

MORNING WORSHIP
Deep Water Work

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"Your holiness shall consist of being truly human, not angelic. God has plenty of angels."
—the Kotzker Rebbe

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Lynette Sparks

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

Opening Voluntary

"Romance in C major"
Paul Austin, French Horn

Fiona Bennett (b. 1962)

++Call to Worship

Ben Boerkoel

Jesus promises that when we gather, God is present.

God is with us here. God is with us today.

Let us praise our Creator, the Alpha and Omega, saying:

**"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."**

The Lord of hosts is here.

++Hymn 170

"You Walk along Our Shoreline"

Wie lieblich ist der Maien

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, forgive us for the ways we have fallen short. You ask us to look to the margins and care for the lost, yet too often we center on ourselves. You ask us to give away, yet we grab for more. You ask us to love one another, yet we cannot see beyond our divisions. The world is full of violence, from the macro to the micro. Forgive us and lead us, for you are our help and our hope...

Silent Confession

Kyrie

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Swee Hong Lim



Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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

Assurance of God's Grace

Hear the good news: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. We know this love through Jesus Christ, and by this love, we know that we are forgiven!

We can now live in peace. Thanks be to God!

++Response Hymn 755 "Alleluia! Laud and Blessing"

Weisse Flaggen

(stanza 1)

**Alleluia! Laud and blessing to our God, whose Word is sure;
by whose grace we find redemption, in whose love we live secure.
Righteousness and rich compassion shall attend us all our days;
may God's promise to be faithful echo through our songs of praise!**

++Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Ministry of Music

"Fantasia on a Hymn Tune"
Paul Austin, French Horn

Paul Basler (b. 1963)

Presentation of Bibles for Three Year Olds

Nancy Greidanus

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

Scripture

Luke 5:1-11

New Testament p. 62

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Deep Water Work"

Rev. Lynette Sparks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++ Hymn 432

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

Repton

++Affirmation of Faith from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA) Rev. Kyle Kooyers

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.

Focus on Youth Ministry

Jocelyn Russell

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

"Song Without Words" for solo piano

Paul Basler

++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.

Holy God, you are the source of all love, power, and justice. Our world is broken, in need of your love and light. Take and multiply these offerings. Bless those who give of their lives, and bless those who receive, that the world may know your goodness and grace. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Hymn 612

"We Praise You, O God"

Kremser

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Very Fast with Fire"
from Triptych for Organ

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

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 16

Rev. Lynette Sparks
Bell Choir, Cherub Choir, & Sanctuary Choir

February 23

Rev. Lynette Sparks
Luke 6:27-38
Westminster Winds, Kirk Singers, & Sanctuary Choir

Ahead in Adult Faith Formation

February 9, Sanctuary 15 minutes following worship

Story of Discernment: A Visible Sign of a New Humanity

Our "A Visible Sign of a New Humanity" document tells how our congregation enacted good process in our discernment to embrace LGBTQ+ inclusion. Former elders and members who were part of that process will share their experience and we will ask: How has this decision formed who we are? And, what does it tell us about how we faithfully live into our future? Led by Ben Boerkoel, Randy Block, Bruce Klein-Wassink, and Larry Slager.

February 16, Chapel 15 minutes following worship

Open Door Ministry: Past, Present, & Future

Our Community Resource Coordinator, Brian Kamstra, will share how Westminster is using the church building during the week to serve the Heartside community.



**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 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 Ben Boerkoel
..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children & Families
..... Rev. Kyle Kooyers, Parish Associate
..... Jocelyn Russell

AV Team Dan Cisler, Rachel Kamstra, Stella Sheckler

Ushers.....Bernie Smith, Kathy Smith, John Boerman
..... Stephen Marshall, Sherrill Vore, Marian Vanderwall
..... Tom DeVries, Ralph Hammond, Ben Boerkoel

Musicians.....Janlee Richter, Music Ministry Associate
..... Paul Austin, French Horn

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.



Valencian Fisherwomen, Joaquín Sorolla y Bastida

Deep Water Work

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**FEBRUARY 9, 2025
10:00 A.M.**