

MORNING WORSHIP  
Do Whatever He Tells You

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"Miracles are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see." —C.S. Lewis

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

"La rosa y el sauce" Carlos Guastavino (1912-2000)  
(The Rose and the Willow)  
Stacey Tanner, Cello

++Call to Worship based on Psalm 36:7-9

Stu Atwater

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
May all people take refuge in the shadow of your wings.  
**We feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give us drink from the river of your delights.**  
For with you is the fountain of life;  
**in your light we see light.**

++Hymn 395

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

Liebster Jesu

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, the world is full to the brim with your grace,  
**yet so often we see only what we do not have.**  
You call us to glorify and enjoy you forever,  
**yet so often we pay you little attention.**  
You ask for obedience to your will,  
**yet so often we prefer our own way to yours.**  
Forgive our faltering faith, O God.  
**Soften our hard hearts, unclench our grasping hands,  
and redirect our gaze, that we may follow you into kin-dom life...**

Silent Confession

Kyrie

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Swee Hong Lim



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SINGAPURA

Assurance of God's Grace

It is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness" who shines in our hearts. Jesus Christ, the light of the world shines in each of us, and in him we find forgiveness. Friends, believe the good news:  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Glory to God in the highest!**

++ Stand in body or in spirit

Bold text is spoken by the congregation

++Response Hymn 485 "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

(stanza 4)

Engelberg

**A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia!**

++Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Ministry of Music

"With a voice of singing" Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.  
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.  
O be joyful in God, all ye lands,  
O sing praises to the honour of his name,  
make his praise to be glorious.  
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

John 2:1-11

New Testament p. 93

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Do Whatever He Tells You"

Rev. Lynette Sparks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++ Hymn 156

"Sing of God Made Manifest"

Salzburg

++Affirmation of Faith from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
**God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

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

Offertory

"Agnus Dei" from Missa Brevis Noël Goemanne (1926-2010)  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.  
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

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.  
Just as Jesus turned gallons of water into wine, we too know God's extravagant blessings. Take these gifts we give today and bless them, Holy God, that others may know your abundance and live whole and healthy lives. Amen.**

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Hymn 761

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Beecher

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"L'Organiste Liturgiste, Book 1" Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)  
VII. Sortie (Postlude)

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

**January 26**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**Annual Meeting**  
Rev. Lynette Sparks  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
Sanctuary Choir

**February 2**  
**Communion; Ordination/Installation of Officers**

Rev. Jen Porter  
1 Corinthians 13  
Westminster Festival Strings & Sanctuary Choir

Ahead in Adult Faith Formation

Faith Formation is held in the Chapel fifteen minutes following worship and runs for about an hour, ending between 12:15 and 12:30 p.m. depending when worship concludes. There is time to pause for fellowship and refreshment before we begin. Faith Formation offers spaces to engage with theology, spiritual practices, scripture, and to reflect on how our lives engage in culture and service. All are welcome while youth and children have their programming. Nursery is available.

**WORSHIP WORDS: Join us in the Chapel following worship!**

In January we turn to the language of our worship, examining hymns, the order of our worship service, and the language we use in our Sacraments of Baptism and Communion. If you have wondered about the reasons for aspects of our worship, here is your opportunity to ask questions and think theologically about why and how we use particular language. Today, Rev. Lynette will lead a session on the particular language of our Sacraments.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

**January 26, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary & Virtual**

Mark your calendars! We will hold our annual congregational meeting to elect new officers, approve pastoral terms of call, reflect on 2024, and hear about the 2025 budget. Links to meeting materials and Zoom link will be sent out during the week prior to the annual meeting.



*Actively Engaged in the World*

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher.....Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor  
Liturgists.....Rev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor  
.....Stu Atwater, Trustee President  
..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children & Families  
Musicians.....Robert Ragoonanan, Minister of Music  
.....Janlee Richter, Organ  
.....Stacey Tanner, Cello  
..... Sanctuary Choir  
AV Team.....Ricky Rivard, Rachel Kamstra, Ian Dengerink-Van Til  
Acolytes..... Jacob & Sammy Herrick  
Ushers.....Mary Dirkse, Lou VanderHave, Bill Baguley  
..... Todd Helle, Heather Lermont-Pape, Bob & Betty Jo Norby

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**

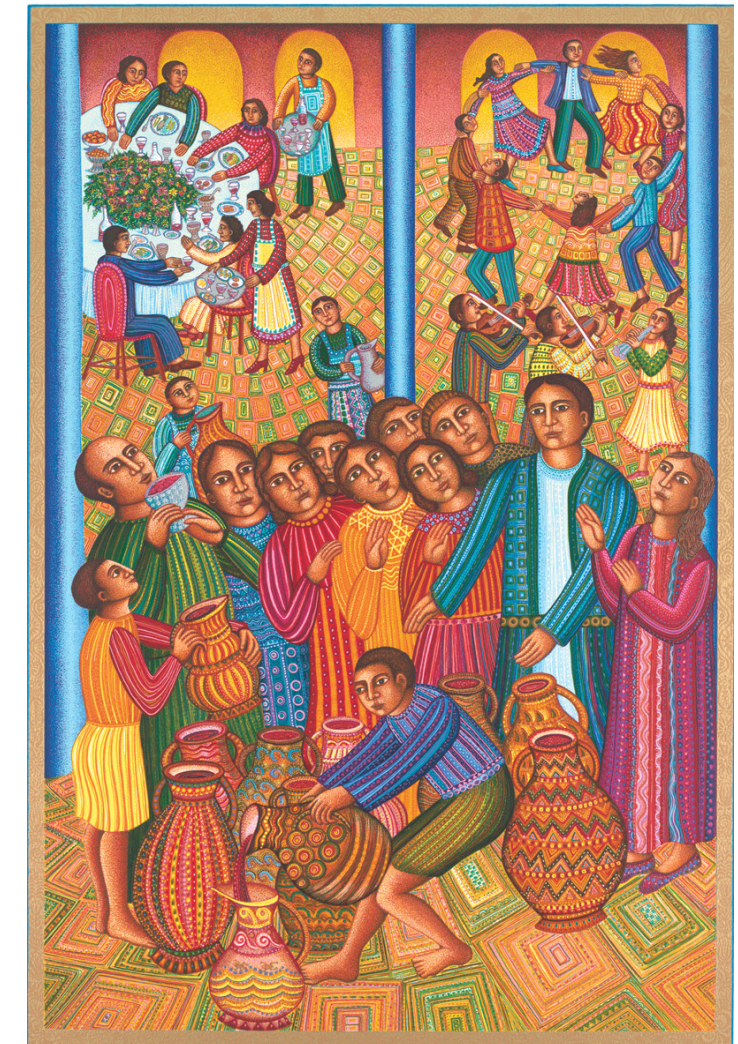
Parents of three-year-olds to fifth graders, come to the children's check-in tables in the Gathering Place before the service to sign in. Ask an usher if you'd like special worship bags, folders, or children's bulletins to help your kids engage in worship. The nursery (babies through two-year-olds) is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

**YOU ARE INVITED TO WEAR A NAMETAG!**

We encourage you to wear a nametag every Sunday to help us learn to know one another better and extend our welcome. If you would like a reusable nametag, please email Crystal at [crystalh@wpcgr.org](mailto:crystalh@wpcgr.org).



*Wedding Feast, John August Swanson*

Do Whatever He Tells You

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 19, 2025  
10:00 A.M.