

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

**In Preparation for Worship**

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to set free those who are oppressed,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

– Luke 4:18-19

**Sharing the Life of Westminster**

Susan Jennings

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

**Opening Voluntary** "Kinderszenen, Op. 15 No. 12"

Robert Schumann

Scenes from Childhood, “In Slumberland” (1810-1856)

**++Call to Worship**

The Lord reigns! Let the earth rejoice!  
**We tremble at God’s awesome works.**  
The heavens proclaim God’s righteousness.  
**The Lord is our guard and protector.**  
Light dawns and joy fills our hearts.  
**Rejoice in the Lord and give thanks!**

**++Hymn 744**

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

Festal Song

**Prayer of Confession**

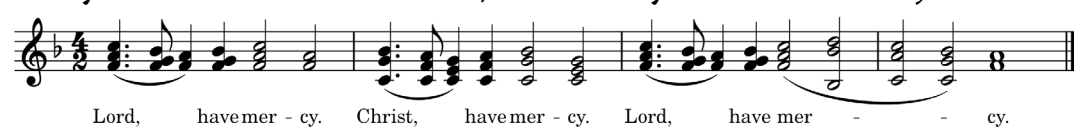
**Holy God, you have shown yourself to us in Jesus, perfect in every way, compassionate and kind, faithful and loving, gracious and hospitable. We stumble and fall as we seek to follow him, struggling to make his ways our ways. Our sins are real, and they are many. Forgive our failings and encourage us to start again.**

Silent Confession

**Kyrie**

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Kyrie Eleison



**Assurance of God's Grace**

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the power of sin has been defeated. God’s love is stronger still.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**++Response Hymn 246**

"Christ Is Alive!"

Truro

(stanza 5)

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

**++Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

**Ministry of Music**

"Vater Unser" (Our Father)  
Stacey Tanner, Cello

Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

**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**

Acts 16:16-34

New Testament p. 136

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

**Sermon**

"Shaken Foundations"

Rev. Lynette Sparks

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**++Hymn 463**

"How Firm a Foundation"

Foundation

**++Affirmation of Faith** (adapted from the Confession of Belhar)

Rev. Jen Porter

We believe that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit have conquered the powers of sin and death, **and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity,** that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience **which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.**

**Focus on Mission**

Marc Bohland, First-Hand Aid

**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**

"Sonata Op. 38 No. 1 in E minor"  
II. Allegretto quasi Menuetto  
Stacey Tanner, Cello

Johannes Brahms  
(1833-97)

**++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 cup holders 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** "Intermezzo Op. 117 No. 1"

Johannes Brahms

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer of Response**

**Living Christ, just as you open the scriptures to us, you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread. We now go forth from this place, fed at your table and filled by the Spirit, to walk with you all the days of our lives, and proclaim the glory of your resurrection to all the world. Amen.**

**GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH**

**++Hymn 772**

"Live into Hope"

Truro

**++Charge and Benediction**

**Closing Voluntary** "Canon in C major, Op. 56 No. 1"

Robert Schumann

**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

**June 8  
Day of Pentecost  
From Every People**

Rev. Jen Porter  
Acts 2:1-21 & Romans 8:14-17a  
Kirk Singers


**June 15  
Trinity Sunday  
Knowing God**

Rev. Lynette Sparks  
Psalm 8  
Janlee Richter & Maria Schoon

**Ahead in Adult Faith Formation:**

**CIVIL RIGHTS ROAD TRIP RECAP: June 8, Chapel following worship**

Profound, life-changing, eye opening, overwhelming. These are some of the responses from our Civil Rights Road Trip travelers who journeyed to Birmingham, Selma, Montgomery, and Memphis over Holy Week. If you'd like to know more about the experience or have interest in a future trip, please join us in the Chapel after worship on Sunday, June 8. We'll be sharing stories of personal impact and general information about museums and sites we visited.



**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.

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

- Preacher ..... Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
- Liturgists ..... Susan Jennings, Minister for Pastoral Care & Mission  
..... Rev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor  
..... Marc Bohland, First-Hand Aid
- Musicians.....Janlee Richter, Music Ministry Associate  
.....Stacey Tanner, Cello
- Acolytes.....Nico Morales & William Huntington
- Ushers.....Doug & Joanie Dowling, Keith Combs, Kari & Chris Fuller  
.....Ann & Jim Jarvis, Rich Zimmerman, Sharon VanderWilp
- AV Team ..... Karsten Kotchenruther, Sam Putt, 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 & YOUNG ADULTS**

For more information about youth or young adult ministry, please contact our Minister with Youth and Young Adults Kat Hand at [kath@wpcgr.org](mailto:kath@wpcgr.org).



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**Shaken Foundations**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**JUNE 1, 2025**

**10:00 A.M.**

# Announcements

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**KIRK SINGERS CONCERT: June 8, 11:30 a.m.** Join the Kirk Singers for a short concert following worship as we send them off for their Seattle trip! The concert will feature sacred music (and a few secular selections) representing the diversity of God's creation around the world.

**REFUGEE SUPPORT:** In December, 2021, WPC committed to sponsoring the Samimi family as they resettled here from Afghanistan. Over the past three years, they have accomplished so much! Currently Roqia, mother of three children, is looking for part time work between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Her husband, Jawad, works second shift. She would like to help with gardening or house cleaning. If you have a need for this or have a contact for her, please contact Cheryl Bremer at (616) 328-3736 or cher0519@gmail.com.

**YOUTH UPDATE:** Parents of youth going on the middle school trip, please join our meeting on June 9 at 6:30 p.m. High School trip participants and parents, please reply to Kat's most recent email about June 8.


**HAVANA NIGHT: June 13, 6:00 p.m., 356 Maryland Ave NE, Grand Rapids, 49503** Join us for Havana Night, First Hand Aid's biggest fundraiser of the year, as we celebrate more than 25 years of supporting the most marginalized Cuban people. Enjoy Cuban music, Cuban food, salsa dancing, cigars, and much more! Visit [firsthandaid.org/new-events](http://firsthandaid.org/new-events) for tickets.

**WPC COMMUNITY NIGHT: LET'S HANG OUT AND GRILL! June 16, 7:00 p.m., Millennium Park, Open Shelter A** Everyone is invited to a picnic potluck for our next WPC Community Night: Let's Hang Out and Grill! We will be cooking up hot dogs, and you are welcome to bring a side or dessert to pass! We hope to see you there! Email Deanna at [deannac@wpcgr.org](mailto:deannac@wpcgr.org) with any questions and to let her know you are coming.

**PLASTIC BAGS:** The food pantry is in need of clean plastic grocery bags. Donations can be brought to the Welcome Desk.

**REV. LYNETTE SABBATICAL:** Rev. Lynette Sparks will be on part one of her sabbatical (with part two in summer 2026) from June 19 - August 17, 2025. During that time, we will welcome several familiar guest preachers; any other pastoral or staff-related questions that Lynette would normally handle should be directed to Rev. Jen Porter.

**FOOD PANTRY CAPACITY:** The Food Pantry is expanding its capacity to serve our Heartside neighbors by adding a new commercial refrigerator and freezer. Our current refrigerators and freezers have been insufficient to serve everyone on weeks with peak attendance recently, and the new additions should allow us to serve greater than 25% more people. The costs of this investment will be covered from the Food Pantry's cash on hand. Thank you for your ongoing, generous support for the Food Pantry as we continue to address food insecurity in a difficult time.

 **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. JUNE 1

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service ..... Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour ..... Gathering Place
- 11:15 a.m. New Member Orientation ..... Dining Room
- 11:15 a.m. Kirk Singers Rehearsal ..... Choir Room
- 3:30 p.m. Worship Service ..... Porter Hills
- 4:00 p.m. WPC Fiction Book Group ..... Library

## MON. JUNE 2

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

## TUES. JUNE 3

- 7:00 p.m. TWM Housing Team ..... Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting ..... Chapel

## THURS. JUNE 5

- 10:30 a.m. Food Pantry ..... Front Lobby

## FRI. JUNE 6

- 2:00 p.m. Kelvin Keefer Memorial Service ..... Sanctuary

## SUN. JUNE 8

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service ..... Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour ..... Gathering Place
- 11:15 a.m. Civil Rights Road Trip Highlights ..... Chapel
- 11:30 a.m. Kirk Singers Concert ..... Sanctuary