

MORNING WORSHIP  
By Faith

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"All we have to do is to decide what to do with the time that is given to us."

—J.R.R. Tolkien, Fellowship of the Ring

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

"Praeludium in C Major"

William Byrd (1540-1623)

++Call to Worship

Rev. Kyle Nolan

God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.

**God comes and will not be silent.**

**God calls, and we respond to his love.**

The heavens declare God's righteousness.

**The assembly tells of her glories!**

Offer up to God your thanksgiving.

**And God will hear us, save us, and stay with us forever.**

++Hymn 731

"Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm"

Repton

Prayer of Confession

Elder Deb Fliestra

**Gracious and merciful God, time after time we've come before you with countless prayers, but with hearts closed to your grace. We lift our hands to you in praise, but they are stained. Our feet still walk in the ways of evil. We rehearse your commandments, but refuse to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. Forgive us, God. Give us clean hands and good work. Turn our feet toward you, our home. Open our eyes and heal us, Holy One, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Kyrie Eleison

Assurance of God's Grace (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

This is the impossibly good news.

Love is the beginning. Love is the end.

And nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Neither day, nor night, nor anything else in all creation.

Friends, believe this Good News of the Gospel:

**In Christ's love, we are forgiven, we are accepted, and everything is made new. Amen.**

++ Stand in body or in spirit

Bold text is spoken by the congregation

++Response Hymn 656 "We've Come This Far by Faith"

Sing through two times

**We've come this far by faith,  
leaning on the Lord,  
trusting in the holy Word;  
God's never failed us yet.  
O, can't turn around,  
we've come this far by faith.  
We've come this far by faith.**

This Far By Faith

++Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Ministry of Music

"Songs Without Words, Op. 102" Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)  
VI. Faith

Blessings with Younger Disciples

Nancy Greidanus

Children three years through third 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

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Old Testament p. 630  
New Testament p. 225

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

Sermon

"By Faith"

Rev. Kyle Nolan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Hymn 376

"When All Is Ended"

Yogananda

++Affirmation of Faith (from The Confession of 1967)

Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

**With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world.**

It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

**"Now to him who by the power within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. 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.**

Moment for Mission: Simply Give

Brian Kamstra

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

"Messe pour les Paroisses" François Couperin (1668-1733)  
(Mass for the Parishes)  
XV. Offertoire sur les Grands jeux (excerpt)

++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, we have beheld your goodness and we trust in your promised future. By these gifts we now share, may others know of your care. Send us—not only our offerings, but our very selves—to your children everywhere. May we follow your Holy Word wherever you may lead. Amen.**

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Hymn 373

"O Day of Peace"

Jerusalem

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Tocatta in C Major"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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

**August 17**

Rev. Riley Jensen  
Robert Ragoonanan, Sarah Faasse, & Trillium Quartet,

**Recital after Worship**

Trillium Quartet presents Beethoven's String Quartet in F Major, Op. 59 No. 1 in the Gathering Place, along with coffee and cookies.

**August 24**


Rev. Lynette Sparks  
Robert Ragoonanan, Viviana Kloostra, & Rebecca Russcher

**Summer Books for Children's Worship**

**This week:** *Millie Fleur's Poison Garden* by Mandin

**Next week:** *Apple and Magnolia* by Gehl and Metola

Garden Glen is a very bland place. Every house and every garden look exactly like the other. That is...until Millie Fleur La Fae comes to town. Up on a scruffy hill, beside a ramschackle house, Millie Fleur plants her marvelously strange garden, filled with Sneezing Stickyweed, Fanged Fairymoss, and Grumpy Gilliflower. Millie Fleur finds it enchanting, but the townspeople of Garden Glen call it poison! But Millie Fleur is proud of her beloved little garden. So, if some townspeople want to be sticks in the mud, she'll take matters into her own hands and find the kindred spirits who appreciate everything the garden has to offer. Millie Fleur's Poison Garden encourages readers to embrace what makes them wonderfully weird!



**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.**

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

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

- Preacher ..... Rev. Kyle Nolan
- Liturgists .....Rev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor  
.....Deb Fliestra, Clerk of Session & Elder for Presbytery Relations  
.....Nancy Greidanus, Minister with Children & Families  
.....Brian Kamstra, Community Outreach Coordinator
- Minister of Music .....Robert Ragoonanan
- Ushers.....Bernie & Kathy Smith, John Boerman  
..... Stephen Marshall, Sherrill Vore, Marian Vanderwall  
..... Tom DeVries, Ralph Hammond, Ben Boerkoel
- AV Team .....Dan Cisler, Ian Dengerink-Van Til, Rachel Kamstra

**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).



Icon of Christ the Great High Priest, 16th Century

**By Faith**

**SEASON OF THE SPIRIT**

**AUGUST 10, 2025**  
**10:00 A.M.**