

MORNING WORSHIP
Have You Not Heard?

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"All life is prayer. From the moment of birth, until death stills our breath, each human heart, each soul, recites a ceaseless prayer, the very existence of our spirit in physical form an invocation toward the divine."
—Beverly Lanzetta

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Lynette Sparks

As we prepare for worship, we are invited to be attentive to God's presence in our midst.

Opening Voluntary "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

Folk tune of Ghana
Carol Choir

++Call to Worship

John Schlafley

One: God, you are Mother to us.

All: **You are Father to us.**

One: Like a mother who will not abandon her nursing child,

All: **Like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,**

One: Every day, you are faithful still.

All: **You call us your children,**

One: and born of the Spirit, we are.

All: **Faithfully now your praises we sing!**

++Hymn 267

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Madrid

Prayer of Confession

God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you, yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you. You have revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace. Lord, hear our prayer...

Silent Confession

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

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Hear the promise of God: See, your salvation has come! You are a holy people, redeemed by God, sought out, not forsaken.

All: **Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

++Response Hymn 671 "O Radiant Light, O Sun Divine" Conditor Alme Siderum (stanza 2)

**O Son of God, the source of life,
praise is your due by night and day.
Our happy lips must raise the strain
of your esteemed and splendid name.**

++Passing the Peace of Christ

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

All: **And also with you.**

Ministry of Music "Lift Thine Eyes" from Elijah Felix Mendelssohn(1809-1847)

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains,
whence cometh help.

Thy help cometh from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved,

Thy keeper will never slumber.

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains,
whence cometh help.

Westminster Women's Chorus

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

Isaiah 40:21-31

Old Testament p. 668

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Have You Not Heard?"

Rev. Jen Porter

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Susan Jennings & Cheri Reid

Presentation of Those Elected

The Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Offering Our Lives

Please take a moment to sign and pass the red friendship pad located in the pew, and take note of those worshipping next to you.

Offertory

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Thomas Quigley

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day and by night, Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light. Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word. I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord. Thou my great Father and I Thy true son, Thou in my dwelling and I with Thee one. Riches I need not, nor Man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always, Thou and Thou only first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art. High King of Heaven, my victory won, May I reach Heaven's joys O bright Heaven sun Heart of my own heart whatever befall, Still be my vision O Ruler of all.

Westminster Women's Chorus

++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 and partake of them immediately as you receive them. Please take your used cups with you as you return to your seats and place them in the cupholders in the back of your pew. 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

Music

"God moves in a mysterious way" Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

Prayer of Response

Gracious God, we give you thanks for your light of love around and within us. Fed here at your table, we go forth to reflect all that you are. In your image, we learn and grow in love, and we offer ourselves to your holy way. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 509 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

Holy Manna

verse 2: Women's Chorus

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary "And All the Bells Rang Out the Good News" Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)

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

February 11

Rev. Lynette Sparks
Kirk Singers & Sanctuary Choir

February 14

Ash Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir

February 18

First Sunday of Lent
Rev. Lynette Sparks
Westminster Winds

Ahead in Adult Faith Formation

February 4: All-Church Valentine's Event

Join us in the Dining Room following the service! We will have food, make valentines, and fill valentines bags with toiletries for our food pantry patrons.

February 11: Confessions of the 20th Century

After our snowed out January 14 service, Rev. Kyle Kooyers will finish the last of Reformed Confessions series. The Belhar Confession was written in 1982 in Afrikaans in response to the struggle against apartheid in South Africa and continues to guide the witness and call of our faith today.

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Today, we celebrate with these members as they affirm their call to ministry at Westminster. We are confident that God will bless them as they use their gifts to bless others among us. We are grateful to each for their enthusiastic "Yes!" to the call to serve as leaders in our church.

Elder for:

Adult Faith Formation.....Ellen Shupe
Camp HenryMatt Russell
Children's MinistryBen Boerkoel

Trustees: Bert Dugan, Kathy Cisler, Barbara Cliffe-Miller, Jeannine Lemmon

Memorial Trust: Tom Lawrence, Leslie Fiore

Connecting Deacons: Diane Bartoszewicz, Karen Rupke

Supporting Deacons: Leonard Bartoszewicz, Nancy Janisch

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

PreacherRev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor
Liturgists Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
..... John Schlafley
..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children & Families
..... Susan Jennings, Minister for Pastoral Care & Mission
..... Cheri Reid, Elder for Nominations

Musicians.....Janlee Richter, Organ & Piano
..... Carol Choir, Director Lindsey Doody
..... Westminster Women's Chorus, Director Ellen Pool

Ushers..... Bernie Smith, Kathy Smith, Gordon Griffin
..... Stephen Marshall, Chris Mayhew, Marian Vanderwall
..... Tom DeVries, Ralph Hammond, Ben Boerkoel

Welcome to Westminster

MEMBERSHIP

If you have questions about the life of the church or becoming a member, please email Nicole Koetje at nicolek@wpcgr.org. More information about worship and updates from the church can be found at westminstergr.org. You are welcome and celebrated here!

ACCESSIBILITY

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.

We have accessible, all-gender, companion bathrooms available off of the Dining Room.

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.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Our next opportunity for New Member Orientation will be on February 25 and March 3. Anyone considering becoming a member may stay after worship for a light lunch and time with various staff members. We will explore what it means to be a member and learn more about our congregation and denomination. Please let Nicole know if you are interested in participating by emailing her at nicolek@wpcgr.org or calling 616-717-5529.

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



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ORDINATION AND
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

FEBRUARY 4, 2024
10:00 A.M.



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