

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

*A Telling Presence in the City*

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Sunday, January 22, 2017



*The Open Door*, by Gordon Schlicting, ink on paper, 1979  
The Westminster Collection, on view in the Westminster Gallery

*We enter this church not as strangers,  
but as children of God.*

# Welcome to Westminster

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, mission, and programs.

Large-print bulletins, hymnals, hearing assistance devices, and Hearing Loop information available from ushers.

## If you are new to Westminster

**Parking** Free Sunday morning parking at the Orchestra Hall Ramp, 11th St. & Marquette. At Orchestra Hall, take a ticket when you enter the ramp; pick up a parking voucher at Westminster; use both your ticket and the voucher to exit the ramp. Free, assisted parking is available on the corner of 12th & Marquette. No tipping is required. Please take advantage of this service.

Visit [westminstermpls.org/creative-time](http://westminstermpls.org/creative-time) for parking information during *Open Doors* *Open Futures* construction or email [odof@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:odof@wpc-mpls.org).

**Coffee Hour** Join us for fair trade coffee and refreshments after worship.

**Education** Church School (ages 3–high school), Adult Education, and the Social Justice Forum take place at 9:15 am on Sunday mornings. There is also Children’s Church (during 10:30 am worship) for ages 4-1st grade.

**Membership: Are you interested in joining Westminster?** *The next new member class is on Jan. 29.* Visit [westminstermpls.org/membership](http://westminstermpls.org/membership) or contact Rev. Meghan Gage-Finn, [mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org), or Janice Teliczan, [jteliczan@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:jteliczan@wpc-mpls.org).

## If you seek to deepen your involvement

**Faith in Action** Get involved in serving and seeking justice. Contact Dan Franklin, [dfranklin@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:dfranklin@wpc-mpls.org).

**Families, Youth, and Children** Connect with children’s/youth choirs, youth group, confirmation, parent offerings, and special events. Contact Rev. Brennan Blue, [bblue@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:bblue@wpc-mpls.org).

**Fellowship** Enjoy fellowship with other members of the church. Contact Deb Wagner, [dwagner@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:dwagner@wpc-mpls.org).

## Other worship and prayer opportunities

**Centering Prayer**, Every Wednesday, noon, Westminster, Bates Rm.

**Quiet Worship**, Third Saturday of the month, 9 am, Westminster, Bushnell Rm.

**Prayer Companions**, Every Sunday after 10:30 am worship, Chapel

## Westminster Cares

**Births, Adoptions, and Baptisms** Contact Janice Teliczan, [jteliczan@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:jteliczan@wpc-mpls.org).

**For Pastoral Care** Notify Deb Wagner of hospitalization, illness, death, or prayer requests, 612.332.3421 or [dwagner@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:dwagner@wpc-mpls.org).

**Blood Pressure Screenings** are offered the third Sunday of the month in the Bushnell Room.

**The Westminster Counseling Center** offers pastoral counseling for individuals, couples, families, and children. *The Counseling Center has moved off-site during construction at WPC.* Visit [westminstercounseling.org](http://westminstercounseling.org) or call 612.332.7743.

# January 22, 2017

8:30 & 10:30 am

## Preparing for the Word

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*Our service begins with the Prelude, inviting us to prepare for worship.*

10:30 **Welcome**

Meghan K. Gage-Finn

**Prelude** *Organ Meditations on Gospel Hymns*

arr. Dale Wood

10:30 *Old-Time Gospel Medley*

arr. Sandra Wagner

### **Our Life in Christ**

8:30 David Shinn

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*As the morning greeting is offered, please complete the friendship folder found in your pew, and pass it to your neighbor. If your child/ren will attend Children's Church during the 10:30 service, please fill out nametags for them from the friendship folder.*

### **\*Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 96)

One: Sing, and bless God's name;

**All: tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**

One: Proclaim God's glory to the nations,

**All: God's marvelous deeds to all peoples.**

One: Let us worship God!

### **\*Processional Hymn** No. 638 *O Come and Sing unto the Lord*

### **Call to Confession**

10:30 David Shinn

*The congregation is invited to approach God with humility, seeking God's mercy.*

### **Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

### **Silent Prayer**

*Worshippers seek God's forgiveness in their own lives.*

## **Assurance of God's Forgiveness** (from Romans 8; II Corinthians 5)

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone;  
a new life has begun. Friends, hear the good news:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

10:30 **Anthem** *Glory to God from Messiah*

G. F. Handel

## **Listening for the Word**

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10:30 **A Time with Children**

Brennan Blue

*Following A Time with Children, children ages 4–1st grade are invited to Children's Church.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

8:30 Jacque DeBuse

10:30 Anna Northenscold

*Before the reading of scripture we pray that God will illumine our understanding.*

## **Readings from Holy Scripture**

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (OT, p. 402)

Luke 4:14-30 (NT, p. 53)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *What Is the "Acceptable Year of the Lord?"*

Timothy Hart-Andersen

## **Responding to the Word**

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\*10:30 **Hymn** No. 758 *Why Do Nations Rage Together*

\*10:30 **Affirmation of Faith** From *A Brief Statement of Faith* Douglas Mitchell

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

## Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

8:30 Douglas Mitchell

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Offertory Sentences

*Having heard the Word, we now respond in gratitude by giving. Please place your offering in the plate, or use the "I give to Westminster" card in recognition of your generous contributions made online or in another way.*

### Offertory *Jubilate Deo*

Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his children and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

## Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received

\***Hymn** No. 772 *Live into Hope*

\***Charge and Benediction**

*The people respond with "Amen."*

**Congregational Response** No. 742 *We Will Walk with God*

*The choir sings once, the congregation repeats two times*

## Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Since the earliest days of the Christian Church, worshippers have greeted each other with a sign of peace. All are invited to offer a verbal greeting, such as: "Peace be with you."*

**Postlude** *Finale from Symphony I*

Louis Vierne



### ***Promise of Peace, Promise to Give***

All pledges are important! Please be part of God's promise of peace by making your 2017 promise to give at [westminstermpls.org/stewardship/pledge](http://westminstermpls.org/stewardship/pledge).

# This Sunday

**8:15-11:30 am Childcare**, Nursery, for infants through age 3

**8:30 am Worship Service**, Chapel

**9:15 am Education Hour**: Church school (ages 3–high school); Family Matters; Adult Education; Social Justice Forum, Adult Choir; Virtues & Values

**9:15 am Connections Class**, Refectory

**10:30 am Worship Service**, Sanctuary

**11:30 am Fellowship Time**, Heller Commons, Great Hall

**11:30 am Global Choir Rehearsal**, Choir Rm.

**11:45 am Prayer Companions**, Chapel

**4:00-6:00 pm** Fellowship Event at Midtown Global Market

**4:00-7:00 pm FEAST** at St. Mark's Westminster Gallery, *How It's Made*. Contact Dr. Rodney Allen Schwartz, [rschwartz@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:rschwartz@wpc-mpls.org).

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## Adult Education

Contact Jill Schoen, [jschoen@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:jschoen@wpc-mpls.org) unless noted otherwise.

**All-Church Book Read, Sunday, Today and Feb. 5, 9:15 am.** Read Colson Whitehead's book, *The Underground Railroad* and discuss in small groups and with speakers. **Today:** Jan 22: Dr. John Wright; Feb 5: Dr. Crystal Moten continues discussion of the book.

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## Congregational Care

Contact Deb Wagner, 612.332.3421 or [dwagner@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:dwagner@wpc-mpls.org).

**The Prayer Companion Ministry** prays Sundays in the Chapel after 10:30 worship. All are welcome to share concerns and joys with a prayer companion.

**Caregiver Support Group**, 2nd Saturday of the month, 1-2:30 pm, at the home of Elsa Flores-Peet. Questions? Contact Elsa, [efpeet@comcast.net](mailto:efpeet@comcast.net) or 763.588.8361.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**, 2nd Sunday of the month, 11:45 am, Bates Rm.

**Prayer Ministry Requests**, Please fill out a Prayer Request Card and place in offering plate or in the box at the reception desk.

**Grief Support Group, Saturdays, 9:30 am**, Meets at Basilica of St. Mary, 88 N. 17th St., Mpls., **Jan 28**, David Engelstad on *Grief & Self-Awareness*. [mplsgriefsupport.org](http://mplsgriefsupport.org) or 612.317.3454.

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## Connections Conversations

**Today, 9:15 am** Join us to hear information about the ministries of Westminster from the leaders who support them, and the ways you might get involved. Connections Conversations are highly encouraged as a way to get to know others who are new to the church, or who have been long involved. For more information, contact Meghan Gage-Finn, [mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org).

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## Faith in Action

Contact Dan Franklin, 612.332.3421 or [dfranklin@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:dfranklin@wpc-mpls.org).

**Today, Social Justice Forum, 9:15 am, Meisel Rm.**, Terry Williams from the Women's Foundation of MN.

**FEAST, Today, 4-7 pm**, Help feed the hungry in the church neighborhood. Sign up at the reception desk or contact Dan Franklin. *FEAST is held at St. Mark's Cathedral.*

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## Families, Youth & Children

Contact Marie Kruskop, [mkruskop@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:mkruskop@wpc-mpls.org) unless noted otherwise.

**Moms Group** meets at 10:30 am Wednesdays at CLC.

**Fellowship Event!** Join us today, 4-6 pm, at the Midtown Global Market to celebrate the Chinese New Year, the year of the rooster.

## Fellowship

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**All-Church Bowling, Sunday, Jan 29, 4-6 pm, Park Lanes in St. Louis Park,** The cost is \$10 per person (adults and children) and can be paid at the door. We have 10 lanes reserved, and two full hours to bowl. You can purchase food and drink at the great on-site restaurant. RSVPs encouraged but not required to Deb Wagner at [dwagner@wpcmpls.org](mailto:dwagner@wpcmpls.org) by Friday, January 27.

## Meisel Scholars

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Those who are interested in applying to be a 2017 Meisel Scholar are encouraged to contact Meghan, [mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org) or visit [westminstermpls.org/portfolio-item/young-adults](http://westminstermpls.org/portfolio-item/young-adults). Application deadline is Feb 28.

## Music

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**Sing with the Adult Choir,** Rehearsals take place on Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm, at Westminster. Contact [Tesfa@wpcmpls.org](mailto:Tesfa@wpcmpls.org).

**Sing with the Global Choir,** We rehearse today, 11:30-12:30, Choir Room, and sing at the 8:30 service on Jan 29. Contact [bprince@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:bprince@wpc-mpls.org).

## Scouts

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**Troop 100 Fruit Sale** Troop 100 is getting ready for its annual fruit sale (Jan 29-Feb 19) and needs prizes for the top salesmen. If you have used bicycles or other sports gear, board games, electronics—please contact Dave Moore, 612.747.8364.

## Volunteer for Meals on Wheels

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Volunteers urgently needed to deliver Meals on Wheels one or two Mondays per month, 11 am-noon, in downtown Minneapolis. Please contact Sue or Inar Morics, 651.895.8983, or [InarM@aol.com](mailto:InarM@aol.com).

## Women's Ministries

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**Beyond Sunday Connections, Tues, Feb 7, 6 pm, Mpls Woman's Club,** Join other WPC women to hear Nadine McGuire, chair of the WPC Board of Trustees, talk about the role of Bible study and the Westminster community in her personal faith journey. Tickets (\$28) are available in the Heller Commons on Jan 22 and 29, or contact Deb Wagner, [dwagner@wpcmpls.org](mailto:dwagner@wpcmpls.org) by Jan 31. Questions? Contact Lynne Thompson, 612.339.3971.

**WOW Westminster on Wednesday,** Join our WOW men's & women's Bible studies, 9:30 am, CLC. Free parking. Questions? Contact Judy Kim, 612.209.4101.

# Today's Worship Leadership

## Clergy

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Rev. Dr. Timothy Hart-Andersen, *Senior Pastor*  
Rev. Brennan Blue, *Families, Youth, and Children*  
Rev. Meghan K. Gage-Finn, *Executive Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Douglas Mitchell, *Faith in Action*  
Rev. David Shinn, *Congregational Care*

## Music

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Dr. Melanie Ohnstad, *Minister Music/Arts, Organist*  
Tesfa Wondemagegnehu, *Director Choral Ministries*  
Westminster Choir  
Westminster Handbell Choir, Mark Kieffer, director

*For full Westminster staff listing and contact information, please visit [westminstermpls.org](http://westminstermpls.org) or see the Westminster News.*

## Westminster Affiliated Boards

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Westminster Camp Ajawah, [ajawah.org](http://ajawah.org)  
Westminster Counseling Center, [westminstercounseling.org](http://westminstercounseling.org)  
Westminster Town Hall Forum, [westminsterforum.org](http://westminsterforum.org)



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## Daily Phone Devotions

**612.332.7087**

January 22.....Mt. 4:12-23  
23.....Ps. 27:7-14  
24.....Judges 7:12-22  
25.....Lk. 1:67-79  
27.....Ps. 15  
28.....1 Cor. 1:18-31  
29 .....Mt. 5:1-12