

MORNING WORSHIP  
Not the Only One

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"Exuberance was our one flaw as nature watchers. We would see one wondrous thing, and we would jump around celebrating it and chasing away the fifty other fantastic things we could have seen." — Tom Brown Jr.

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

"There is a Balm in Gilead"  
Bell Choir

arr. Kevin McChesney

++Call to Worship

God, of all creation, calls us;  
**Christ, who came in flesh, calls us;**  
Holy Spirit, present with freedom and peace, calls us.  
**We answer, in Word and in deed.**  
We answer, in worship and in praise.  
**Amen, Hallelujah.**

++Hymn 293

"Loving Spirit"

Omni Die

Prayer of Confession

Peter Larson

**Holy Trinity, you give us a place in your creation, and you intend that we live in love with all that you have made. Yet, far from walking in step with your Spirit, we try to find our own way. Rekindle our desire to follow you into your promised Kin-dom. Help us love our neighbor, which is the whole world. Lord, have mercy upon us...**

Silent Confession

Kyrie

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Kyrie Eleison

Assurance of God's Grace

Hear the good news! God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh, and we have been made one. We are no longer scattered or divided, but gathered together to build up God's kin-dom on this earth.  
**Through the grace of Jesus Christ, God draws us together, offering salvation, forgiveness, and new life to all. Thanks be to God!**

++Response Hymn 250 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"  
(stanza 2)

Promise

**There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

++Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Ministry of Music

"Sing Unto the Lord"

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Sing unto the Lord, all ye nations; Sing His praises among all people.  
Let all the earth be joyful, and praise His name with singing, for great is our Lord.  
Sing unto Him with thanksgiving; Sing unto God with joy, O sing unto the Lord.  
Alleluia! Our God is merciful, and ruleth the world with righteousness.  
Harper Davis & Mandy Stumbo, Sopranos

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 Kings 19:3-16

Old Testament p. 326

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

Sermon

"Not the Only One"

Rev. Jen Porter

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Hymn 821

"My Life Flows On"

How Can I Keep from Singing

Affirmation of Faith

A New Creed, United Church of Canada

Rev. Dr. Riley Jensen

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

Offertory

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

John Rutter (b. 1945)

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies.  
Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.  
For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light. Refrain  
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild. Refrain.  
For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven. Refrain.  
Harper Davis & Mandy Stumbo, Sopranos

++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.**

**We thank you for Christ, who shows us the way. We thank you for your self-giving love, with us wherever we go. Together, we present these offerings and rededicate ourselves to serving the world and sharing the fruits of your Spirit with all. Amen.**

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Hymn 619

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

Lauda Anima

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Toccata in modo gravitazionale"

Carlotta Ferrari (b.1975)

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 29

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Rev. Jen Porter

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Music: Janlee Richter & Vivi Duncan, Piano

July 6

**Communion Sunday**

Rev. Randall Jelks

Music: Janlee Richter

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher .....Rev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor

Liturgists .....Peter Larson, Worship Committee

..... Rev. Dr. Riley Jensen, Pastor Emeritus

..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children & Families

Musicians.....Janlee Richter, Music Ministry Associate

..... Harper Davis & Mandy Stumbo, Sopranos

..... Bell Choir, Directed by Sonja Fryer & Sarah Faasse

Ushers.....Doug & Joanie Dowling, Keith Combs, Kari & Chris Fuller

.....Ann & Jim Jarvis, Rich Zimmerman, Sharon VanderWilp



Summer Books for Children's Worship

**This week:** *What the Crow Saw Below* by Tregoning and Stobbs

**Next week:** *We are Definitely Human* by X. Fang

Every day, the elder crows warn of dangers far below their branches. At first, the littlest crow joins their warbling, warning wails. But soon she begins to wonder: What's really going on below the treetops? Is everything dangerous? What might happen if she looks up?

With rollicking rhyme and vibrant illustrations, *What the Crow Saw Below* invites readers to look beyond the boundaries of one's own world, balancing a bit of caution with a sense of adventure and discovery.

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).



*Under the Wave off Kanagawa*  
Katsushika, Hokusai, 1760-1849

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SEASON OF THE SPIRIT

JUNE 22, 2025

10:00 A.M.



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.**

This initiative and vision unite churches across the PC(USA), energizing our common mission to serve and embody the radical love of Jesus.

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# This Week's Calendar

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## SUN. JUNE 22

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service ..... Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour..... Gathering Place
- 12:00 p.m. Pride Festival ..... Calder Plaza

## MON. JUNE 23

- 9:30 a.m. Open Door Ministry ..... Front Lobby

## TUES. JUNE 24

- 9:30 a.m. Open Door Ministry ..... Front Lobby
- 4:00 p.m. Personnel Committee ..... Online

## WED. JUNE 25

- 9:30 a.m. Open Door Ministry ..... Front Lobby
- 11:30 a.m. Service for Mary Angell ..... Sanctuary

## THURS. JUNE 26

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

## SUN. JUNE 29

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service ..... Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour..... Gathering Place

# Announcements

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**SUMMER WORSHIP SPACES:** This summer we will offer additional worship spaces during our Sunday morning worship service. The service will be played simultaneously in both the Parlor and the Chapel each Sunday beginning this Sunday. The Chapel will be available to anyone looking for a sacred space to partake in worship, and the Parlor will be open for those who need to step out of the Sanctuary to settle a child or attend to other matters that might be disruptive to others. Both spaces have central air conditioning, and the Chapel will be set with bulletins and any other worship materials.

**WESTMINSTER CAMP: August 28-August 31, Camp Henry** Enjoy some late summer days at exciting and beautiful Camp Henry by joining your church family at Camp 2025. Absolutely everyone is welcome! Visit the website to register.

**DINE WITH NINE:** Today is the last day to sign up in person for Dine with Nine, summer edition! Stop by the sign up table in the Gathering Place after worship. You can also contact Crystal at [crystalh@wpcgr.org](mailto:crystalh@wpcgr.org) to sign up until June 27.

**SUMMER WORSHIP CENTER: CHILDREN AGE 3-THOSE FINISHED WITH 3RD GRADE** During the summer months, we vary our curriculum to provide a time for children to apply biblical concepts to daily life situations by reading excellent children's illustrated books. Children will think and talk about how we should treat God's creation, each other, people who have lives that are unfamiliar to us; and what we can do to share God's love and beauty with others. We conclude our time together by lighting the Christ Candle and praying.

**WESTMINSTER AT PRIDE!** Westminster is hosting a booth at the Pride Festival after worship today. Stop by and say hello! Westminster is grateful for the opportunity to participate in Pride, offering affirmation, celebration, and support to our LGBTQIA+ siblings.

**REV. LYNETTE SABBATICAL:** Rev. Lynette Sparks is on part one of her sabbatical (with part two in summer 2026) from June 19 - August 17, 2025. During this 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.



**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.

**SUMMER  
2025**

# FAITH FORMATION

**THURSDAY,  
JUNE  
26**

## **RED STATE REVIVAL NADIA BOLZ-WEBER**

Have tickets and want to attend with other Westminster members? Meet in the parking lot at 5:30 p.m. to walk to Fountain Street Church!

**SUNDAY,  
JULY  
20**

## **ART WITH ARYA**

We will meet after church to explore how art can be a form of reflection and emotional expression. No art skills needed—just a willingness to slow down and be present.



## **GOOD SOIL EXPERIENTIAL BOOK STUDY**

Mondays in August, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Facilitated by Karen Meyers & Rev. Jen Porter.  
Join us for an end-of-the-summer book study based on Jeff Chu's book, *Good Soil*. Visit the website to learn more!

**August 4**

Book discussion on identity with s'mores

**August 11**

Book discussion on family with salad potluck

**August 18**

Tour of GVSU's Sustainability Farm

**August 25**

An evening with author Jeff Chu  
plus a summer salad potlock

**Welcome to our new members that were officially received into membership on June 15! We look forward to getting to know them and the work we will do together as a community of faith.**



Teri Burgess-Brown  
& Ed Brown



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