

MORNING WORSHIP
Vigilant Hearts and Minds

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"Here is a story
to break your heart.
Are you willing?
This winter
the loons came to our harbor
and died, one by one,
of nothing we could see.
A friend told me
of one on the shore
that lifted its head and opened
the elegant beak and cried out
in the long, sweet savoring of its life
which, if you have heard it,
you know is a sacred thing,
and for which, if you have not heard it,

you had better hurry to where
they still sing.
And, believe me, tell no one
just where that is.
The next morning
this loon, speckled
and iridescent and with a plan
to fly home
to some hidden lake,
was dead on the shore.
I tell you this
to break your heart,
by which I mean only
that it break open and never close again
to the rest of the world."

—"Lead" by Mary Oliver

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Jen Porter

Opening Voluntary

"Camp Meetin"
Westminster Winds

arr. Bob Grice

++Call to Worship

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

++Hymn 318

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

St. Peter

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open our hearts to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world...

Silent Confession

Kyrie - Unison

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Lee J. Afdahl

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 716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" Beach Spring

**God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.**

++Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Ministry of Music

"Redemption"
Westminster Winds

Rossano Gallante

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

Proverbs 4:23
Romans 12:1-2

Old Testament p. 587
New Testament p. 161

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Vigilant Hearts and Minds"

Rev. Dr. Randal Jelks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Rev. Lynette Sparks

**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.**

Focus on Stewardship

Cheryl Bremer

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.

Offering Our Lives

Offertory

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Moses Hogan

++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.
Christ Jesus, author of our salvation, we present ourselves to you as your workers, and we present our gifts and goods to you for your work, with praise on our lips and thanks in our hearts. Amen.**

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 744

"Arise, Your Light Is Come"

Festal Song

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Poco Vivace"

Hermann Schroeder

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

October 16

Third Grade Bibles

Rev. Jen Porter

Music: Kirk Singers, Carol Choir, and Sanctuary Choir

October 23

Open to Gratitude

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Luke 17:11-19

Music: Sanctuary Choir

UPCOMING IN ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

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.

All Church Brunch: October 16, 11:15 a.m., Dining Room

Bring your own Bible to church to enjoy intergenerational time with brunch, fellowship, and games.



Actively Engaged in the World

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher.....Rev. Dr. Randal Jelks
Liturgists.....Rev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor
.....Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
.....Nancy Greidanus, Minister with Children and Their Families
.....Cheryl Bremer, Elder for Stewardship

Musicians.....Helen Hofmeister, Minister of Music
.....Sanctuary Choir
.....Janlee Richter, Accompanist
.....John Martin, Westminster Winds Director
.....Westminster Winds

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

Worship Center 1.....Lori DeVries
Worship Center 2.....Lori Wenzel
Nurturing Center.....Enzenbergers

ABOUT TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER:

Randal Maurice Jelks is a professor, a documentary producer, award-winning author, and an ordained clergy in the PC(USA). Jelks is an executive producer of the documentary *I, Too, Sing America: Langston Hughes Unfurled*. His writings have appeared in the Boston Review and the Los Angeles Review of Books, and he also serves as co-editor of the academic journal American Studies.

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, 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.

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



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HEARTS WIDE OPEN

OCTOBER 9, 2022
10:00 A.M.

Announcements


YOUNG ADULT NIGHT AT FOUNDERS: October 12, 7:00 p.m. We invite you to join us on the second Wednesdays of the month from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. for fellowship with new and old friends. Come alone or bring someone with you! We are excited to connect with you. No RSVP needed, but feel free to reach out to katj@wpcgr.org with any questions you have.

RUN FOR CAMP 5K October 15, 10:00 a.m., Camp Henry Don't forget to sign up for the Run for Camp 5K! Proceeds from this event go straight to the camper scholarship fund. Do it for the kids! Sign up at camphenry.org!

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. The 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.

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. Thank you in advance! It should take about five minutes to complete.

CHILDCARE 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.

COME VOLUNTEER WITH THE DEACON MINISTRIES! The Deacons could use some helping hands with the following ministries: Greeting and/or Coffee Hour Host, Driving, and Meal Delivery. Anyone can serve in these important roles - you don't need to be a deacon to do so! Please stop by the table in the Gathering Place after the service today to learn more and sign up. Or, send us an email: Jen Kotchenruther (Greeting/Coffee Hour) - jkotchenruther@grcs.org, Bob VanSprange (Driving) - bobvs@bosgraafgr.com, Heidi Driscoll (Meals) - hdriscoll330@ameritech.net.

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.

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. OCTOBER 9

- 10:00 a.m. Worship ServiceSanctuary
- 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

MON. OCTOBER 10

- 10:30 a.m. Quilting GroupMultipurpose Room
- 4:30 p.m. UCCF Board Meeting Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. Supporting DeaconsHybrid, Pastoral Suite
- 7:00 p.m. Facilities Committee..... Conference Room

TUES. OCTOBER 11

- 7:00 a.m. GRPS & Versiti Blood Drive Dining Room
- 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting..... Hybrid, Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. FASD Support Group Various Rooms

WED. OCTOBER 12

- 6:30 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast Wolfgangs
- 8:15/8:30 a.m. WPA Bus TripPorter Hills/Parking Lot
- 6:00 p.m. Communications Committee Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. WM Gay Men's Chorus Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Night..... Founders

THURS. OCTOBER 13

- 10:30 a.m. Food Pantry.....Front Lobby
- 5:00 p.m. Technology Team Meeting..... Online
- 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal..... Choir Room

SUN. OCTOBER 16

- 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room
- 10:00 a.m. Worship ServiceSanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. New Member Orientation..... Dining Room
- 11:15 a.m. All Church Brunch..... Dining Room