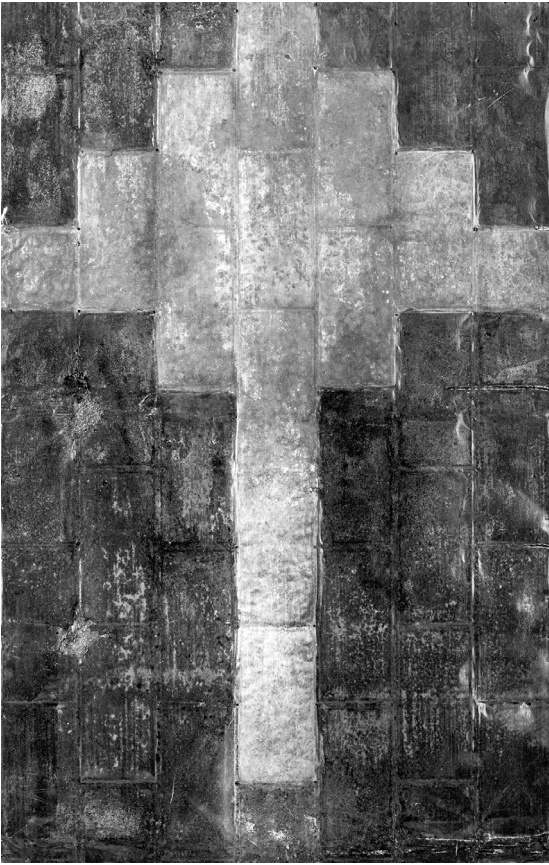


Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, March 26, 2017
Fourth Sunday in Lent



South of the Border, cross by James Quentin Young, 2014
The Westminster Collection, on view near the reception desk

*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 for parking information during *Open Doors* *Open Futures* construction or email 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 May 7.* Visit westminstermpls.org/membership or contact Rev. Meghan Gage-Finn, mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org, or Janice Teliczan, jteliczan@wpc-mpls.org.

If you seek to deepen your involvement

Faith in Action Get involved in serving and seeking justice. Contact Doug Mitchell, dmitchell@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.

Fellowship Enjoy fellowship with other members of the church. Contact Deb Wagner, dwagner@wpc-mpls.org.

Other worship and prayer opportunities

Centering Prayer, Every Wednesday, 11:30 am, 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.

For Pastoral Care Notify Deb Wagner of hospitalization, illness, death, or prayer requests, 612.332.3421 or 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 or call 612.332.7743.

March 26, 2017

8:30 & 10:30 am

Preparing for the Word

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

10:30 **Welcome**

Meghan K. Gage-Finn

Prelude *Be Still My Soul*

Jean Sibelius, arr. Sandra Eithun

Westminster Handbell Choir

8:30 **Introit** *One Equal Music*

Carol Barnett

Cantus

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven to enter into that gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity; in the habitations of thy glory and dominion, world without end. Amen. John Donne (1572-1631)

Lenten Greeting

8:30 Meghan K. Gage-Finn

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.

10:30 **Call to Prayer**

Elijah Muhammad

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 139)

One: Search me, O God, and know my heart,

All: try me and know my thoughts!

One: See if there is any wicked way in me,

All: and lead me in the way everlasting.

One: Let us worship God!

***Processional Hymn** No. 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Call to Confession

10:30 David Shinn

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

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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. Thanks be to God. Amen.

10:30 **Anthem** *One Equal Music* (See text at 8:30 Introit)

Carol Barnett
Cantus

Listening for the Word

10:30 **Time with Children**

Douglas Mitchell

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

Prayer for Illumination

8:30 Priscilla Northenscold

10:30 Kathy Fisher, Almostafah Bahri

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

Reading from Holy Scripture

Luke 6:27-38 (NT, p. 56)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Conversation on Forgiveness*

Timothy Hart-Andersen
and Imam Makram Nu'Man El-Amin

The Practice of Silence

The congregation is invited to be together in quiet reflection.

Responding to the Word

*10:30 **Hymn** No. 444 *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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

Offertory Anthem *I Remember, I Believe*

Bernice Johnson Reagon

I don't know how my mother walked her trouble down. I don't know how my father stood his ground. I don't know how my people survived slavery. I do remember; that's why I believe.

I don't know why the rivers overflow their banks. I don't know why the snow falls and covers the ground. I don't know why the hurricane sweeps through the land every now and then. Standing in the rainstorm, I believe.

I don't know why the angels woke me up this morning soon. I don't know why the blood still runs through my veins. I don't know how I rate to run another day. I am here still runnin', I believe.

My God calls to me in the morning dew. The power of the universe knows my name. Gave me a song to sing and sent me on my way. I raise my voice for justice. I believe.

Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received

***Hymn** No. 436 *God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*

***Charge and Benediction**

The people respond with "Amen."

Choral Response *We Shall Walk*

arr. Undine Smith Moore

***Passing of the Peace**

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."

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Postlude *Voluntary in D Flat*

David N. Johnson

Westminster Welcomes

Imam Makram Nu'Man El-Amin is imam of the historic Masjid An-Nur in north Minneapolis. He is a member of the Minneapolis Downtown Clergy and serves on the advisory board of the Muslim-Christian Dialogue Center at the University of St. Thomas. In 2014 Imam El-Amin was named a Bush Foundation Fellow and received an appointment as Chaplain to the Minneapolis Police Department.

Elijah Muhammad, Muezzin of Masjid An-Nur.

Cantus *Tenor*, Jacob Christopher, Zachary Colby, Adam Fieldson, Paul Scholtz
Baritone, David Geist, Matthew Goinz; *Bass* Chris Foss, Samuel Green

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; Covenant Groups, Adult Choir; Virtues & Values

10:30 am Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:30 am Fellowship, Great Hall, Heller Commons

11:45 am Prayer Companions, Chapel

5:00 pm FEAST at St. Mark's Cathedral

Westminster Gallery, *Forgive Us*, Contact Dr. Rodney Allen Schwartz, rschwartz@wpc-mpls.org.

Adult Education

Contact Carmel Tinnes, ctinnes@wpc-mpls.org unless noted otherwise.

Congregational Care

Contact Deb Wagner, 612.332.3421 or 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 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 put in offering plate or in box at the reception desk.

Grief Support Group, Saturdays, 9:30 am, Meets at Basilica of St. Mary, 88 N. 17th St., Mpls., **April 1**, Ted Bowman, *Grieving Is Good for You*, 612.317.3454 or mplsgriefsupport.org.

Faith in Action

Contact Doug Mitchell, 612.332.3421 or dmitchell@wpc-mpls.org.

FEAST, TODAY, 4-7 pm, Help feed the hungry in the church neighborhood.

Sign up at the reception desk or contact Doug Mitchell. *FEAST is held at St.*

Mark's Cathedral.

Feed My Starving Children, Sat, April 1, 2-4 pm, Help pack food for hungry children around the world. Sign up in the Heller Commons TODAY, or email Susan Gilmore, sgphoto@mninter.net.

Criminal Justice Reform A WPC Team is preparing a policy paper on Criminal Justice Reform. An Executive Summary is on info tables. Please share your thoughts at a listening session: TODAY at WPC, 11:45 am; Wed, March 29, 5:00 pm at Central Lutheran; Sun. April 2, 9:20 am at WPC.

Families, Youth & Children

Contact Brennan Blue, bblue@wpc-mpls.org unless noted otherwise.

HS Youth Prepping Meals at Open Arms Minnesota, Sat, April 1, 10 am-12 pm. Open Arms can welcome up to 15 of us, so please RSVP to Brennan.

Men's Ministries

Contact Deb Wagner, 612.332.3421 or dwagner@wpc-mpls.org.

Men's Breakfasts are open to all men of WPC. Enjoy a good breakfast and fine fellowship and conversation. No reservations required, just show up when you are able. There are groups on the east side, the west side, and downtown. Contact Deb Wagner for info.

Music

The Global Choir will rehearse next Sunday, April 2, after 10:30 worship in the Choir Room (2nd Floor). We will sing at the 8:30 service on April 9. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Barbara Prince, bprince@wpc-mpls.org.

Town Hall Forum

Tuesday, April 11, noon Join Otis Moss III, pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, for his presentation *Building the Beloved Community*. Music at 11:30 am with the group Four Hour Parking; public reception follows the forum. Free and open to all. For information, contact Susan at smckenna@wpc-mpls.org or 612.332.3421.

Women's Ministries

Beyond Sunday Connections, Tues, Apr 4, 6 pm, Mpls. Woman's Club, Join other women to hear Cheri Register, memoir writer and WPC member, talk about life stories seen through the lens of faith. Tickets (\$28) are available in the Heller Commons March 19, 26 or contact Deb Wagner, dwagner@wpc-mpls.org by Mar 28. Questions? Contact Lynne Thompson, 612.339.3971.

Women's Spring Retreat, April 28-30. Rev. Denise Dunbar-Perkins will be our retreat leader. Register in the Heller Commons starting April 2.

Officer Recommendations

If you would like to recommend a member of Westminster to be an Elder, Deacon, or Trustee, please find one of the brochures on the literature table at church, or fill out the online form, westminstermpls.org/officerform. You may also contact the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Lucy Quaintance, at lucyquaint@gmail.com, or Rev. Sarah Brouwer at sbrouwer@wpc-mpls.org.

Lenten Worship

Sundays in Lent

March 26, April 2

Worship at 8:30 & 10:30 am

Wednesdays in Lent

March 29-April 5

11:30 pm, Centering Prayer, Bates Rm.

12:15 pm, Worship at Central Lutheran

5:15 pm Dinner, CLC Fellowship Hall

6:15-6:25 pm, Children's Worship, CLC Children's Choir space

6:30 pm Taizé prayers & song, CLC Fellowship Hall

The Gift of a Lifetime

A will represents a person's final wishes and intentions. After providing for your loved ones, please consider one final testament of faith through a bequest in your will or living trust that provides enduring support for our vital work. For many of us, this will be the most significant gift we will make - our gift of a lifetime. To learn how you can help sustain the future of Westminster with a Legacy Gift, contact Mary Hess, Director of Stewardship, at 612.332.3421, ext. 263, or mhess@wpc-mpls.org or see www.westminstermpls.org/legacy-giving.



Today's Worship Leadership

Clergy

Rev. Dr. Timothy Hart-Andersen, *Senior Pastor*
Imam Makram Nu'Man El-Amin, *Masjid An-Nur*
Rev. Meghan K. Gage-Finn, *Executive Associate Pastor*
Rev. Douglas Mitchell, *Faith in Action*
Rev. David Shinn, *Congregational Care*

Music

Dr. Melanie Ohnstad, *Minister Music/Arts, Organist*
Westminster Handbell Choir, *Mark Kieffer, Director*

For full Westminster staff listing and contact information, please visit westminstermpls.org or see the Westminster News.

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March 26 Jn. 9:1-41
27..... Isa. 59:9-19
28..... Col. 1:9-14
29..... Mt. 9:27-34
30..... Ezek. 37:1-14
31..... Ps. 130
April 1 Rom. 8:6-11
2..... Jn. 11:1-45