

MORNING WORSHIP
Love the Long Sentence

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"Vocation is about being raised from the dead, made alive to the reality that we do not merely exist, but are 'called forth' to a divine purpose." —A.J. Conyers

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Opening Voluntary

"Beautiful Savior"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

++Call to Worship

One: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,
All: and with all your strength, and with all your mind.
One: Love your neighbor as yourself with all your heart, and with all your soul,
All: and with all your strength, and with all your mind.
One: Do this, and you will live!
All: Let us worship God with joy!

++Hymn 305

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

Darwall's 148th

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Janet Carter

Gracious God, Jesus tells us that our lives are enriched by loving you and loving our neighbors. We confess that love is hard for us. We are too selfish or too pessimistic, too hollow or too hardened, or just too tired to give ourselves to love's demands. Forgive our arrogance and our listlessness. Cleanse our hearts that we might find the strength to do what love requires and the grace to receive what love has to give. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose love has no boundaries.

Silent Confession

Kyrie - Unison

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Lee J. Afdahl

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Forgiveness and mercy ceaselessly flow from the heart of God. This is good news!
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

++Response Hymn 581 "Glory Be to the Father"

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

++Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Ministry of Music

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Richard Walters

Hannah DeBoer, soprano

Blessings with Younger Disciples

Nancy Greidanus

(Children three years through fourth 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

Colossians 1:1-14

New Testament p. 199

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Love the Long Sentence"

Rev. Lynette Sparks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Prayers of the People and 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

"Walk Together Children"

arr. Moses Hogan

Hannah DeBoer, Soprano

++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.

Generous God, we give you thanks for all your blessings to us. Use these gifts we offer as a sign of your great love for the world, so that all may know and share the abundance of your grace; in your holy name we pray. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Cwm Rhondda

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Scherzo"

Alan Ridout

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

July 17

Do You Know What Time It Is?

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Luke 10:38-42

Music: Sanctuary Choir

July 24

Rev. Jen Porter

Music: Cheri Reid, Soprano

HELEN HOFMEISTER CARILLON RECITALS

You are invited to attend one (or both!) of Helen Hofmeister's Carillon Recitals in July. She will be playing the carillon tonight at 8:00 p.m. on Grand Valley State University's Allendale Campus and on July 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Beaumont Tower at Michigan State. A carillon recital lasts about an hour and is an outdoor event. Bring a lawn chair!

SUMMER BOOKS FOR CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

During the summer, children's ministry focuses on reading children's books that teach children how to apply biblical concepts to real world situations. Your children can join the children's centers during worship, or you can follow along with your children at home!

This week: *Someone Builds the Dream* by Lisa Wheeler and Loren Long

Next week: *The Perfectly Perfect Wish* by Lisa Mantchev and Jessica Courtney-Tickle

Leaders: Carla and Joel Fortuna

Gorgeously written and illustrated, this is an eye-opening exploration of the many types of work that go into building our world—from the making of a bridge to a wind farm, an amusement park, and even a picture book. An architect may dream up the plans for a house, but someone has to actually work the saws and pound the nails. This book is a thank-you to the skilled women and men who work tirelessly to see our dreams brought to life.

Activity: Build a structure with big blocks/build a Lego bridge together.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher.....Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
Liturgist..... Rev. Janet Carter
..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children and their Families

Musicians..... Helen Hofmeister, Minister of Music
.....Hannah DeBoer, Soprano

Ushers..... Team A
.....Mary Dirkse, Lou VanderHave, and Chuck Wylie
..... Bill Baguley, Tom Kormos, Jeanne Marshall,
..... Michael Marshall, Pete Persons, Bill and Carole Warren
..... Todd Helle, and Heather Lermont-Pape

Welcome to Westminster

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!

MASKING

Based on the most current guidance from the CDC, the Way Forward Committee has decided that masking in our facilities is optional, including in Sunday worship.

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

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.



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**SEASON OF
THE SPIRIT**

**JULY 10, 2022
10:00 A.M.**

Announcements

ASSISTANT FACILITIES MANAGER POSITION OPENING: We need your help finding an Assistant Facilities Manager! The primary focus of this full-time position is to serve as back-up to the facilities manager and to ensure that Westminster's facilities are properly maintained and cleaned to host events and programming. If you know someone who would be a good candidate for this role, please pass along the "Employment Opportunities" page on our website (under the "Get Involved" tab) or direct them to our Facilities Manager, Brad Hambelton, at bradh@wpcgr.org or 616-717-5536. Thank you for your help in finding someone to work in this vital role!

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED: The Food Pantry is asking for donations of cereal during the month of July. The Pantry is also low on plastic grocery bags. Items can be brought to greeter's desk. Thank you!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: On July 25, Habitat for Humanity of Kent County is reserving a job site for Westminster volunteers. The work will be on the site of 2022's Carbon Footprint Build (just a block south of Electric Cheetah), and will give Westminster an opportunity to help local families in need of affordable housing a chance to address climate change, and a time to build fellowship and community within the church. Contact Mark Ogland-Hand at mhand@habitatkent.org to learn more.

WESTMINSTER CAMP 2022: September 1-4, 2022, Camp Henry Camp provides time for spiritual, mental, emotional, physical, and communal joy. Contact Nancy Greidanus at nancyg@wpcgr.org if you have questions. Visit westminstergr.org to register.

DID YOU KNOW? On the east side of the Sanctuary is our stained-glass window depicting Jesus knocking on a door. It is a copy of British artist William H Hunt's painting, *Jesus the Light of the World*. If you look closely, the door has no handle and can only be opened from the inside. It's up to each of us to respond and open the door from the inside.

CAMP HENRY 2023 REGISTRATION: Summer Camp registration for next year is now open! Sign up now at campheny.org/summer-camp to reserve your spot for 2023.

PARKING LOT GATES: Construction to install two parking gates has begun in our parking lot. Please consult the FAQ on the home page of our website or in the weekly email newsletter for more information.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: As we step into summer and take time to step away from our routines, we ask that you continue to fulfill your financial pledges and commitments that are vital to the ongoing mission of Westminster. You can scan the code below or go to westminstergr.org/support-our-ministry/, or you can set up automatic withdrawals from your bank to the church's bank account. If you would like help with this, please give Angie a call at (616)717-5533. On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, thank you for your generous and faithful support!

Donations: Donations can be made by scanning the QR code on this page, through our secure online giving site, or by check sent to the church office. If you have questions about how to give to the church, please email angiek@wpcgr.org or call (616) 717-5533.



This Week's Calendar

SUN. JULY 10

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

MON. JULY 11

- 9:30 a.m. Sandwich BrigadeDining Room
- 4:30 p.m. UCCF BoardHybrid, Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. High School Trip Info Meeting.....Online

TUES. JULY 12

- 7:00 p.m. FASD Support GroupLibrary

THURS. JULY 14

- 10:30 a.m. Food Pantry Front Lobby
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee MeetingLibrary

SAT. JULY 16

- All Day High School Trip Begins..... New Wilmington

SUN. JULY 17

- 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour.....Gathering Place