

## MORNING WORSHIP

### Youth Sunday

#### GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

##### In Preparation for Worship

God speaks regularly to us through people who talk to us about the things of God. Certain people become living signs that point us to God." —Henri Nouwen, "Discernment"

##### Sharing the Life of Westminster

Sara Zallar, Mo Maher, and Kees Duncan

**Opening Voluntary** "Come Ye, Children of the Lord" arr. Jeff Slade/Benjamin Carr  
Karys Russell and Dillan Roosien, Cello

##### Sentences of Scripture

Jeremiah 29:11  
Isaiah 40:31

NRSV & The Message  
NRSV & The Message

##### ++Call to Worship

Sylvie DeVries and Maren Gregg

One: In this time of Lent we remember the sacrifices that Jesus made for us.

**All: We honor Jesus through our own sacrifices.**

One: Through his trials, Jesus was not alone.

**All: We are not alone; the Holy Spirit is with us.**

One: Let us worship together.

##### ++Hymn 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

Slane

##### Prayer of Confession

Karys Russell

**Loving God, confession is difficult; and although it may be hard, today we confess that in our hardest times we struggle to find hope towards a brighter tomorrow. We wonder what plans God has in store for us and we forget to be patient with God's work. We confess that choosing the path of despair is at times easier than searching for hope, the hope that brings joy and light into God's world. Loving God, help us to persevere in the hard times, for surely you have a plan in store for us.**

*Silent Confession*

##### Congregational Response

"Create In Me A Clean Heart"

Chris Hillman

*(sing two times)*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, Oh Lord; take not Thy holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and renew a right spirit within me.**

Jackson Reid and Nate Roosien, Guitar

##### Assurance of God's Grace

Lyn Payne, Audrey Faasse, Maddie Faasse

One: Friends, believe the good news.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

##### Together in Hope: Youth Group Video

##### Sentences of Scripture

Hebrews 11:1  
Romans 15:13

NRSV & The Message  
NRSV & The Message

##### ++Passing the Peace of Christ

Jackson Reid and Declan Hayes

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

##### Ministry of Music

"Alabaré"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*Alabaré a mi Señor (Praise the Lord).*

*John saw the number of all those redeemed, and all were singing praises to the Lord. Thousands were praying, ten thousand rejoicing, and all were singing praises to the Lord.*  
Soloists: Vivi Duncan, Maddie Faasse

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood has set us free from every sin. Power and riches, and wisdom and strength and honor and all blessing shall be his.*  
Soloists: Lily Fiore, Elizah Hyde

*Sing with the people, the people of God, and join creation in a joyful hymn. Blessing and honor and glory and might to God and to the Lamb be without end.*

Soloists: Robin Gregg, Breslin Lawrence,  
Kyah VanBrouwer, Stella VanderVelde

Cherub and Carol Choirs  
Chapel Singers

"Inner Peace"

Sandra Eithun

Chapel Ringers

##### Blessings with Younger Disciples

Sylvie DeVries and Elizah Hyde

*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. For Youth Sunday, older children are welcome to stay through the service.*

**Congregation: As you worship together, may God be with you.**

Children: And also with you.

**Congregation: Go in peace!**

## THE WORD

##### Sentences of Scripture

Romans 12:12  
Romans 8:24-25

NRSV & The Message  
NRSV & The Message

##### Sermons

Sami DeRocher, Senior  
Karyll Russell, Leader

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

##### Ministry of Music

"The Other Side"

Marissa Lunt

*Verse: The world that we live in  
Is tilted to the wrong side  
The lens that we see through  
Cant filter out what's right*

*Chorus: What's left is broken pieces  
From the devil's bullets  
Broken pieces  
And we're on the other side (x2)*

*Breaking news on the television is frightening  
Is it true that the world  
Can't fix what's on the inside*

*Bridge: Petrified feelings rolling with shootings  
At people who deserve more than what they get  
Racial inequality hasn't left for centuries  
But why is it that we are just now  
Starting to get it  
It hurts when we think about it  
Not knowing how to stop it  
Why is our world splitting like glass*

*Chorus: What's left is broken pieces  
From the devil's bullets  
Broken pieces  
And we're on the other side (x2)*

*End Chorus: What's left is broken pieces  
From the devil's bullets  
Broken pieces  
And we're on the other side (x2)*

*Hearts shatter after reading  
Headlines  
Is it true that some get stuck  
With a short timeline*

*Music and Lyrics by Marissa Lunt*

##### Prayers of the People

Lily Fiore and Sarah Faasse

*At this time the congregation is invited to share their prayer requests and praises with the community. Raise your hand if you have a prayer or praise you would like to name out loud. If you are on the balcony and want to share a prayer, please come to the bottom of the stairs.*

**The congregation will respond: Lord hear our prayer.**

##### 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.**

##### Minute for Mission and Offering: Youth Ministry Updates

Christy Roosien

##### Offertory

"Blessed Assurance"

arr. Keith Hampton

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine. Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine.*

Soloist: Harper Davis

*Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*

Soloist: Marissa Lunt

*Perfect submission, perfect delight! Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;*

*Angels descending, bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

Soloist: Maren Gregg

*This is my story, this is my song. Praising my Savior all the day long.*

Kirk Singers

"How Can I Keep from Singing"

arr. Ginger Nettleton

*My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation,  
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing,  
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?*

*What though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth.  
What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

Kirk Singers

##### ++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

Tristan Gerville-Réache

One: The Lord be with you.

Charlie Molitor

**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, bless these dollars so they may bless others. We are here to serve you, so we may serve others. We are thankful for this community and its willingness to change and grow in a positive way. We hope that you will guide us through the years. In your name we pray. Amen.**

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Congretational Song "Prince of Peace" Michael W. Smith
(sing two times)
You are holy (You are holy), You are mighty (You are mighty),
You are worthy (You are worthy), Worthy of praise (worthy of praise),
I will follow (I will follow), I will listen (I will listen),
I will love you (I will love you), All of my days (All of my days),
I will sing to (You are Lord of Lords), And worship (You are King of Kings),
The King who (You are mighty God) Is worthy (Lord of Everything),
I will love and (You're Emanuel) Adore Him (You're the Great I Am),
And I will bow (You're the Prince of Peace) Down before Him (Who is the Lamb),
and I will sing to (You're the saving God) And worship (you're my saving Grace)
The King who (You will reign forever) Is worthy (You are Ancient of days),
And I will love and (You are Alpha, Omega) Adore him (Beginning, and End),
And I will bow down (You're my Savior, Messiah),
Before Him (Redeemer and Friend),
You're my prince of peace, and I will live my life for You.

Sentences of Scripture

Charge and Benediction Hannah Nelson and Elizah Hyde

Hymn 701 "Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)" Sanctuary
(sing three times)
Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

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AHEAD IN WORSHIP
10:00 a.m.

April 3 – Fifth Sunday in Lent
Beauty and Truth
Rev. Lynette Sparks
John 12:1-8
Music: Sanctuary Choir

April 10 – Palm Sunday
The Lord Needs It
Rev. Lynette Sparks
Luke 19:28-40
Music: Sanctuary Choir
Chris Houlihan, Trombone

AHEAD IN ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

Active Hope: March 27 and April 3, 11:15 a.m., Chapel
Active Hope is a readiness to engage, a readiness to discover
strengths in oursevlens and others. Led by Rachel Hood, Heather
Lermont-Pape, and Rev. Jen Porter.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgists ..... Mo Maher, Kees Duncan
..... Sylvie DeVries, Maren Gregg, Karys Russell
..... Lyn Payne, Audrey Faasse, Maddie Faasse
..... Jackson Reid, Declan Hayes, Elizah Hyde
..... Lily Fiore, Sarah Faasse
..... Tristan Gerville-Réache, Charlie Molitor
Other Participants ..... Middle School and High School Youth
Youth Ministry Staff ..... Christy Roosien, Interim Lead Youth Coordinaror
..... Sara Zallar, Youth Coordinator
..... Hannah Nelson, Youth Coordinator
Musicians ..... Helen Hofmeister, Minister of Music
..... Karys Russell and Dillan Roosien, Cello
..... Jackson Reid, Nate Roosien and Marissa Lunt, Guitar
..... Cherub and Carol Choirs, Chapel Singers, Kirk Singers
..... Janlee Richer, Accompanist
Logo Design..... Harper Davis
Ushers..... Team C
..... Doug and Joanie Dowling, Keith Combs
..... Kari and Chris Fuller, Ann and Jim Jarvis
..... Kevin Larr, Rich Zimmerman, and Sharon VanderWilp
Worship Center 1 ..... Coreen and Will Hausig
Worship Center 2..... Lisa Smith and Rowen Heethuis
Nurturing Center ..... Joel Berends and Amanda Stek

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 materials 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 our worship centers. Children will wait for you at the
end of the service in the Children's Ministry hallway off the Gathering Place.

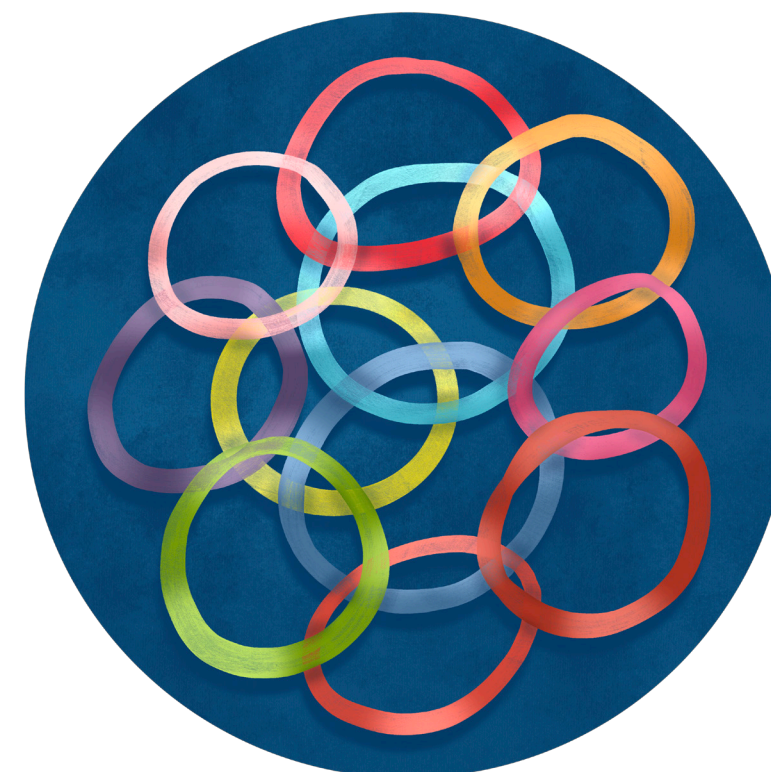
YOUTH

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.

616-456-1456 / westminstergr.org / Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Create in Me a Clean Heart



Youth Sunday
Together in Hope

FOURTH SUNDAY
IN LENT

MARCH 27, 2022
10:00 A.M.

# Announcements

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**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](mailto:jenp@wpcgr.org)) with any questions.

**MINDFULNESS AND SELF-COMPASSION CLASS: Thursdays April 7-May 12, 1-3 p.m., Gym** Carol Hendershot, Certified Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Instructor, will be leading a free, six-week course on Mindfulness and Self-Compassion. This course will provide tools and practices to live more deeply and align more with our values. Sign up for the course here: <https://forms.gle/qpVFWn7bgHbXHhTc9>. With any questions, contact Rev. Jen Porter at [jenp@wpcgr.org](mailto:jenp@wpcgr.org).

**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](http://www.momentumcentergh.org/civil-rights-road-trip). To inquire about the scholarship, please contact Dan VanMeurs at (616) 243-0787 or [danvm56@live.com](mailto:danvm56@live.com).

**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](mailto:nancyg@wpcgr.org) if you have questions.

**KATHY CISLER'S RETIREMENT:** Now that Kathy Cisler has retired, 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](mailto:angiek@wpcgr.org)). Questions regarding building and facilities use should be directed to Brad Hambelton, Facilities Manager ([bradh@wpcgr.org](mailto: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](mailto:christined@wpcgr.org)) or Nicole Koetje (616-717-5529, [nicolek@wpcgr.org](mailto: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](mailto:susanj@wpcgr.org) or Cheri Reid, Elder for Nominations, at [creid@yahoo.com](mailto:creid@yahoo.com) by April 15. Thank you!

**SUNDAY MORNING DRIVERS NEEDED:** One of the ministries of the Deacons is offering transportation to our worship service to those who otherwise would not be able to attend in person. There are presently 3 members who have requested transportation to and from our Sunday morning service. This opportunity is also open to the congregation and is one of the ways we can show hospitality to each other. Also, we are always looking for greeters to welcome worshippers as they enter our church. Please consider these opportunities and reach out to Bob VanSprange for additional information or to be added to the volunteer list. Bob can be reached at [bobvs@bosgraafgr.com](mailto:bobvs@bosgraafgr.com).

**SANDWICH BRIGADE:** The Sandwich Brigade is looking for a volunteer! We have a group of volunteers that make 150 sandwiches each Monday to be delivered to Heartside Ministries and we are currently in need of a volunteer for the first Monday of each month. If interested, please contact Kathy Smith at [kmvsmith@gmail.com](mailto:kmvsmith@gmail.com).

# This Week's Calendar

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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.	Church School & Children Choirs.....	Upstairs
11:15 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation.....	Chapel

## MON. MARCH 28

7:00 p.m.	Social Justice Committee .....	Library, Online
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## WED. MARCH 30

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

## THURS. MARCH 31

10:30 a.m.	Food Pantry.....	Front Lobby
1:30 p.m.	WPA Committee Meeting .....	Conference Room
7:15 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir .....	Choir Room

## SUN. APRIL 3

9:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service.....	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour .....	Gathering Place
11:15 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation.....	Chapel
11:15 a.m.	Refugee Resettlement Info Meeting.....	Parlor
1:00 p.m.	Game On Board Game Group .....	Online

## Opportunities for Giving

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

