

MORNING WORSHIP
The Seating Chart

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"We're gonna sit at the welcome table. We're gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days, hallelujah!" — Traditional Spiritual

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Jen Porter

Opening Voluntary

"Trio du Gloria No. 12"

Francois Couperin

++Call to Worship (from Psalm 81)

Kat Jonker

One: Sing aloud to God our strength.

All: Shout for joy to the Lord of life.

One: Blessed be the one holy and living God.

All: Glory to God forever and ever.

++Hymn 301

"Let Us Build a House"

Two Oaks

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in Jesus you show us a way that is humble and that seeks the good of others. We confess that we go our own way; we elevate ourselves and ignore the needs of others. Free us from the temptation to focus only on ourselves. Help us to live in harmony with all your people, sharing one world and eating around one table, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Silent Confession

Kyrie - Unison

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Lee J. Afdahl

Assurance of God's Grace (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

One: Hear the Good News: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

All: All this is from God, with whom we are reconciled through Christ. Thanks be to God!

++Response Hymn 817 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" Dunlap's Creek

We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."

++Passing the Peace of Christ

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

All: And also with you.

Ministry of Music "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

John Ness Beck

Mark Jackson, Tenor

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

Luke 14:1, 7-14

New Testament p.77

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Seating Chart"

Rev. Lynette Sparks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Elder Cheri Reid

Those being ordained and installed today are Dennis Delano-Taylor to the office of Elder, and Jackie Schoon to the office of Deacon.

Presentation of Those Elected

The Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Focus on Faith Formation

Elder Martha Velting

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

"Jesus, My All, to Heaven Is Gone"

K. Lee Scott

Mark Jackson, Tenor

++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.

God of abundance, we give thanks for your faithfulness to us and for your hope in us. We rejoice in the knowledge of your unending grace. In the light of your mercy, and confident in your love, we dedicate these offerings and ourselves to you. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 767

"Together We Serve"

San Anselmo

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Gavotte with Variations"

Thomas Dupuis

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

September 4

Worship in the Sanctuary

Rev. Linda Knieriemen, Guest Preacher
Music: Janlee Richter, Organ

Worship at Camp Henry

Rev. Jen Porter
Music: Helen Hofmeister
Sanctuary Choir

September 11

**Fall Kick-off Sunday with Brunch Following
Seeing through Matthew 25**

Rev. Lynette Sparks
Matthew 25:31-46
Music: Sanctuary Choir

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: *What If, Pig?* by Linzie Hunter

Next week: *It Fell from the Sky* by the Fan Brothers

Leaders: Nancy Greidanus and Marika Patterson

Mouse has never had a friend quite like Pig. Pig is so incredibly kind, fabulously fun, but he also has a big secret—he's a tremendous worrier! When Pig gets the brilliant idea to throw a party for Mouse and their friends, he can't help but think of everything that could possibly go wrong. After all, what if a lion eats all the invitations? What if nobody comes? Or worse, what if everyone comes and has an awful time? In this adorable story, Linzie Hunter's charming, bright illustrations pair perfectly with her sweet and funny story about friendship and the endless wonder of "what if" that readers of all ages can relate to. This picture book is a great conversation starter in the home or classroom.

Activity: Have a mini party and children write kind messages to each other on Snoopy stickers.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

PreacherRev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
LiturgistsRev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor
.....Kat Jonker, Minister with Youth and Young Adults
.....Cheri Reid, Elder for Nominations
.....Nancy Greidanus, Minister with Children and Their Families
.....Martha Velting, Elder for Adult Faith Formation

Musicians.....Janlee Richter, Organ
.....Mark Jackson, Tenor

Ushers.....Team B
.....Bernie and Kathy Smith, Gordon Griffin
.....Stephen Marshall, Randy Block, and Chris Mayhew

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!

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 Minister with Youth and Young Adults Kat Jonker at katj@wpcgr.org. To sign up for updates via email from our youth program, email emmar@wpcgr.org.



Sightless Among Miracles, R.T. "Skip" Wallen

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SEASON OF
THE SPIRIT

AUGUST 28, 2022
10:00 A.M.

Announcements

YOUTH POOL PARTY: August 28, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Lunt home: 2083 Stetekee Woods Ln SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546 All middle and high schoolers are invited to an end-of-summer pool party. No RSVP is required, and youth leaders are also welcome. We hope to see you there!

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME! September 1, 7:15 p.m., Choir Room Everyone is welcome to join! No audition is required. Just show up with a desire to sing the great music of the church!

WPA FALL LUNCHEON: September 8, Dining Room WPA (Westminster's fellowship ministry for older adults, who may or may not be retired) is pleased to announce the return of our fellowship luncheons this fall. We'll start with registration and a punchbowl at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. After lunch, we'll have a rousing game of bingo with prizes. There is no charge for this event. Please call the church office, 616-717-5529, to sign up no later than September 1, 2022 or sign up online at <https://bit.ly/3JOb1jm>.

KICK-OFF SUNDAY BRUNCH: September 11 Join us after worship for an all-church brunch to celebrate the start of fall and the program year! Children can sign up for church programs at the brunch, including nursery, worship centers during the service, and exploration workshops and choirs after church.

FALL YOUTH RETREAT: September 17-18, Camp Henry Join us for a Fall retreat for Middle School and High School Youth at Camp Henry! Visit westminstergr.org/youth-ministries/ to register or contact our Minister with Youth and Young Adults Kat Jonker at katj@wpcgr.org with any questions!

WPA FALL BUS TRIP: October 12 We'll be traveling to Ludington to visit the new Mason County Research Center and the Port of Ludington Maritime Center, both of which have exhibits designed by our guest speaker, Valerie Van Heest, who is a shipwreck expert. Also included is a stop at the Ludington House of Flavors before heading back to Grand Rapids. All for the registration fee of \$10! Fliers with information on the trip and registration form are available at <https://bit.ly/3OneLuT>. Registration deadline for this trip is September 12, 2022.

RUN FOR CAMP 5K: October 15 The 2022 Run for Camp 5K is back this fall at Camp Henry! We're excited to welcome runners and walkers back to Camp. Can't make it? No problem! Register for the virtual option and you choose your place to rock the 3.1 miles! More details and sign up here: <http://camphenry.org/runforcamp>.

WESTMINSTER WINDS SIGN UP: We are excited to have the return of the Westminster Winds this year, under the direction of John Martin. Anyone who plays any instrument, wind or string, is invited to participate! You can sign up at <https://bit.ly/3Au9kEK>

CAMP HENRY HIRING: Camp Henry is seeking three to four fun-loving, hard-working, service-oriented folks, preferably with previous camp staff experience, to serve as Program Specialists. These positions will begin in August and run through November 12. They are also looking to hire a horse manager. Visit camphenry.org/about-us/join-our-staff for more information.

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. AUGUST 28

- 10:00 a.m. Worship ServiceSanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Gathering Place
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Pool Party Offsite

MON. AUGUST 29

- 8:30 a.m. Sandwich Brigade Dining Room

THURS. SEPTEMBER 1

- 10:30 a.m. Food PantryFront Lobby
- 4:00 p.m. Westminster Camp 2022..... Camp Henry

FRI. SEPTEMBER 2

- All Day Westminster Camp 2022..... Camp Henry

SAT. SEPTEMBER 3

- All Day Westminster Camp 2022..... Camp Henry

SUN. SEPTEMBER 4

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service at Camp..... Camp Henry
- 10:00 a.m. Worship ServiceSanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Gathering Place
- 12:00 p.m. Game On Board Game Group..... Conference Room

Announcements

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED: CANNED FRUIT, MEAT, AND SOUP: The Food Pantry is asking for donations of canned meat, soup, and fruit. The Pantry is also low on plastic grocery bags. Items can be brought to the greeter's desk. Thank you!

ASSISTANT FACILITIES MANAGER POSITION OPENING: We need your help finding an Assistant Facilities Manager! For more information, please visit the "Employment Opportunities" page on our website (under the "Get Involved" tab) or contact 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!

ELISABETH CIRCLE: The Elisabeth Circle has selected *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans as its book for the 2022-2023 year. Our first meeting will be in September. For information about purchasing the book or any other questions, please call Lois Waldecker at (616)784-0900.

TOGETHER WEST MICHIGAN TRAINING OPPORTUNITY: If you're curious about broad-based organizing or want to learn how to be a leader in different issue areas, we invite you to the Broad-Based Organizing Training Friday, September 9, 6:00-8:30 p.m., and Saturday, September 10, from 9:00-4:00 p.m. at Park Congregational Church. For more information, contact Susan Jennings at susanj@wpcgr.org.