

MORNING WORSHIP
A Community of Music

In Preparation for Worship

"I play the notes as they are written, but it is God who makes the music."
—Johann Sebastian Bach

Gathering Music "The Peasant Dance" D. Garrett & F. Weber

Sharing the Life of Westminster
As we prepare for worship, we are invited to be attentive to God's presence.

Introit "Fishers of Men" Harry D. Clarke
Cherub Choir

++Call to Worship
One: We worship God with music and with open hearts.
All: Let us praise God in song!
One: We desire to let worship bring us closer to one another.
All: Our songs echo and our prayers rise.
One: In confidence we declare:
All: Christ is our healer and protector.
One: Let us come together and worship our creator,
All: For God is our light and life!

++Hymn 641 "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" Engelberg

Prayer of Confession
Loving God, we come to you with lives full of worry. Worries about the world, worries about our loved ones, worries about ourselves. These worries consume us and cause us to lose sight of your presence with us in the midst of our anxieties. Lord, help us to learn the art of letting go. Help us to run to you with our worries and to be mindful of your never-ending comfort and grace. Help us to seek you tirelessly, and when we capture a glimpse of your mercy, help us to find rest in the chaos. In your mercy Lord, hear our prayer.

Silent Confession

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

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us,
Christ, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Assurance of God's Grace
One: There are many ways our thoughts can be consumed. Yet, God's unfailing love enfolds us and whispers gently, "You are mine."
All: Despite our worries and distractions, God shows up.
One: Empowered by God's presence among us, we can proclaim the Good News of the Gospel:
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, accepted, and made new!

++Response Hymn "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" Stuttgart
**Child of God your loving Parent,
learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.**

++Passing the Peace of Christ
One: I now invite you to share a sign of peace with one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Blessings with Younger Disciples
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!

Scripture Colossians 3:16 New Testament p. 201

Senior Sermons Nadia Schoon & Mo Maher

++Hymn 821 "My Life Flows On" How Can I Keep From Singing?

Ministry of Music "River in Judea" arr. John Leavitt
Kirk Singers

Scripture Psalm 100:1, 5 Old Testament p. 552

Senior Sermons Maren Gregg & Sam Putt

Prayers of the People

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 "Al Shlosa D'varim" Allan E Naplan
Al shlosa d'varim haolam kayam, al haemet v'al hadin v'al hashalom.
The world is sustained by three things, by truth, by justice, and by peace.
Diane Helle, Violin
Chapel Singers

++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!**

Senior Sermon Harper Davis

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
Prayer of Response
God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in serving each other. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

++Closing Hymn "My Lighthouse" Chris Llewellyn & Gareth Gilkeson
(See insert)

++Charge and Benediction

++Hymn 701 "Lord, Prepare Me" Sanctuary
(Sing two times; Seniors only third time)
**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.**

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

March 10
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Community "Suggestion" Box?

Daylight Savings Time Begins
(Turn clocks forward)
Rev. Lynette Sparks
Exodus 20:1-17
Jonathan Bratt Carle, Soloist
Sanctuary Choir

March 17
Fifth Sunday in Lent
A Community of Repentance

Rev. Lynette Sparks
Psalm 51:1-12
Sanctuary Choir

Ahead in Adult Faith Formation

February 18-March 24, 11:15 a.m., Chapel: Howard Thurman's What Makes You Come Alive Howard Thurman, known as the spiritual guide of the Civil Rights movement, becomes our guide through the weeks of reflection and preparation we are all called to during Lent. Using the vast collection of Thurman's teachings on spiritual maturity and spiritual discernment and drawing from Lerita Coleman Brown's book "What Makes You Come Alive," we reflect on our own spiritual lives and commitments. Join Rev. Jen for these weeks of learning, reflection, and conversation.

March 10, 11:15 a.m., Parlor: Court Appointed Special Advocates Would you like to make an impact in a child's life? Join us on Sunday, March 10, after the worship service to learn what it means to be a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). Stephenie Sheler, Executive Director of CASA of Kent County, will be joined by Westminster members and CASA volunteers Deb Kammer and Jeannine & Ron Lemmon to discuss the important work of CASA and how you can help.



Actively Engaged in the World

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

All aspects of this service were planned, designed, and carried out by middle schoolers, high schoolers, and youth leaders from our church, in addition to the names below.

PreachingNadia Schoon, Mo Maher
.....Maren Gregg, Sam Putt, Harper Davis

Liturgists Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
.....Vivi Duncan, Helen Engbers
.....Billah Namutosi, Jocelyn Russell, Shay Venema

Musicians..... Janlee Richter, Piano
.....Cherub Choir, Director Lindsey Doody
.....Chapel Singers & Kirk Singers, Director Jackie Schoon
.....Eddie Engbers, Audrey Faasse, Maddie Faasse, Lily Fiore
.....Declan Hayes, Diane Helle, Emma Kloostra
.....Charlie Molitor, Pluto Molitor, Sam Putt
.....Dillan Roosien, Maria Schoon, Shay Venema

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.

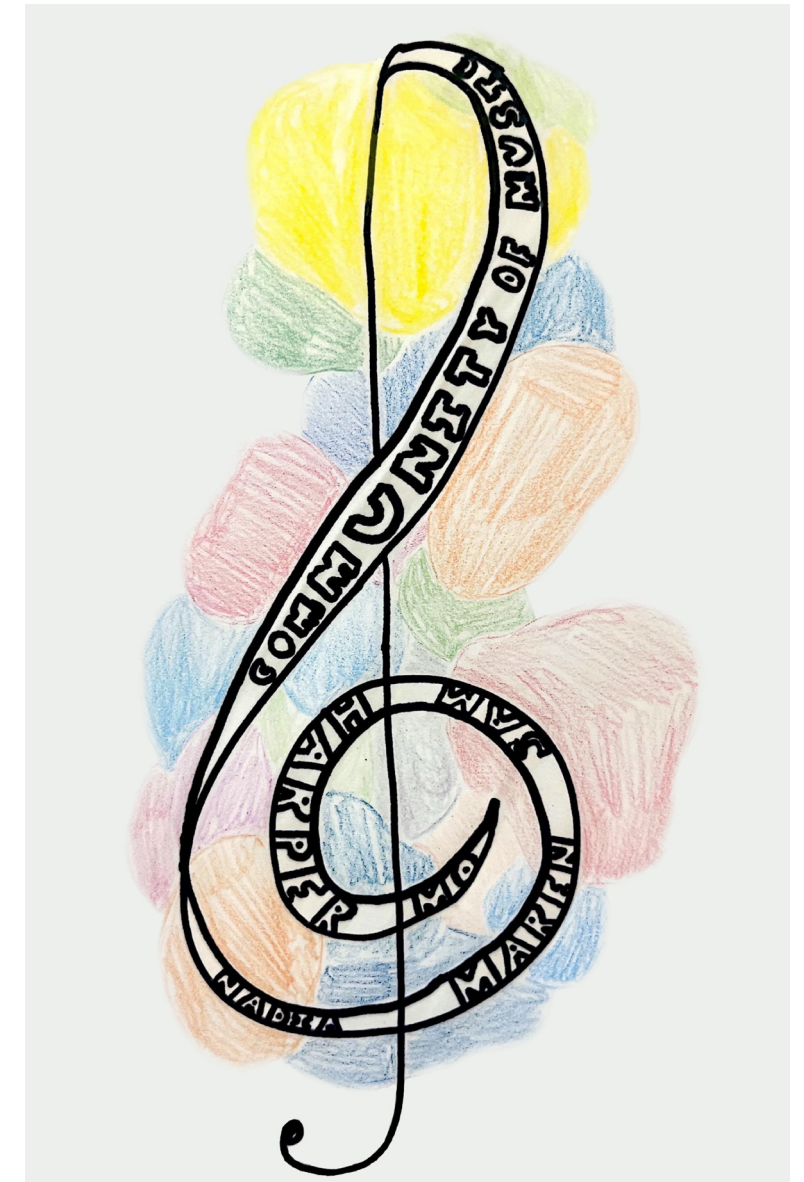
We have accessible, all-gender, companion bathrooms available off of the Dining Room.

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.



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YOUTH SUNDAY

MARCH 3, 2024
10:00 A.M.

Announcements

DÉGAGÉ VOUCHERS: Dégagé vouchers will be on sale for \$2 each this morning in the Gathering Place after worship. 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.

PARENT SOCIAL HOUR: March 7, 9:30, Children's Ministries Hallway Parents and children are invited to eat, play, talk, and have fun together from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on March 7. We will be in the Children's Ministries Hallway. Contact Nancy Greidanus (nancyg@wpcgr.org) to RSVP or with questions.

CHURCH SCHOOL UPDATE: Our exploration workshops in grades 2-5 are exploring the story of Jesus Washing the Disciples' Feet. We will view and create art, sing *Jesu, Jesu* (#203), and collaborate to create a footprint banner and crosses for Lent. Our focus: Jesus was a leader who served. As his disciples, we are called by Jesus to serve one another. Our memory verse is I John 4:7-8, "Beloved, let us love one another because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love."

TAKE A NEW DIRECTORY PHOTO! March 10 & 24 On March 10 following worship and on March 24 before and after worship (beginning at 9:30 a.m.), members can take a directory photo in the Library and help us keep our directory up to date!

WPA LUNCHEON: March 13, 12:00 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Adults is pleased to announce that for our March meeting the program will be presented by students from our neighbor, Catholic Central High School. CCHS students will be joining us for lunch (at noon) and then presenting a program (at 1:00 p.m.) that will include a men's choir, a women's choir, and a combined choir. Join us in person at church for this offering of music as this event will not be livestreamed. Please call the church office at 616-717-5529 to sign up or sign up online no later than March 7!

CONCERT SAVE THE DATE: March 18, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Westminster will host the Grinnell Singers, a touring choir from Grinnell College in Iowa. Admission is free!

SIMPLY GIVE: Purchase a \$10 Meijer Simply Give donation card at the Meijer on Kalamazoo and 28th Street to benefit the pantry! Want to give more? The next double match day is March 23. For every \$10 donated at this store on March 23, Meijer will donate an additional \$20, resulting in \$30 to our pantry to use to purchase food for our shelves!

RETURNABLES FOR READING: WCDC is collecting bottles and cans to fund our ever-growing library. We strive to provide books that act as a mirror where our children can see themselves—as well as those that are windows into the outside world—to reinforce the value of our differences and celebrate our diversity. Please support this effort to provide our young learners with the stories that will help them better understand the people and cultures of our world. If you have cans and/or bottles to donate, you can leave them near the parent entrance. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support!

JOIN OUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Join us in shaping the future of Westminster by joining our Nominating Committee. As a vital part of our church leadership, the committee is responsible for presenting a slate of officers annually at our congregational meeting. We seek dedicated individuals who will through prayer and the process of discernment, identify qualified candidates with leadership skills and commitment, maintain a balanced and diverse slate of nominees, and support our church's vision through fostering community, practicing openness, and embracing diversity. If you're passionate about serving our church community, contact us for more information at nominations@wpcgr.org.



DONATIONS: Donations can be made by scanning the QR code, through our secure online giving site, or by check sent to the church office. Email angiek@wpcgr.org or call (616) 717-5533 with questions.

This Week's Calendar

SUN. MARCH 3

- 10:00 a.m. Worship ServiceSanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Gathering Place
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation Chapel
- 11:15 a.m. Church School & Choirs Various Locations
- 11:15 a.m. New Member Orientation Dining Room
- 4:00 p.m. Fiction Book Group Library
- 4:00 p.m. Game On Board Game Group..... Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. Climate Book Study..... Online

MON. MARCH 4

- 11:00 a.m. Quilting GroupMultipurpose Room
- 6:00 p.m. Music Committee Meeting..... Library

TUES. MARCH 5

- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting..... Chapel

WED. MARCH 6

- 6:30 a.m. Youth Prayer BreakfastWolfgang's
- 6:30 p.m. West Michigan Gay Men's Chorus Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting..... Online

THURS. MARCH 7

- 9:30 a.m. Parent Social Hour.....Children's Ministry Hallway
- 10:30 a.m. Food PantryFront Lobby
- 5:00 p.m. Men's Inner Compass Group Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir.....Choir Room

SUN. MARCH 10: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!

- 9:00 a.m. New Member Session Meeting Chapel
- 9:10 a.m. Youth Musical Rehearsal.....3rd Floor Music Room
- 9:30 a.m. New Member Directory Photos..... Library
- 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room
- 10:00 a.m. Worship ServiceSanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Gathering Place
- 11:00 a.m. Member Directory Photos Library
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation Chapel
- 11:15 a.m. CASA Conversation Parlor
- 11:15 a.m. Church School & Choirs Various Locations
- 11:15 a.m. YG & Musical Read Through Various Locations

EASTER FLOWER DONATION



We are still accepting donations for Easter flowers in memory or in honor of someone special to you. These flowers will fill our Sanctuary during worship, and donors may take them home after the service on Easter. Donation: \$10.00

Donated by _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Please return form to the office, email nicolek@wpcgr.org, or fill out the form found on our website. Thank you!