

MORNING WORSHIP

The Holy Spirit on the Move

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

“There’s nothing permanent except change.”

— Heraclitus (500 BCE)

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Jen Porter

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

Opening Voluntary

"Prelude in F Major"

Johann Krebs (1713-1780)

++Call to Worship

One: The Spirit is here among us,

All: within us, around us, between us.

One: The Spirit is here to strengthen us,

All: bringing courage, bringing conviction.

One: The Spirit is here to move us.

All: May our response be worship and praise!

++Hymn 282

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

Down Ampney

++Prayer of Adoration

We praise you, O Lord, and all the earth with us, for your Holy Spirit calls all things into being. We see your handiwork in the universe you have created and we are in awe. All thanks to you, Holy God, for sending your Spirit into our midst to inspire, transform, and empower us. Your Spirit opens hearts and minds; she renews and creates, guides and encourages. Your Spirit lifts us up in the light of Christ. Led by your Spirit, set us free to be your church—freed to free others, forgiven to forgive others, loved to love others—as the body of Christ in the world. Amen.

++Response Hymn 246

"Christ Is Alive!"

Truro

(stanza 2)

**Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.**

++Passing the Peace of Christ

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

All: And also with you.

Ministry of Music “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

arr. Virgil Thomson

My shepherd will supply my need. Jehovah is his name.

In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.

He brings my wand’ring spirit back when I forsake his ways.

He leads me for his mercy’s sake in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death thy presence is my stay.

One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.

Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread.

My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days.

O may thy house be my abode and all my work be praise.

There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come.

No more a stranger or a guest but like a child at home.

Sanctuary 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

Numbers 11:16-17, 24-30

Old Testament p. 129

Acts 2:1-21

New Testament p. 119

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Holy Spirit on the Move”

Rev. Dr. Charles B. Hardwick

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Hymn 286

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Trentham

++Affirmation of Faith *(from A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA)*

Rev. Lynette Sparks

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls all people to ministries of the church.

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!

Focus on Discipleship—Deacon Ministry

Jana Gregg

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.

Offertory

“Saints Bound for Heaven” arr. Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

Our bondage it shall end by and by.

From Egypt’s yoke set free, hail the glorious jubilee,

and to Canaan we’ll return by and by.

Our Deliv’rer he shall come, by and by,

and our sorrows have an end with our three-score years and ten,

And vast glory crown the day by and by. And when to Jordan’s floods we are come,

Jehovah rules the tide and the waters He’ll divide,

and the ransom’d host shall shout we are come.

Then with all the happy throng we’ll rejoice!

Shouting ‘Glory to our King’ till the vaults of heaven ring,

and thro’ all eternity we’ll rejoice!

++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

"Variations on *O Living Breath of God*" sett. David Evan Thomas

Prayer of Response

O God, send us out from our Lord’s table to answer his summons into new life and to follow him with joy and gladness. Set our feet in his holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life and all we do may show forth his love. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 526 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Linstead

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Toccatà in A Minor"

Johann Kobrich (1714-1791)

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

May 12

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
And the Winner Is...**

Rev. Lynette Sparks
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Sanctuary Choir

May 19

**Day of Pentecost
Celebrating the Music of G.F. Handel**

Breath of Bones
Rev. Lynette Sparks
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Sanctuary Choir Special Music

Ahead in Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation meets at 11:15 a.m. in the Chapel

May 5: Health Equity and Advocacy Nicholle Applewhite, MBA, of the Urban League of West Michigan and co-chair of the West Michigan Health Equity Coalition will be joining us for Adult Faith Formation. For decades, the tobacco industry has targeted black and brown communities and is now targeting youth, with menthol and other attractive-flavored products, including fruit and candy vaping flavors. We will learn more about the effects of these products and how we can help promote healthy choices. Currently in the Michigan Senate, there is a bill proposing a statewide ban on menthol and other flavored tobacco products, and Nicholle will help us understand how this proposal is related to health equity and issues of social justice and how we as a faith community can respond.



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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher Rev. Dr. Charles B. Hardwick, Executive, Synod of Covenant
Liturgists Rev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor
..... Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children & Families
..... Jana Gregg, Connecting Deacons Moderator
Musicians.....Janlee Richter, Organ
.....Sanctuary Choir, Director Ellen Pool
Acolytes..... Eva DeVries & Viola Wenzel
Ushers..... Bernie Smith, Kathy Smith, Stephen Marshall
..... Marian Vanderwall, Tom DeVries, Ralph Hammond, Ben Boerkoel
AV Team Dan Cisler, Ian Dengerink-Van Til, Stella Sheckler

About Today's Guest Preacher

We welcome today's guest preacher, Rev. Charles B. Hardwick, Ph.D., who serves as the Executive for the Synod of the Covenant. Chip works with eleven presbyteries throughout Ohio and Michigan to develop ministries to help Presbyterians live more faithfully. Before joining the Synod, Chip served as the PC(USA)'s Director of Theology, Formation, and Evangelism. He has also served churches in Illinois and Georgia. He holds degrees from Alma College, Northwestern University, Emory University, and Princeton Theological Seminary.

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 Hand at kath@wpcgr.org.

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



Dove of the Holy Spirit, St. James the Greater Church

The Holy Spirit on the Move

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2024

10:00 A.M.

Announcements

WALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH: May 19 Join us after church on May 19 to walk together to Cherry Park for fellowship, play, and lunch. We will be walking to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health and to support the Barbara Molhoek-Callum McPheeters Mental Health Fund. If you would like to participate in the event, contact Nancy Greidanus at nancyg@wpcgr.org before May 6, so we can plan for Jimmy John's and order your free T-shirt!

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.

FICTION BOOK GROUP: May 5, 4:00 p.m., Library The Westminster Fiction Book group will meet today at 4:00 p.m. We'll be discussing *Last Bus to Wisdom* by Ivan Doig. Come join us.

YOUNG ADULT PUB NIGHT: May 8, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., House Rules Please RSVP to kath@wpcgr.org so we have enough seats reserved! There is a \$5 gaming fee for everyone. There are food and drink options at the bar there, but you are also allowed to bring outside food. Hope to see you there!

MEMBER DIRECTORY PHOTOS: May 12 Sunday, May 12 will be our final day for spring directory photos! Come get your photo taken, or updated, so that it can be included in our new member church directory. We will do another round of photos after Kickoff in the fall.

TOGETHER WEST MICHIGAN: May 12 Westminster is actively involved in the broad-based local organizing group called Together West Michigan. If you are curious about this organization and its current activities we will be offering two opportunities on Sunday May 12 following the service. We'll have a table set up in the Gathering Place with members to describe an August childcare millage that TWM is supporting. We'll also have some members in the Parlor for a listening group to talk about other issues and concerns we are addressing.

MISSION PARTNERSHIPS UPDATE: GUIDING LIGHT Mission Partnership Committee members have met with Guiding Light staff, enjoyed lunch with the participants, and recently hosted Brian Elve, Executive Director of Guiding Light, at our monthly meeting. Guiding Light is in its 95th year. It is a recovery program that has been exclusively for men; however, women's programming will begin in a few months at another location. Members of Westminster have been involved in this most essential and important work in our community. As part of recovery, Guiding Light also provides transitional housing and guidance for jobs. 78% of the men are sober after a year. Guiding Light is 100% donor funded, including an annual contribution from Westminster through the mission budget. Thank you to all who have contributed time and treasure to this very important work.

CAMP HENRY GOLF OUTING: June 27 Camp Henry's Golf Outing will take place at Thornapple Pointe on June 27th, 2024! Proceeds help provide scholarships for kids to go to camp. You can register to join at birdease.com/camphenrygolf.

SIMPLY GIVE: From now until June 19, purchase a \$10 Meijer Simply Give donation card at the Meijer on Kalamazoo and 28th Street to benefit the pantry! You can purchase one at check out, or pick one up at the Welcome Desk and scan it in the store. You can also give directly to the pantry by scanning the QR code below.



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. MAY 5

- 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. MS & HS Youth Group Various Locations
- 4:00 p.m. Fiction Book Group Library
- 4:00 p.m. Game On Game Board Group..... Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. Climate Book Study..... Online

MON. MAY 6

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

TUES. MAY 7

- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Session Dinner Dining Room
- 7:30 p.m. Session Meeting..... Dining Room

WED. MAY 8

- 6:30 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast Wolfgang's
- 7:15 a.m. WPA Bus Trip Pick-Up Porter Hills
- 7:45 a.m. WPA Coffee & Donuts Front Lobby
- 8:15 a.m. WPA Bus Trip Departure..... Parking Lot
- 6:00 p.m. Communications Committee Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. West Michigan Gay Men's Chorus Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Pub Night..... House Rules

THURS. MAY 9

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

SUN. MAY 12

- 9:30 a.m. 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. TWM Housing Meeting.....Parlor