

MORNING WORSHIP
Restored to Life

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

“Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely and the unwanted according to the graces we have received and let us not be ashamed or slow to do the humble work.”
—Mother Teresa

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 “Lord, Speak to Me, that I May Speak”

Alice Jordan
(1916-2012)

++Call to Worship

Elder Chuck Hekman

Rejoice in the Lord! Praise the Lord with shouts of joy!

God loves justice and righteousness. The earth is full of God's love.

Let all of creation revel in awe of God, our creator.

God's love endures forever. Amen!

++Hymn 45

"I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes"

Dundee

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we appreciate decency and order, forgetting that we seek the order that is of our own making. We confess that clear rules and social norms give us comfort, forgetting how many of your beloved children are hurt and excluded by them. We place our trust in ability, strength, and the works we produce, forgetting our total reliance on your grace. Forgive us, God, and free us to live in courageous faith.

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.

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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 "The Peace May Be Exchanged" (Excerpt) *Dan Locklair (b. 1949)*

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

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

New Testament p. 9

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Restored to Life"

Rev. Lynette Sparks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

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.**

Focus on Mission

Marc Bohland

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

"Nothing But the Blood"

Gina Sprunger

++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. You may either dip your bread in the cup of grape juice, or take an individual cup from the trays provided. Please take your used cups with you as you return to your seats and place them in the cupholders 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 of the People

Communion Music

"Friend for Sinners, The Wondrous Cross" *Hymn tunes
arr. Molly Ijames (b. 1978)*

Prayer of Response

**Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life. Christ our Savior,
you have embraced us in your love. God our Mother, you have fed
us with your grace. Send us into your beloved world to share your
life, your love, your grace with all. Amen.**

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Hymn 536

"Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen"

Surge Ecclesia

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary "Trumpet Tune in A Major" *David N. Johnson (1922-87)*

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

Sunday, June 14

Courageous Witness

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Matthew 9:35-10:23

Janlee Richter, Eric Tanner: Violin, Stacey Tanner: Cello

Sunday, June 21

The Church in the World

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Matthew 10:24-39

Sidney Yin: Piano & Robert Ragoonanan

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

PreacherRev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor

LiturgistsRev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor

..... Chuck Hekman, Elder for Nominations

.....Marc Bohland, First Hand Aid

Music..... Dr. Rob Hobgood, Guest Organist

AV TeamIan Dengerink-Van Til, Rachel Kamstra, Ricky Rivard, Dan Cisler

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

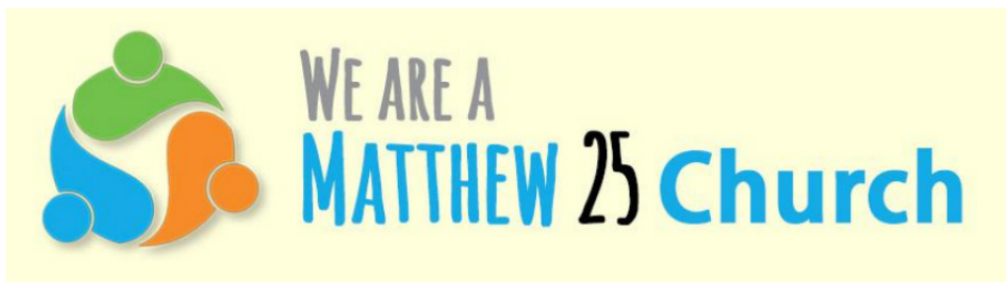
.....Ann & Jim Jarvis, Rich Zimmerman, Sharon VanderWilp



Summer Books for Children's Worship

Summer Worship Center for children ages 3 through 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. The Summer Books Center will begin on June 14 and continue through September 13. Look for the book titles and activities each week.

Next Week: *Tar Beach* by Faith Ringgold
Acclaimed artist Faith Ringgold seamlessly weaves fiction, autobiography, and African American history into a magical story that resonates with the universal wish for freedom. Cassie Louise Lightfoot has a dream: to be free to go wherever she wants for the rest of her life. One night, up on "tar beach," the rooftop of her family's Harlem apartment building, her dreams come true. The stars lift her up, and she flies over the city, claiming the buildings and the city as her own.



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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 second grade, 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

The middle & high school youth groups gather in the summer! To see our upcoming events and sign up for our newsletter, visit westminstergr.org/youth-ministries/



Woman with the Flow of Blood (detail), Frank Wesley

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COMMUNION SUNDAY

JUNE 7, 2026

10:00 A.M.

This Week's Calendar

SUN. JUNE 7

- 10:00 a.m. Worship ServiceSanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Gathering Place
- 3:30 p.m. Worship Service Porter Hills

MON. JUNE 8

- 9:30 a.m. Open Door Ministry Front Lobby
- 6:30 p.m. Connecting Deacons Meeting..... Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Facilities Committee..... Library

TUES. JUNE 9

- 9:30 a.m. Open Door Ministry Front Lobby
- 5:00 p.m. Capital Campaign Meeting Library
- 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting..... Conference Room

WED. JUNE 10

- 9:30 a.m. Open Door Ministry Front Lobby
- 6:00 p.m. New Member Orientation Various Locations
- 6:00 p.m. Communications Committee..... Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Pub Night.....Horrocks Market

THURS. JUNE 11

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

FRI. JUNE 12

- 6:00 p.m. First Hand Aid Havana Night Offsite

SUN. JUNE 14

- 9:00 a.m. New Members Received by Session..... Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Worship ServiceSanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Gathering Place
- 11:00 a.m. Member Directory Photos Library

Announcements

REFLECTIONS: View the summer 2026 edition of Reflections, our community digital magazine, at reflections@wpcgr.org.

WESTMINSTER CAMP: September 3-6, Camp Henry Enjoy some late summer days at exciting and beautiful Camp Henry by joining your church family at Camp 2026. Absolutely everyone is welcome, and there are activities and opportunities for fellowship for all ages and walks of life! The deadline to register to join is July 19; visit the website to sign up!

FOOD PANTRY BAGS: The Food Pantry is looking for donations of plastic bags that we can use for our weekly food distributions. In addition, we are accepting donations of fabric or cloth reusable bags as we give these out to neighbors who can regularly use them. These can be dropped off near the front desk in the Gathering Place. Thank you for your ongoing support!

BIBLE DONATIONS: The Open Door Ministry is seeking donations of gently used Bibles. We have been regularly giving out Bibles to people who request them at Open Door and having a variety of sizes of Bible would help us respond to those requests. Donations can be left at the donation box near the front desk. Thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry!

SEEKING WPC MEMBERS WHO ARE ARMED FORCES VETERANS: An album honoring WPC members who served in the Armed Forces will be on display in the Gathering Place through the fourth of July. The album was created in 2017, and we would like to update it. If you would like to include a name in the album, contact Carolyn Morse at carolynlmorse@aol.com. Please include name with rank, branch of service, dates served, and war of conflict if appropriate.

BAPTISM: Baptism is a joyous occasion for God's people! If you are interested in baptism at Westminster, we offer a seminar to talk about what this important sacrament means to all of us. Contact Nancy Greidanus (nancyg@wpcgr.org) for more information and to let her know if you are interested in scheduling a seminar! Our next baptism date will be August 30.



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.