

MORNING WORSHIP
And They Shall Prophesy

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"The task of prophetic ministry is to nurture, nourish, and evoke a consciousness and perception alternative to the consciousness and perception of the dominant culture around us." —Walter Brueggemann, *The Prophetic Imagination*

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 "Komm heiliger Geist, Herre Gott"

(Come Holy Ghost, Lord God) Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

++Call to Worship

Rev. Jen Porter

We come from north, south, east, and west, Holy God.

We come to worship you.

We come from wandering and longing,

To find our center in you.

We praise the God of Sarah and Abraham,

The God of Ruth and Naomi,

The God of Mary and Joseph,

The God of Zaccheaus.

God of all peoples and all places,

We come to find our hope in praising you.

++Hymn 291

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Spirit

Prayer of Confession

Spirit of Truth, let not our fear, nor our shame, keep us from the gift of your love. Let not our ego, nor our insecurity, keep us from the fullness of life you have already given. There is nothing in all of creation that can separate us from you. Forgive us for the ways we have not seen or perceived. Lord, hear our prayer...

Silent Confession

Kyrie

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Lee Afdahl

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.

Through the grace of Jesus Christ,

God draws us together and gives new life to all.

Thanks be to God!

++Response Hymn 582

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" *Glory to God*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

++Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Ministry of Music

Fanfare on Gopsal

David Willcocks (1919-2015)

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

Acts 2:1-21, 41-47

New Testament p. 119

Elder Deb Flietstra

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"And They Shall Prophesy"

Rev. Kyle Kooyers

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Hymn 100

"Canticle of the Turning"

Star of the County Down

Affirmation of Faith (Confession of Belhar)

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.

Unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ;

that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.

This unity can be established only in freedom and not under constraint.

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

"Embertides: Suite for Organ"

Hilary Tann (1947-2023)

III. Whit (Summer)

++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.

Liberating God, we offer these gifts to transform the world.

May your spirit bring justice, peace, and reconciliation for all

creation. Transform us to be partners and co-creators of your

beloved kin-dom. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the

Spirit we pray. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Hymn 744

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

Festal Song

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"3 Pièces pour grand orgue"

César Franck (1822-90)

III. Pièce héroïque

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

Sunday, May 31
Trinity Sunday
Go Therefore

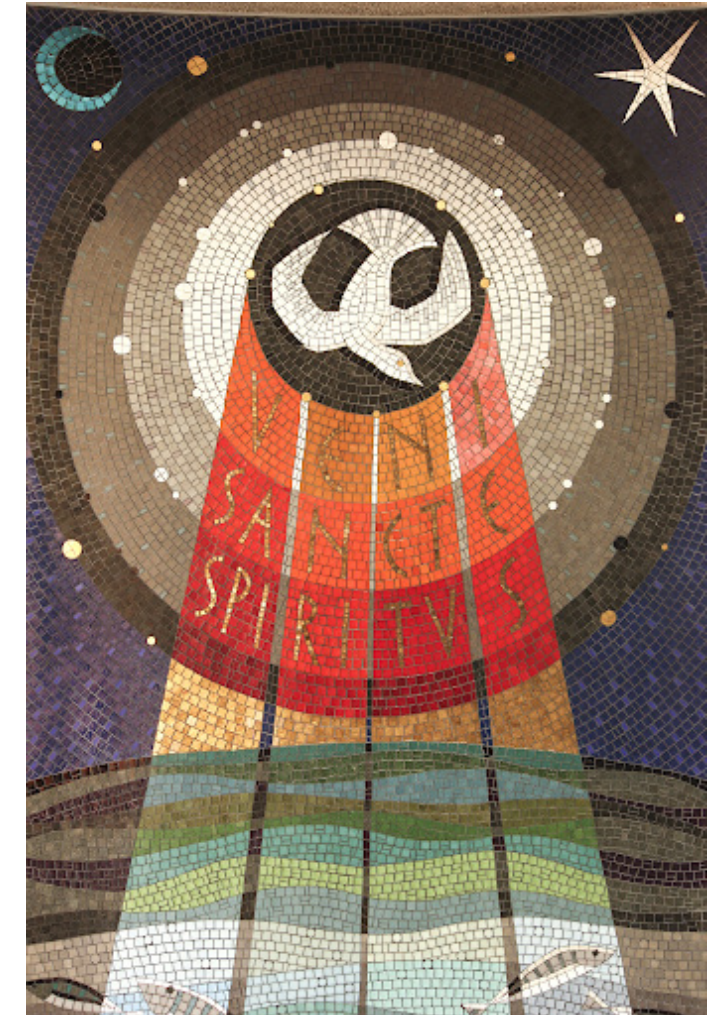
Rev. Lynette Sparks
Kirk Singers

Sunday, June 7
Restored to Life

Rev. Lynette Sparks
Dr. Rob Hobgood, Guest Organist

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher Rev. Kyle Kooyers, Parish Associate
 Liturgists Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor
 Elder Deb Flietstra, Clerk of Session
 Minister of Music Robert Ragoonanan
 AV Team Ian Dengerink-Van Til, Marcos Calderon
 Ricky Rivard, Rachel Kamstra
 Ushers..... Bernie Smith, Kathy Smith, John Boerman, Sherrill Vore
 Marian Vanderwall, Tom DeVries, Ralph Hammond, Ben Boerkoel



Veni Sancti Spiritus, Kossowski, Adam

Welcome to Westminster

MEMBERSHIP

If you have questions about the life of the church or becoming a member, please email Susan Jennings at susanj@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 recommend you sit in front of the balcony for the best sound quality.

We have accessible, all-gender, companion bathrooms 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


On most Sundays after worship, we have youth group and choir for middle and high schoolers. We begin with lunch in the Dining Room. All middle and high schoolers are welcome. Please join us; we'd be happy answer any questions!

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DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 24, 2026

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.**

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

Announcements

FOOD PANTRY SORTING PARTY: May 27 The Westminster Food Pantry will be sorting donations received from the recent Food Drive on May 27 so that we can use them in our weekly food distributions. Volunteers can come from 10:30 a.m. to noon, noon to 2:30 p.m., or both. Please contact Brian Kamstra at briank@wpcgr.org if you are interested in helping out!

KIRK SINGERS CONCERT: May 31, 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary Come and hear the Kirk Singers in their Sendoff Concert. They will present a short program of sacred music from around the world that they will be taking on tour, singing in Cincinnati, Knoxville, and Asheville on the way to Montreat.

YOUTH UPDATE: After the Kirk Singers' concert next Sunday, we will have our WPCYG year-end picnic at Pleasant Park! Families are invited. There is no youth group or choir this Sunday. Parents of youth coming on summer trips should have received direct email communication this week. If you did not, please reach out!

HONORING OUR GRADUATES: On May 31, we will list the names of graduates (high school, college, and post-college) from our community in our bulletin. If you are a member, frequent attender, or alumni of Westminster's programs, we want to honor you! Visit the website to find a form to submit your information, or email christined@wpcgr.org. You may also submit this form on behalf of someone else.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION: Are you interested in learning more about becoming a member at Westminster? We are hosting our next two-session new member orientation on Wednesday, June 3 and June 10, 6:00-8:30 p.m. with dinner included. New members will be received into membership on Sunday, June 14. Please contact Susan Jennings at susanj@wpcgr.org to sign up or for more information.

WESTMINSTER CAMP: September 3-6, Camp Henry Put Westminster Camp 2026 on your calendars! Enjoy some late summer days at exciting and beautiful Camp Henry by joining your church family at Camp 2026. Absolutely everyone is welcome! Visit the website to register.

DEACON'S FUND: Westminster's Deacon Fund was established many years ago to offer short term financial assistance to church members in need. It is separate from the general budget and is funded through the generosity of contributions from members and other folks connected to Westminster. Assistance is offered for such things as utilities, insurance, car repair, transportation, and housing costs. If you or someone you know is experiencing financial hardship, please contact Susan Jennings at susanj@wpcgr.org or Jen Porter at jenp@wpcgr.org for more information about the fund.

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH! If you or someone you know is looking for a therapist, our Mental Health Referral Panel reference guide will help! Along with the panel, the Barbara Molhoek-Callum McPheeters Fund is available to help with financial assistance as needed. We are grateful for the generosity of the Molhoek family, the McPheeters family, and so many others that have made this fund possible. To date, Westminster has dispersed \$192,243.71 from the fund! If you'd like to donate, you can do so by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the page. Questions? Contact Susan Jennings at susanj@wpcgr.org. (A reminder of the suicide and crisis hotline for immediate help. Dial 9-8-8 or text GO to 9-8-8 for confidential support and conversation with a counselor.)



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 or call (616)717-5533 with questions.

This Week's Calendar

SUN. MAY 24

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

MON. MAY 25

Church Closed for Memorial Day

TUES. MAY 26

- 9:30 a.m. Open Door MinistryFront Lobby

WED. MAY 27

- 9:30 a.m. Open Door MinistryFront Lobby
- 7:00 p.m. Children's Program.....Sanctuary

THURS. MAY 28

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

SUN. MAY 31

- 10:00 a.m. Worship ServiceSanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Gathering Place
- 11:00 a.m. Kirk Singers Rehearsal.....Choir Room
- 11:30 a.m. Kirk Singers Concert.....Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Youth End of Year Picnic Pleasant Park