

MORNING WORSHIP

Sent Out in Peace

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"I promise you there is a blessing in the leaving, in the dust shed from your shoes as you walk toward home—not the one you left but the one that waits ahead, the one that already reaches out for you in welcome, in gladness for the gifts that none but you could bring." —Jan Richardson

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Kyle Kooyers

Opening Voluntary "I Love to Tell the Story"

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

++Call to Worship (based on Psalm 30)

One: Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones.

All: God hears us in our fear and our sorrow.

One: Sing praises to God,

All: whose joy rises in our lives every day.

One: Sing praises and give thanks to God's holy name.

All: God's kingdom is near to us; God's peace resides in our hearts.

++Hymn 367 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" St. George's Windsor

Prayer of Confession

Sonja Schultz-Fryer

Holy God, we know that Jesus sent out his disciples without purse, luggage, or sandals. Yet too often, we cling to possessions we don't need; we look for safety by avoiding risk; and we bear heavy burdens that slow us down. We even make hollow excuses for avoiding your call. Forgive us for our reluctance to travel lightly and follow you. Forgive and heal us, as we lay our burdens at your feet...

Silent Confession

Kyrie - Unison "Lord, Have Mercy" Lee J. Afdahl

Musical notation for the Kyrie unison, including lyrics: Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Friends, hear the good news: God's love is beyond measure, and we are included in that love. In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven!

All: We are freed to love and serve. 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.

++ Stand in body or in spirit

++Passing the Peace of Christ

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

All: And also with you.

Ministry of Music

"Jesus, Jesus, Praise Him"

Traditional

Jesus, Jesus, praise him in the morning, praise him at the noontime, Praise him when the sun goes down!

Jesus, Jesus, love him, thank him, serve him, trust him!

Cherub Choir

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

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

New Testament p. 71

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Sent Out in Peace"

Rev. Lynette Sparks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Affirmation of Faith from the Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Recognition of Heritage Members

Elder Karen Meyers

Offering Our Lives

Offertory

"O How Amiable"

R. Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings; thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:

My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,

And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;

Even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house;

They will be always praising thee.

The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us;

Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.

O prosper thou our handwork.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,

Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

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 to receive the communion elements. When you have partaken of the elements, you may place your used cup in the baskets as you return to your seats. If you would like the elements brought to you, please raise your hand and a server will bring them to you. All bread is gluten-free. 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

Faithful God, you have fed us at this table along with that great multitude of your faithful people. Keep us faithful to your call and abide with us always, that we may serve you in all things. In the name of Jesus Christ, who called the Church into being.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 326

"For All the Saints"

Sine Nomine

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Toccata"

Johann Pachelbel

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

**November 13**

**Sent Out in Boldness**

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Luke 18:1-8

Music: Kirk Singers, Sanctuary Choir

**November 20**

**Thanksgiving Ingathering**

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Music: Westminster Winds, Sanctuary Choir

UPCOMING IN ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Getting Our Acts Together: An Inductive Bible Study**

**Sundays, 11:15 a.m., Chapel, November 6 - November 20**

The first century was a tough time to be the church. Those who followed Jesus and the disciples had to navigate a very tense political landscape, economic and budget concerns, groups of people loyal to polarizing leaders, in-group and out-group dynamics, an uptick in community violence, questions of how to be good neighbors with the wider community, and a growing concern that the church may not even make it to the next decade. If that sounds familiar, then you're in luck! From the visionary author that brought you the acclaimed Gospel of Luke comes a sequel that is sure to inspire and challenge. Join us as we explore the Book of Acts, listening for how the wisdom of the early church might speak to us today. Led by Rev. Kyle Kooyers.

ARTWORK FOR BULLETIN COVER IMAGE

The Mathias Alten painting, *Ending the Day*, was donated to Westminster in 1966 by the Central Circle. The painting, created in 1918, was given to them by Mrs. Henry (Anna) Idema, a long-time member of Central Circle.

HISTORIC ITEMS

This Heritage Sunday, we have items from our archives that were used in worship by our forebears displayed in the chancel.

**Communion Table:** The table was given in 1887 by William O. Hughart in celebration of the birth of his grandson Oden Hughart Howard.

**Pulpit:** Our liturgy this morning is presented from our 1885 pulpit. It was a gift from the youth of Westminster and dedicated with the new sanctuary on October 1, 1885.

**Silver Flower Urns:** The silver urns were used in our worship services during the 1920s.



PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher ..... Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor

Liturgists ..... Rev. Kyle Kooyers, Parish Associate

..... Sonja Schultz-Fryer, Heritage Member

..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister with Children and Their Families

..... Karen Meyers, Elder for Older Adults

Musicians..... Helen Hofmeister, Minister of Music

..... Cherub Choir

..... Lindsey Doody, Cherub Choir Director

..... Sanctuary Choir

..... Janlee Richter, Accompanist

Acolytes..... Kyah VanBrouwer and Jacob Herrick

Ushers..... Team B

..... Bernie and Kathy Smith, Gordon Griffin

..... Stephen Marshall, Randy Block, Chris Mayhew

Worship Center 1 ..... Coreen Hausig

Worship Center 2..... Tim Born

Nurturing Center ..... Sarah Pipher

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](mailto:susanj@wpcgr.org). More information about worship and updates from the church can be found at [westminstergr.org](http://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](mailto:katj@wpcgr.org).



*Ending the Day by Mathias Alten*

SENT OUT IN PEACE

SEEING THROUGH  
MATTHEW 25

NOVEMBER 6, 2022  
10:00 A.M.

# Announcements

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**WPA LUNCHEON: Wednesday, November 9, 11:30 a.m.** Join us for the next WPA event and learn what it means to be a Matthew 25 church from Rev. Chrissy Westbury, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Kalamazoo and members of her congregation. They will be sharing what being a Matthew 25 church has meant to them over the past year. We'll start with registration and a punchbowl at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch and the presentation, Living Matthew 25, at noon. WPA is Westminster's fellowship ministry for older adults who may or may not be retired. There is no charge for this event. Sign up online at <https://bit.ly/3Dh7MQ7> or call the church office at 616-717-5529.

**YOUNG ADULT NIGHT AT BREWERY VIVANT: November 9, 7:00 p.m.** We're changing things up! This month, meet us at Brewery Vivant. Look for our sign; we'll see you there! Reach out to [katj@wpcgr.org](mailto:katj@wpcgr.org) with any questions.

**THE ELISABETH CIRCLE: November 15, 1:00 p.m., Parlor** The Elisabeth Circle will meet to discuss chapters 4 and 5 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.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ALL-CHURCH ADVENT EVENT! November 27** After the service on November 27, we will have Christmas treats, create Advent crafts, and receive Advent devotional books written by members of Westminster and other downtown churches. Join us as we prepare our hearts and lives for Christmas!

**DINE WITH NINE:** It's time to connect over dinner with friends, old and new. For our first "Dine With Nine" in three years, we'll be starting with two gatherings: the first in January/February, and the second in March/April. Sign up to join in and/or host a group. You don't have to be a member. You just have to enjoy visiting with people over dinner! You can sign up today in the Gathering Place or email [wpcdinewith9@yahoo.com](mailto:wpcdinewith9@yahoo.com). Provide your name, email, phone number, number of adults in your group, and whether or not you would be willing to host a group in your home.

**DÉGAGÉ VOUCHERS:** Dégagé vouchers will be available for purchase for \$2 each in the Gathering Place after worship today. Members and friends of Westminster have offered these vouchers to folks asking for money; these vouchers can be used for services at Dégagé Ministries, including meals, storage space, haircuts, clothing, and more.

**FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:** 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.

**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](mailto:nancyg@wpcgr.org).

**Stewardship Hearts Wide Open Update:** With grateful hearts, we have received \$665,500 in Giving Intentions toward our estimated need of \$1,632,000 in 2023. Thank you! If you have yet to return your Giving Intention card, please consider making Westminster your first priority in giving or by increasing your 2022 commitment by 10% or by committing to making your first gift. May our hearts be opened to supporting the ministry to which we are called here at Westminster and to take our place in the long line of members who have given their best out of gratitude for God's greatest gift to us in Jesus Christ. Your Giving Intentions may be returned by mail, filled out online, or by scanning the QR code here.



# This Week's Calendar

## SUN. NOVEMBER 6

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service..... Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour .....Gathering Place
- 11:00 a.m. Youth Group & Choirs..... Various Locations
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Workshops & Choirs.... Various Locations
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation.....Chapel
- 11:15 a.m. Westminster Winds..... Choir Room
- 1:30 p.m. Confirmation Class ..... Youth Room
- 4:00 p.m. Game On Board Game Group .....Conference Room

## MON. NOVEMBER 7

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

## TUES. NOVEMBER 8

- 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting.....Hybrid, Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. FASD Support Group ..... Various Locations

## WED. NOVEMBER 9

- 6:30 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast ..... Wolfgangs
- 11:30 a.m. WPA Registration & Punchbowl .....Dining Room
- 12:00 p.m. WPA Luncheon.....Dining Room
- 6:00 p.m. Communications Committee.....Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. WM Gay Men's Chorus ..... Choir Room

## THURS. NOVEMBER 10

- 10:30 a.m. Food Pantry..... Front Lobby
- 5:00 p.m. Technology Team Meeting.....Online
- 6:45 p.m. Choir Coffee.....Gathering Place
- 7:00 p.m. MGD Committee ..... Online
- 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal..... Choir Room

## SUN. NOVEMBER 13

- 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal..... Choir Room
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service..... Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour .....Gathering Place
- 11:00 a.m. Youth Group & Choirs..... Various Locations
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Workshops & Choirs.... Various Locations
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation.....Chapel
- 11:20 a.m. Baptism Seminar ..... Pastoral Suite
- 11:20 a.m. Westminster Winds..... Choir Room

### POINSETTIA DONATIONS



We invite you to donate a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of someone special to you. These flowers will fill our Sanctuary during worship, and donors may take them home after the late service on Christmas Eve.

#### Order Deadline: December 1

Donated by \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Please return order form and donation to the church office at 47 Jefferson SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, drop in Nicole's mailbox in the office, call (616) 456-616-717-5529, or email [nicolek@wpcgr.org](mailto:nicolek@wpcgr.org). Thank you.

## Recognition of Heritage Members

Today we acknowledge these individuals who have been members at Westminster for 50+ years. Thank you for your ongoing support and participation in the life and ministry of Westminster!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>
Jan Gorman	4/8/1945	Mary Beth Bartel-Beals	4/19/1962
Marilyn Whitford	10/6/1946	David Bowen	4/19/1962
Burnadette Haney	2/1/1948	Al TenHoor	4/19/1962
Quentin Luidens	4/4/1948	Richard Draigh	4/11/1963
Calvin Owen	12/18/1949	Thomas Lawrence	3/26/1964
Marshall Haney	4/6/1950	Nita Luidens	10/11/1964
Janice Bowie	12/17/1950	Mary VandeVoren	1/10/1965
Robert Dildine	6/10/1951	Janet Moyer	4/15/1965
Andrew VanYsseldyke	10/14/1951	Marilyn Lawrence	4/7/1966
Philip Hertel	10/12/1952	Alan Burlingham	10/1/1967
Eleanor Gorman	4/25/1954	Marilyn Dooge	10/1/1967
Larry Vogel	6/27/1954	Deborah Kammer	10/1/1967
John Porter	3/29/1956	Don Taylor	10/1/1967
Marilyn VanderVeen	12/15/1957	George Hendricks	4/11/1968
Nancy Taylor	4/3/1958	Vera Hendricks	4/11/1968
Janet Dildine	3/26/1959	Larry Merryweather	6/16/1968
Peggy Hendricks	6/14/1959	Genny Bratschie	12/12/1968
Dick Hubbard	10/11/1959	Ed Paul	12/15/1968
Cherry Jacobus	10/11/1959	Linda Paul	12/15/1968
Phil Jacobus	10/11/1959	Ann Bobroff	3/27/1970
Joseph Martin	4/14/1960	Barbara Self	4/18/1971
Sandra Martin	4/14/1960	Robert Self	4/18/1971
Abby DeVries	1/15/1961	Duane Early	11/28/1971
Milo DeVries	1/15/1961	Jeanne Early	11/28/1971
Grace Orders	1/15/1961	Marilynne McCready	11/28/1971
Steve Marshall	3/30/1961	Susan Porter	11/28/1971
Barbara Roelofs-Dahlke	6/18/1961	Sonja Schultz-Fryer	3/30/1972
		Barbara Savage	3/30/1972

**Welcome to our new members that were officially received into membership on Sunday, October 30! We look forward to getting to know them and the work we will do together as a community of faith.**



Alan & Michelle Andrews



Judy DeMeester



John Goldberg & Samantha Reid-Goldberg



Ellen & Chuck Hekman



Steven Putt & Cheryl VanTill



Shirley VanderPol



Josh & Sam Walma