

MORNING WORSHIP

Community Resurrected

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

“Only those have understood Easter who do not look up to heaven in amazement but bear witness to Jesus in the world.” – Hans Kung

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Susan Jennings

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

Opening Voluntary

"Trumpet Voluntary"
Joel Burns, Trumpet

William Boyce (1711-1779)

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

Mark 16:1-8

New Testament p. 54

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Community Resurrected”

Rev. Lynette Sparks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Hymn 248

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Hymn to Joy

++Affirmation of Faith (from 1 Corinthians 15)

Rev. Kyle Kooyers

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

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. Amen.

Offering Our Lives

Please take a moment to sign and pass the red friendship pad located in the pew, and take note of those worshiping next to you. In addition to our regular offering, we invite you to contribute to One Great Hour of Sharing, which provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Presbyterian Self Development of People. Envelopes are in the pews.

Offertory

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Again" Melchior Vulpius (1560-1615)

Christ the Lord is risen again, Christ hath broken every chain;
Hark! The angels shout for joy: Alleluia!
He who gave for us His life, Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today! Alleluia!
He who bore all pain and loss, Comfortless upon the Cross,
Lives in glory now on high. Alleluia!
Thou our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ today thy people feed,
Take our sin and guilt away, Alleluia!

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!

++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.

God of resurrection, your grace astounds us, your generosity fills us to overflowing. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ's spirit. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 233

"The Day of Resurrection!"

Lancashire

++Response

"Hallelujah!" from Messiah

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth,
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,
and of His Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever.
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!
Sanctuary Choir

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Toccata"

Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)

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

April 7

Second Sunday of Easter

This We Declare

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Rev. Lynette Sparks

1 John 1:1-2:2

Sanctuary Choir & Maria Schoon, Soprano

April 14

Third Sunday of Easter

Rev. Derrick Weston, Guest Preacher

Sanctuary Choir & Westminster Winds

Ahead in Adult Faith Formation

April 7: Westminster food ministry panel facilitated by Kyle Kooyers

Our congregation participates in food justice through a number of ministries: The Community Food Club, Dégagé Ministries, Downtown Food Pantry, meals through Family Promise, and the Sandwich Brigade with Mel Trotter Ministries. A panel of volunteers and staff join for conversation facilitated by Rev. Kyle Kooyers.



Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. Convicted by this passage, the Presbyterian Church (USA) decided to act boldly and compassionately to see our neighbors through Jesus' eyes and serve those who are marginalized or in need, by building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher..... Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
Liturgists Rev. Kyle Kooyers, Parish Associate
..... Susan Jennings, Minister for Pastoral Care and Mission
..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children and Families

Musicians..... Janlee Richter, Organ
..... Joel Burns, Trumpet
..... Sanctuary Choir, Director Ellen Pool

Ushers..... Doug Dowling, Joanie Dowling, Keith Combs, Kari Fuller
..... Chris Fuller, Ann Jarvis, Jim Jarvis, Rich Zimmerman, Sharon VanderWilp

Acolytes..... Kyah and Norah VanBrouwer

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

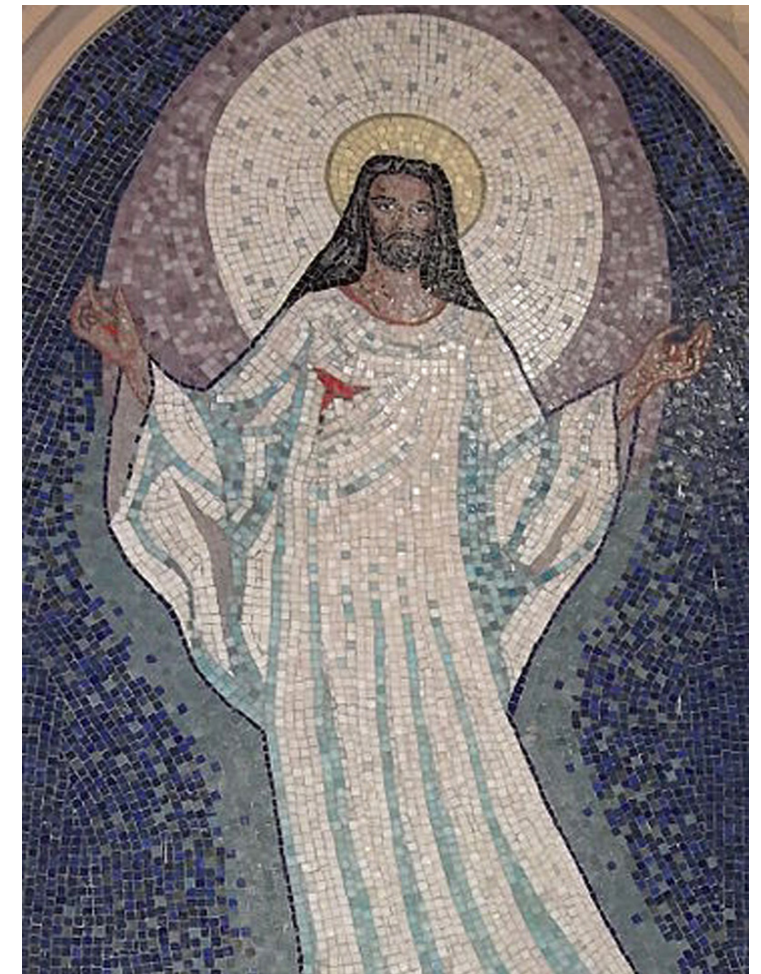
Parents of three-year-olds to fifth graders, come to the children's check-in tables in the Gathering Place before the service to sign in. Ask an usher if you'd like special worship bags, folders, or children's bulletins to help your kids engage in worship. The nursery (babies through two-year-olds) is 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.

EXTENDING THE WESTMINSTER WELCOME!

As we welcome guests and visitors each week, we encourage everyone to personally extend the "Westminster Welcome" to those you have not met. Yours may be the welcome that truly helps all feel included.



Resurrection of Christ, Church of St. Sebastian, Porto Alegre, Brazil

Community Resurrected

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31, 2024
10:00 A.M.

Announcements

CHILDREN'S SCHEDULE CHANGES AND ACTIVITIES FOR SPRING: Easter Sunday: No choirs or church school. **April 7:** No choirs or church school. **April 28:** End of program year celebration for families.

PARENT SOCIAL HOUR: April 4, 9:30 a.m., Children's Ministry Hallway Parents of children who are in 5th grade or younger, you are invited to the monthly social hours we have at Westminster! On the first Thursday of each month, parents with or without their children gather for some socializing, treats, and fun. Contact Nancy Greidanus (nancyg@wpcgr.org) to let her know you are coming or if you have questions.

WPA LUNCHEON: April 10 Join us for lunch and a presentation by Westminster's own Daniel Van Meurs on "The Land on Which WPC's Programs Abide." People have lived in the Grand River valley for approximately 11,000 years. We explore that history with a focus on the burial grounds in the Grand Rapids area, which streets follow ancient Indian trails, and whether or not there was an Indian name for Camp Henry's Lake Kimball. Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at noon and the presentation at 1:00 p.m. WPA is Westminster's fellowship ministry for adults, who may or may not be retired. There is no charge for this event. Please call the church office, 616-717-5529, to sign up or sign up online on the church website. The registration deadline for this luncheon is April 4, 2024.

THE JUST KITCHEN: DINNER AND CONVERSATION April 13, 6:00-8:30 p.m. Join us for dinner and conversation with Derrick Weston, author of *The Just Kitchen*. Derrick Weston is a writer, filmmaker, podcaster, speaker, and educator whose most recent work has focused on the intersection of food and faith. He is the co-host of the Food and Faith podcast and producer of Spoon, Spade, and Soul, a podcast highlighting food and land-based ministries in the Episcopal church. Derrick is part of the PC(USA) Creation Justice Ministries. Event will be catered by Fava Mediterranean Grill. Cost is \$25 per person. Register on our website before April 7.

TOGETHER WEST MICHIGAN ORGANIZING TRAINING: April 12 & 13 Strong relational power-building and action only happen when everyday community members get engaged, build, and exercise skills as leaders in public life! Attend a Together West Michigan training to learn about Broad-Based Organizing and how to build relational power around issues that affect you and your community. Visit our website to register.

WPA MAY BUS TRIP: May 8 After fellowship at church over coffee and donuts, we'll travel to Frankenmuth for a full day including a relaxing sightseeing tour on the Cass River aboard the Bavarian Belle Riverboat, lunch at Zehnder's Restaurant, and a tour of the historic St. Lorenz Lutheran Church. There is a \$10 cost for this event. Register on our website or fill out a hard-copy registration found at the Welcome Desk by April 10.

YOUTH UPDATE: June trip sign ups are now on Westminster's website, under "youth." Our high school trip will be from June 7-14, and our middle school trip will take place June 21-24.

WESTMINSTER CAMP 2024: August 29-September 1, Camp Henry Absolutely everyone is welcome! Visit our website to register! Contact Nancy Greidanus at nancyg@wpcgr.org if you have questions.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING Today we receive the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. You may give using the envelopes in the pews, at specialofferings.pcusa.org, or by scanning the QR code below and selecting One Great Hour of Sharing.



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 31

- 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday ServiceSanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Gathering Place

MON. APRIL 1

- 6:30 p.m. Justice Committee MeetingParlor

TUES. APRIL 2

- 1:00 p.m. Church Directory Member Photos Porter Hills
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting..... Chapel

WED. APRIL 3

- 6:30 p.m. West Michigan Gay Men's Chorus.....Choir Room

THURS. APRIL 4

- 9:30 a.m. Parents' Social Hour.....Children's Hallway
- 10:00 a.m. Spiritual Formation Group..... Library
- 10:30 a.m. Food Pantry.....Front Lobby
- 5:00 p.m. Men's Inner Compass Group..... Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

SUN. APRIL 7

- 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room
- 10:00 a.m. Worship ServiceSanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Gathering Place
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation Chapel
- 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