

MORNING WORSHIP

Love Your Enemy

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"The love we are called to live out is not an emotional one, but one that comes from the transforming and spiritual rebirth of our minds, souls, and hearts." -Israel Kamudzandu

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Jen Porter

Opening Voluntary "Cuando al pobre" (When the Poor Ones) arr. Ronald Nelson

++Call to Worship Elder Tom Macholan

One: From north and south and east and west,
All: all creation sings forth your praises!
One: The mountains and the hills burst into song;
All: the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
One: Your steadfast love never ceases.
All: With joy and peace, let us worship God together.

++Hymn 297 "In Christ Called to Baptize" St. Denio

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord, you created the whole world and called it good, but we look out and see division and suffering. You call us to maintain unity of spirit in the bond of peace, but we choose conflict over peace born from justice. You call us to love the least among us, but we allow senseless suffering rather than sacrifice for our neighbors. Forgive us. Grant us fresh vision to see one another as siblings in Christ. Rekindle in us your gifts—the spirit of power, love, and self-discipline—that through Christ, we might be part of bringing forth your peaceable kingdom...

Silent Confession

Kyrie - Unison "Lord, Have Mercy" Lee J. Afdahl. Musical notation for a unison Kyrie with lyrics: Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: We call to mind your promises and therefore we find hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God's mercies are new every morning. Believe the good news.
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God!

++Response Hymn 6 "I Bind unto Myself Today" St. Patrick

I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One and One in Three.

++Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Ministry of Music

"El Cielo Canta Alegría"

Pablo Sosa

El cielo canta alegría, ¡aleluya! Heaven is singing for you, alleluia,
Porque en tu vida y la mia brilla la gloria de Dios.
For in your life and in mine is shining the glory of God. ¡Aleluya, aleluya!
El cielo canta alegría, ¡aleluya! Heaven is singing for you, alleluia,
Porque a tu vida y la mi alas une el amor de Dios.
For your life and mine unite in the love of our God. ¡Aleluya, aleluya!
El cielo canta alegría, ¡aleluya! Heaven is singing for you, alleluia,
Porque tu vida y la mia proclamaran al Señor.
For your life and mine will always bear witness to God. ¡Aleluya, aleluya!

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

Romans 12:9-21

New Testament p. 162

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Love Your Enemy"

Rev. Lynette Sparks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Affirmation of Faith (adapted from the Belhar Confession)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family.
And we believe that this unity of the people of God
must be manifest and active, in that we love one another;
that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another,
that we share one baptism together,
that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together,
that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope,
which is the height and the breadth and the depth
and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

Offering Our Lives

Offertory

"Here, O My Lord, I See You"

William M. Schoenfeld

Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face, Here, faith can touch and handle things unseen;
Here, I will grasp with firmer hand your grace, and all my weariness upon you lean.
Here, I will feed upon the Bread of Life; Here, drink with you the royal wine of heaven:
Here, I will lay aside each earthly load, Here, taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.
Too soon we rise, the symbols disappear; the feast though not the love, is past and done;
Gone are the bread and wine, but you are here, Nearer than ever still my shield and sun.
Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above;
Given sweet foretaste of the festal joy, the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

Diane Helle, Violin
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

We invite you to come forward down the center aisle to receive the communion elements. If you are sitting in a side section of pews, please make your way to the back of the center aisle and proceed forward. All bread is gluten-free. When you have partaken of the elements, you may place your used cup in the baskets as you return to your seats by way of the side aisles. If you would like the elements brought to you, please raise your hand and a server will bring them to you. Children are welcome to participate in this sacrament.

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

Gracious God, we offer our thanks for the ministry of churches around the world who gather today. By this broken bread, may we be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup, may we be claimed for the proclamation of your kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 526 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" Linstead Lee Copenhaver and Eric Richter, Percussion

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary "¡Aleluya! Cristo resucitó" (Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen) arr. Michael Bedford

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.

AHEAD IN WORSHIP

October 9

Rev. Dr. Randal Jelks, Guest Preacher
Music: Sanctuary Choir
Westminster Winds

October 16

Third Grade Bibles
Music: Kirk Singers
Sanctuary and Carol Choir

UPCOMING IN ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Community Conversations: October 2, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary

It's time to build community. In these first weeks of our program year, we are pausing our normal faith formation offerings to re-connect and deepen relationships through conversation. We will take time to have coffee and fellowship and then gather in the Sanctuary 15 minutes after the end of the service. Whether or not you participated last week, everyone is welcome to join in today!

Sermon Talk: October 9, 11:15 a.m., Chapel

After the Saturday event on October 8 and preaching on October 9th, Rev. Dr. Randal Jelks will provide one final time for interaction in the Chapel following worship. Join for further reflection in this post-sermon conversation.

Meet Our Worship Elder Peter Larson: October 9, 11:15 a.m., Parlor

Each month one of our elders will be available along with committee members to share about their area of ministry. They will share what is going on and will offer space for participation. Elder Peter Larson will lead this time around worship at Westminster.



Actively Engaged in the World

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher..... Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
Liturgists Rev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor
..... Tom Macholan, Elder for Camp Henry
..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister with Children and Their Families

Musicians..... Helen Hofmeister, Minister of Music
..... Diane Helle, Violin
..... Lee Copenhaver and Eric Richter, Percussion
..... Sanctuary Choir
..... Janlee Richter, Accompanist

Acolytes..... Stella VanderVelde and Kyah VanBrouwer

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

Worship Center 1 Leslie Fiore
Worship Center 2 Erin Molhoek
Nurturing Center Marika Patterson

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.



Mother and Child, Cameroon Mosaic at Basilica of the Annunciation, Nazareth, Israel

Love Your Enemy

SEEING THROUGH
MATTHEW 25

OCTOBER 2, 2022
10:00 A.M.

Announcements

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING: October 2 This Sunday, we receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering of the PC(USA). Through this offering, we connect with each other to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation around the world and here at home. Please give what you can.

PARENTS AND CHILDREN'S SOCIAL HOUR: October 6, 9:30 a.m., Children's Ministry Hallway Parents and children are invited to join for refreshments, conversation, and play. We'll discuss getting together on a regular basis for stories, music, excursions, and creating friendships. To RSVP or with questions, contact Nancy Greidanus at nancyg@wpcgr.org.

SCHWALLIERS ORCHARD OUTING FOR THIRD THROUGH FIFTH GRADERS: October 9, 12:15 p.m. All third through fifth graders are invited to lunch and a trip to Schwalliers Orchard for shooting apple cannons, a corn maze, and picking apples! Contact Nancy Greidanus at nancyg@wpcgr.org for more information and to sign up.

YOUNG ADULT NIGHT AT FOUNDERS: October 12, 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there! Email katj@wpcgr.org with any questions.

RUN FOR CAMP 5K October 15, 10 a.m., Camp Henry The 2022 Run for Camp 5K is back again this fall! We are excited to welcome runners and walkers back to Camp Henry. Can't make it? No problem! Register for the Virtual option at camphenry.org and you choose your place to rock the 3.1 miles!

ALL CHURCH EVENT BYOB (BRING YOUR OWN BIBLE) October 16 After the service on October 16 when our third graders receive their Bibles, join everyone for brunch, fellowship, and games. Show off your own third grade Bibles if you still have them!

THE ELISABETH CIRCLE: October 18, 1:00 p.m., Parlor The Elisabeth Circle will meet to discuss Chapter 2 and 3 of *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans. Elisabeth Circle always welcomes visitors and new members. Contact person is Lois Waldecker at (616) 784-0900.

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED: As the winter season is approaching, the Food Pantry is looking for new and gently used hats, mittens, gloves, and scarfs. They are also in need of canned meat, soup, and fruit, as well as plastic grocery bags. Items can be brought to the greeter's desk.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION: Interested in membership at Westminster? Our next new member orientations are Sundays, October 16 and 23, 11:10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (lunch included). New members will be formally received into membership on Sunday, October 30. If interested, please contact Nicole at nicolek@wpcgr.org.

PARKING LOT INFO: We would like to remind everyone to not double park on Sunday mornings or park in front of the area from the edge of the sidewalk to the fence for the Consumer's Energy area and the garage and dumpster. This is a fire lane that must remain open at all times. For additional parking on Sunday mornings if the lot is full, please use the GRPS parking lot behind the Museum School across the street on Jefferson or the Spectrum parking lot across the street from our LaGrave entrance. These are both available to members on Sunday mornings. With any questions, please reach out to the church office.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE SURVEY: The Communications Committee needs your input on how you'd like to hear from church and what you'd like to hear about. Please fill out this survey by scanning the QR code or filling out a paper copy in the Gathering Place. Thank you in advance! It should take about five minutes to complete.



This Week's Calendar

SUN. OCTOBER 2

10:00 a.m.	Worship Service.....	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Gathering Place
11:00a.m.	Youth Group, Youth Choir	Various Rooms
11:15 a.m.	Church School, Children's Choirs.....	Various Rooms
11:15 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation.....	Various Rooms
11:20 a.m.	Westminster Winds.....	Choir Room
12:00 p.m.	Game On Board Game Group	Conference Room
1:30 p.m.	Middle School Artprize Walk	Offsite
3:30 p.m.	Communion Service.....	Porter Hills

MON. OCTOBER 3

10:30 a.m.	Quilting Group	Multipurpose Room
1:30 p.m.	Spiritual Formation Group.....	Library

TUES. OCTOBER 4

6:00 p.m.	All Boards Meeting.....	Dining Room
7:30 p.m.	Connecting Deacons.....	Parlor
7:30 p.m.	Session Meeting	Chapel, Hybrid

WED. OCTOBER 5

6:30 a.m.	Youth Prayer Breakfast	Wolgfangs
12:00 p.m.	WCDC Board Meeting.....	Library, Hybrid
1:30 p.m.	Exploring Faith Book Group	Parlor
6:30 p.m.	WM Gay Men's Chorus	Choir Room
7:00 p.m.	Fear Not Book Group.....	Parlor

THURS. OCTOBER 6

9:30 a.m.	Parents & Children's Social Hour	Children's Hallway
10:30 a.m.	Food Pantry.....	Front Lobby
7:15 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

SAT. OCTOBER 8

9:00 a.m.	Randal Jelks Book Event.....	Sanctuary
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SUN. OCTOBER 9

9:00 a.m.	Westminster Winds Breakfast.....	Dining Room
9:15 a.m.	Westminster Winds Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Gathering Place
11:00a.m.	Youth Group, Youth Choir	Various Rooms
11:15 a.m.	Church School, Children's Choirs.....	Various Rooms
11:15 a.m.	Sermon Talk.....	Chapel
11:15 a.m.	Worship Elder Conversation.....	Parlor
12:15 p.m.	3rd-5th Grade Outing	Offsite
1:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class	Youth Room

Announcements

CHILD CARE PROVIDERS NEEDED: If you would be willing to serve as a childcare provider in our Sunday morning nursery or on a weekday morning once a month, please contact Nancy Greidanus at nancyg@wpcgr.org.

SUNDAY GREETERS AND COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED: Please consider signing up to offer a warm welcome on one or more Sundays. Families can greet together, and there are no set-up or clean-up duties required for hosting coffee hour! Email Jen Kotchenruther at jkotchenruther@grcs.org to sign up.

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.

