

MORNING WORSHIP
One Body, One Spirit

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life. The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation...The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down. The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord." —PC(USA) Book of Order, F-1.0301

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 "Piano Sonata No. 8 in C minor, Op. 13" II. Adagio cantabile

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

++Call to Worship

Elder Linda Bieze

The heavens are telling the glory of God.
May our worship reflect God's glory.
The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
May we see each other as the handiwork of God.
Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

++Hymn 308

"O God in Whom All Life Begins"

Noel

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, we confess that we have wandered from your light. We follow paths of self-indulgence, instead of focusing on our need for you. We passively accept the suffering of the world, expecting others to work for the change we would like to see. Forgive us and lead us to pursue your justice and mercy for all people. Help us to share your light in ways great and small...

Silent Confession

Kyrie "Lord, Have Mercy" Swee Hong Lim



TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Swee Hong Lim, 1990
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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!

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

Engelberg

(stanza 4)

**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 "Concertato on Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Larry Visser (b. 1962)

The text of this anthem can be found in the hymnal, hymn 1.
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

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

New Testament p. 186

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"One Body, One Spirit"

Rev. Lynette Sparks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Hymn 317

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

McKee

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

Susan Jennings

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 all ministries of the church.

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 "Now Let Us Rise and Hymn the Grace" John L. Hooker (b. 1944)

Now let us rise and hymn the grace that brings us to this time and place.

Full dedication here is owed the riches that our past bestowed:
God in this time your church renew; enable us your will to do.
That we may open love's embrace to welcome all the human race,
here let no walls of hate divide, but let Christ's "Peace!" alone abide.
God, help us all this dream fulfill; enable us to do your will.

Rejoicing let us take this "Peace!" into the world

that we increase Christ's reign of justice, truth, and love that heaven come on earth,
and of this blessing we, with grace anew, still seek God's will to know and do.

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.

Generous God, you have given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. We offer them to you—the work of our hands, our hearts, and our lives. We pray that they may help to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our world, today and always, here and everywhere. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Hymn 747

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

Enviado

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Contratiempo Tango"

Astor Piazzolla (1921-92)

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

February 2

Ordination & Installation of Officers

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

February 9

Like a Child

Rev. Lynette Sparks
Luke 5:1-11
Carol Choir & Paul Austin, Horn

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

PreacherRev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
LiturgistsRev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor
..... Linda Bieze, Clerk of Session
..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children & Families
..... Susan Jennings, Minister for Pastoral Care & Mission
Musicians.....Robert Ragoonanan, Minister of Music
.....Janlee Richter, Organ
..... Sanctuary Choir
AV TeamIan Dengerink-Van Til, Marcos, Calderon, Stella Sheckler
Ushers.....Mary Dirkse, Lou VanderHave, Bill Baguley
..... Todd Helle, Heather Lermont-Pape, Bob & Betty Jo Norby



Annual Meeting of the Congregation

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

You are invited to stay after worship for our annual congregational meeting to elect new officers, approve pastoral terms of call, reflect on 2024, and hear about the 2025 budget.

Ahead in Adult Faith Formation

Meeting in the Chapel 15 minutes following worship

February 9, 16, and March 2: Communal Stories of Discernment

March 9-April 20: Life 360

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. 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.

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.

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 26, 2025
10:00 A.M.



**WE ARE A
MATTHEW 25 Church**

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 and serve those who are marginalized or in need, by building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty.