House Meeting	Parlor
7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee.....	Library
7:00 p.m.	Children & Family Ministries Committee	Offsite
7:15 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room

SAT. MARCH 26

10:00 a.m.	Youth Sunday Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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SUN. MARCH 27


8:30 a.m.	Youth Sunday Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service.....	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Gathering Place
11:00 a.m.	Youth Pancake Breakfast	Dining Room
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

Opportunities for Giving

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR UKRAINE If you would like to donate to disaster assistance for those in the Ukraine through the PC(USA), you can support relief efforts at <https://www.facebook.com/PDACARES>.

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

YOUTH GROUP IN THE IMAGE DRIVE: All are invited to participate. The drive will be running until Sunday, March 27. Bring your items this Sunday and next and put them in the boxes near the parking lot entrance. Desired items: soap, shampoo, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, Q-tips, feminine products, infant/toddler diapers and baby wipes. (Any additional items are welcome!)

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.