

## MORNING WORSHIP

*Do Not Be Afraid*

### GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

#### In Preparation for Worship

"Jesus spoke to his disciples and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'"

—Matthew 14:27

#### 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

"Miniature Thirteen"

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

#### Introit

"Bonse Aba"

Zambian Folk Song

arr. Victor C. Johnson (b. 1978)

Translation from Bemba:

*All who sing with [the] spirit have a right to be called the children of God.*

Declan Hayes, Percussion

Kirk Singers

#### ++Call to Worship

Enter God's presence, you who yearn for the day when death and evil are no more.

**From age to age, God is with us.**

Enter God's presence, you who are filled with hope and you who find it hard to hope.

**From age to age, God is with us.**

#### ++Hymn 42

**"Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure"**

Winchester New

#### Prayer of Confession

Deb Kammer

For failing to love others as you have loved us...

**God of grace, forgive us.**

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods...

**God of grace, forgive us.**

For plundering the earth and abusing the planet...

**God of grace, forgive us.**

For fearing those who are strange to us and ignoring those in need...

**God of grace, forgive us.**

For losing heart and abandoning hope...

**God of grace, forgive us.**

For all the ways we turn from you...

**God of grace, forgive us...**

*Silent Confession*

#### Kyrie

**"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

The psalmist assures us, "As far as the east is from the west, that's how far God has removed our sin from us." Friends, hear the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!**

#### ++Response Hymn 79 "Light Dawns on a Weary World"

Temple of Peace

(stanza 3)

**Hope blooms in a weary world**

**when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.**

**Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes.**

**The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;**

**the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!**

**We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,**

**as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.**

#### ++Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

#### Ministry of Music

"Let My People Go"

Spiritual

arr. Harry Thacker Burleigh (1866-1949)

*When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go,  
oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go.*

*Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land, tell old Pharaoh: Let my people go.*

*The Lord told Moses what to do, let my people go,  
to lead the Hebrew children through, let my people go.*

*As Israel stood by the waterside, let my people go,  
at God's command it did divide, let my people go.*

Etta Wenzel, Maxine Knol, & Eva DeVries, Soloists

Carol Choir

#### Third Grade Bibles

Nancy Greidanus & Ben Boerkoel

*Margaret Bylsma, Sloane Bylsma, Sam Herrick, Peter Knol, Cameron Prince,  
Charlie Richert, Lucy Shupe, Etta Wenzel, Evie Wolters, & Tessa Zahrt.*

#### 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!**

#### THE WORD

#### Scriptures

Matthew 14:22-33

New Testament p. 16

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Sermon

"Do Not Be Afraid"

Rev. Lynette Sparks

#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### ++Hymn 463

**"How Firm a Foundation"**

Foundation

#### Recognition of Heritage Members

#### 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. We invite you to fill out any of the  
pew cards and place them in the offering plate.*

#### Offertory

"Saints Bound for Heaven"

American Hymn

*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 deliverer he shall come, by and by.*

*And our sorrows have an end, with our threescore 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 ransomed 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 through all eternity we'll rejoice.*

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 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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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 Music** "Rubrics, a Liturgical Suite"

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

2. "Silence may be kept."

#### Communion of the People

++ Stand in body or in spirit

Bold text is spoken by the congregation

**Prayer of Response**

God of grace, you invite us to your table and welcome us as part of your family. You satisfy our deepest hunger and quench our deepest thirst. We thank you for these gifts. Now send us out into the world by the power of your Spirit, that we may live out the life-giving news of the gospel. Amen.

**GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH**

**++Hymn 326** "For All the Saints" *Sine Nomine*

**Charge and Benediction**

**Closing Voluntary** "Postlude in D minor" *Anton Bruckner (1824-96)*

**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**

**November 10**  
**It Is Enough**

Rev. Lynette Sparks  
Mark 12:38-44  
Sanctuary Choir

**November 17**  
**Birthpangs**

Rev. Lynette Sparks  
Mark 13:1-8  
Westminster Winds & Sanctuary Choir

**Ahead in Adult Faith Formation**

**ALL GENERATIONS BRUNCH: November 3, Dining Room after Church** Join us after worship today to celebrate the generational love that God gives us! Food and fellowship for all ages.

**THIS WE BELIEVE: THE LORD'S PRAYER November 10, 17, & 24; Chapel 15 minutes following worship** We pray the Lord's Prayer each week; it is certainly familiar. For three weeks we will renew our experience of this bold prayer of hope and trust. Whatever the reality of the world—weekly, daily—we root ourselves in the power and presence of the God of all creation. We will seek to hold this prayer anew exploring its expression of critical hope, its context, our experiences, and how the striking Aramaic translation can shift our settled familiarity. Led by Karen Meyers and Jen Porter.

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

- Preacher .....Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
- Liturgists .....Rev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor  
.....Deb Kammer, Elder for Adults  
..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children & Families  
..... Ben Boerkoel, Elder for Children's Ministries
- Musicians.....Robert Ragoonanan, Minister of Music  
..... Janlee Richter, Organ & Piano  
.....Lindsey Hoekstra, Carol Choir Director  
..... Declan Hayes, Percussion  
..... Kirk Singers  
..... Etta Wenzel, Maxine Knol, & Eva DeVries, Soloists  
..... Carol Choir  
..... Sanctuary Choir
- Acolytes.....Ben Coke & Vedant More
- Ushers.....Bernie & Kathy Smith, Stephen Marshall  
..... Marian Vanderwall, Tom DeVries, Ralph Hammond, Ben Boerkoel
- AV Team .....Brad Sparks, Ricky Rivard, Stella Sheckler

**Welcome to Westminster**

**MEMBERSHIP**

If you have questions about the life of the church or becoming a member, please email Crystal Hovey at [crystalh@wpcgr.org](mailto:crystalh@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!

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



*Disciples See Christ Walking on the Water, Henry Ossawa Tanner*

**Do Not Be Afraid**

**ALL GENERATIONS SUNDAY**

**NOVEMBER 3, 2024**  
**10:00 A.M.**

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# Announcements

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**STEWARDSHIP REMINDER:** We have had a great start with our annual stewardship campaign, and we are halfway to our goal! If you haven't already, please complete your 2025 Giving Intention card and return to the office or fill it out online by scanning the QR code.

**FLOWERS TODAY:** The flowers this morning are given in honor of members who have been with us 50 years or more and in memory of those Westminster saints who died during this past year. The flowers are displayed in an urn that was used by Westminster during the early 1900s.

**INTERESTED IN BELL CHOIR?** Sonja Fryer is organizing a bell choir group! Contact Minister of Music Robert Ragoonanan at [robertr@wpcgr.org](mailto:robertr@wpcgr.org) if interested in participating.

**MEMBER DIRECTORY PHOTOS:** Directory photos will be taken after the service today in the Library.

**CUBA/FIRST HAND AID MEDICINE COLLECTION:** In November, a group of folks from First Hand Aid will be traveling to Cuba with Westminster member Marc Bohland. They will deliver much needed medicine and other supplies to Havana and other areas of Cuba. We will have a collection table available in the Gathering Place on Sunday, November 3, 10 and 17. Thank you for helping our friends in Cuba!

**PARENT SOCIAL HOUR: November 7, 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 at 9:30 a.m., parents with or without their children gather in the children's ministries hallway for some socializing, treats, and fun. Contact Nancy Greidanus ([nancyg@wpcgr.org](mailto:nancyg@wpcgr.org)) to let her know you are coming or if you have questions.

**YOUNG ADULT PUB NIGHT: November 13, 7:00 p.m., Brewery Vivant** All young adults are welcome!

**CIVIL RIGHTS ROAD TRIP INFORMATION MEETING: November 17** Join us on Sunday, November 17 after worship for an informational meeting about our plans for a Civil Rights Road Trip in April 2025. A group from Westminster and First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor will be traveling to Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham April 14-18. We'll share more details and you'll hear from others that have made the impactful trip. Questions? Contact Susan Jennings at [susanj@wpcgr.org](mailto:susanj@wpcgr.org).

**WESTMINSTER SKILL CAFE: November 22, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Gathering Place** The Skill Cafe is an event where folks who need something repaired can talk to people who have the skills to repair them. Do you have the skills to fix something or you need something fixed? Reach out to Deanna at [deannac@wpcgr.org](mailto:deannac@wpcgr.org) to get involved.

**THANKSGIVING INGATHERING: November 24** We will be collecting non-perishable food donations for the Westminster Downtown Food Pantry. Donations can be brought to the church on or before November 24.

**ENGLISH TUTOR NEEDED:** The Afghan Refugee Committee is looking for volunteers to tutor Roqia, the wife and mother of the Samimi family, in English. Monday and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. are the days and times that work for her. If you think you can help, please contact Deb Toering at [dtoering@icloud.com](mailto:dtoering@icloud.com) for details.



**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](mailto:angiek@wpcgr.org) or call (616)717-5533 with questions.

# This Week's Calendar

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## SUN. NOVEMBER 3

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service .....Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. All Church Brunch ..... Dining Room
- 11:15 a.m. Member Directory Photos ..... Library
- 11:15 a.m. Middle School Choir .....Sanctuary
- 11:20 a.m. Westminster Winds..... Choir Room
- 11:30 a.m. Confirmation Service Day ..... Dining Room
- 6:00 p.m. High School Night..... Dining Room

## MON. NOVEMBER 4

- 11:00 a.m. Quilting Group .....Multipurpose Room

## TUES. NOVEMBER 5

- 7:00 a.m. Election Day

## WED. NOVEMBER 6

- 6:30 a.m. High School Prayer Breakfast.....Wolfgang's
- 9:30 a.m. Porter Hills Gathering..... Porter Hills

## THURS. NOVEMBER 7

- 9:30 a.m. Parent Social Hour.....Children's Ministry Hallway
- 10:00 a.m. Spiritual Formation..... Library
- 10:30 a.m. Food Pantry.....Front Lobby
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal.....3rd Floor Music Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ..... Choir Room

## SAT. NOVEMBER 9

- 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Meeting..... Youth Room

## SUN. NOVEMBER 10

- 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. Church School & Choirs ..... Various Locations
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation ..... Chapel
- 11:20 a.m. Westminster Winds..... Choir Room
- 1:30 p.m. Confirmation Meeting..... Youth Room

## 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	Marilyn Lawrence	4/7/1966
Marilyn Whitford	10/6/1946	Alan Burlingham	10/1/1967
Burnadette Haney	2/1/1948	Marilyn Dooce	10/1/1967
Marshall Haney	4/6/1950	Deborah Kammer	10/1/1967
Janice Bowie	12/17/1950	Don Taylor	10/1/1967
Robert Dildine	6/10/1951	George Hendricks	4/11/1968
Eleanor Gorman	4/25/1954	Larry Merryweather	6/16/1968
John Porter	3/29/1956	Genny Bratschie	12/12/1968
Nancy Taylor	4/3/1958	Ed Paul	12/15/1968
Janet Dildine	3/26/1959	Linda Paul	12/15/1968
Peggy Hendricks	6/14/1959	Ann Bobroff	3/27/1970
Cherry Jacobus	10/11/1959	Barbara Self	4/18/1971
Joseph Martin	4/14/1960	Robert Self	4/18/1971
Sandra Martin	4/14/1960	Duane Early	11/28/1971
Abby DeVries	1/15/1961	Jeanne Early	11/28/1971
Milo DeVries	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 Fryer	3/30/1972
Mary Beth Bartel-Beals	4/19/1962	Barbara Savage	3/30/1972
David Bowen	4/19/1962	Deb Roper	4/11/1974
Al TenHoor	4/19/1962	Beverly Orr	4/14/1974
Thomas Lawrence	3/26/1964	Lois Waldecker	12/11/1974
Mary VandeVoren	1/10/1965	Jeanne Marshall	1974
Janet Moyer	4/15/1965		