

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, June 25, 2017



The Open Door, by Gordon Schlichting, ink on paper, 1979
The Westminster Collection

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.

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 resume in the fall. Children's Church runs through June for ages 4-1st grade.

Membership: Are you interested in joining Westminster? 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 Drew Smith, dsmith@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 Rev. Sarah Brouwer, sbrouwer@wpc-mpls.org.

Other worship and prayer opportunities

Centering Prayer, Resumes in the fall.

Quiet Worship, Resumes in the fall.

Prayer Companions, Every Sunday after 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

June 25, 2017

10:00 am

Preparing for the Word

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

Welcome

Meghan K. Gage-Finn

Prelude *Fugue in d minor* BWV 538

J. S. Bach

Matt Tylutki, music intern

Our Life in Christ

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 service, please fill out nametags for them from the friendship folder.

Commissioning of the Middle and High School Mission Trips

*Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

All: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Let us worship God.

*Processional Hymn No. 404 *What Is This Place*

Call to Confession

David Shinn

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

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, we live in extremes. We need you only when things go wrong, but forget you in times of joy. When we have enough it's because we did it, and when we have nothing at all we blame you. We value individualism until we require the help of community. Forgive us, we pray. Nurture peace in our frenetic lives. Help us to cultivate gratitude. Remind us to receive your abundance, and share it with others. We pray, O God, to be grounded in your infinite grace and mercy.

Silent Prayer

Worshippers seek God's forgiveness in their own lives.

* Please stand as you are able.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness (from Romans 8; 2 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.

Anthem *Hush! Somebody's Calling My Name* Spiritual, arr. Brazeal W. Dennard

Hush, somebody's callin' my name. Oh, my Lord, what shall I do?

I'm so glad that trouble don't last always. Oh, my Lord, what shall I do?

I'm so glad I got my 'ligion in time. Oh, my Lord, what shall I do?

Soon one mornin' death come creepin' in my room. Oh, my Lord, what shall I do? Hush, Somebody's callin' my name. Oh, my Lord, what shall I do? Hush.

Listening for the Word

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

Anna Northenscold

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

Reading from Holy Scripture

Jeremiah 29:11-14 (OT, pg. 690)

Philippians 4:1-13 (NT, p. 175)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Revisionist Christians*

Sarah Brouwer

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** No. 727 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, 1983)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers

in the one body of Christ, the Church.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Kelley Jepsen

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Anthem *Grant Us Thy Peace*

Felix Mendelssohn

Grant us thy peace, almighty Lord, thou source of ev'ry blessing! Feeble and frail, trust we thy word, all things in thee possessing. In thee is our hope and safety.

Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received

***Hymn** No. 432 *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

***Charge and Benediction**

The people respond with "Amen."

***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 *Prelude in d minor, BWV 538*

J. S. Bach

This Sunday

8:00 am Memorial Garden open

8:45 am Adult Choir, Choir Rm.

8:45 am Virtues & Values, Hunter Rm.

9:45-11:15 am Childcare, Nursery,
for infants through age 3

10:00 am **Worship Service**, Sanctuary

11:00 am Fellowship Time, Courtyard or
Heller Commons, *weather dependent*

11:00 am Prayer Companions, back of
sanctuary

11:15 am Racial Justice Working Group,
Rm. 209/210

Westminster Gallery, *Improving the
Human Condition* opens today. Contact
Dr. Rodney Allen Schwartz, rschwartz@wpc-mpls.org.

Coming Up

College-Age

College-Age Brunch We will meet at the reception desk after worship on July 23 and walk over to Hell's Kitchen for food and fellowship. RSVP to Meghan, mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org.

Congregational Care

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

The Prayer Companion Ministry prays Sundays in the Chapel after 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, resumes in the fall.

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 First Christian Church, **July 1**, Wendy Brown Baez, *Cultivating Resiliency*. mplsgriefsupport.org or 612.317.3454.

Educational Ministries

Contact *Carmel Tinnes*, ctinnes@wpc-mpls.org.

Faith in Action

To Contact the Faith in Action office before interim arrives, please email FIAOffice@wpc-mpls.org and someone will contact you.

Cuba Update, Today, 11:15 am, Meisel Rm. The Rev. Dr. Ofelia Ortega Suarez will present an update on the Presbyterian Church in Cuba at 11:15 am. She was the first Presbyterian woman ordained in Cuba and has been deeply involved in the Cuba National Assembly and the World Council of Churches. She was also a speaker at the Reimagining Conference in Minneapolis in 1993.

Racial Justice Working Group, Today, 11:15 am, Rm. 209/210, All are welcome to join today's meeting of the WPC Racial Justice Working Group.

Paint-A-Thon, Saturday, July 29 (prep day) & Saturday, August 5, Help a low-income senior or disabled person stay in their house by prepping and/or painting their house. Contact Judy Kim if you want to help, jkim@wpc-mpls.org.

Families, Youth & Children

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

Final HS Youth Mission Trip Meeting, Today, 11:15am-noon, Chapel.

MS Youth Mission Trip, June 26-30.

Please pray for our youth and leaders as they travel and work together.

Summertime Daytime Playtime, Wed, June 28, 10 am North Loop/4th Avenue Playground, 405 West River Parkway, Mpls. Questions? Contact Sarah Young, 612.991.9921.

Family Fellowship Event at Lake Harriet Bandshell, July 9, 5:30 pm.

Contact Marie for more info and to RSVP, mkruskop@wpc-mpls.org.

Fellowship

Contact Sarah Brouwer, sbrouwer@wpc-mpls.org unless noted otherwise.

WOW (Westminster on Wednesday)

June 28, 9:30-10:30 am, Uptown Lunds & Byerly's West Lake St. There is a community room where we will have coffee (provided!) and fellowship. All men and women are welcome!

All-Church Minnesota United Soccer Game! July 22, 3pm, TCF Bank Stadium,

Gather to watch a Minnesota United soccer game! Tickets are only \$10, children three and under are free, but must sit on an adult's lap. This part of the stadium will be in the shade. Space is limited so please email Deb Wagner at dwagner@wpc-mpls.org to RSVP. Checks can be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church.

June Wednesday Worship:

Discover: Wandering and Wondering

Join your Westminster community on Wednesdays in June! We are pleased to offer worship and Bible study opportunities in several locations around the Twin Cities metro area. We do encourage you to eat dinner beforehand.

We hope you will join us for these Bible study and worship opportunities!

All groups meet at 6 pm.

June 28 Bible Study at the Quaintance home.

June 28 Wabun Park, family-friendly worship.

More info may be found online, westminstsermpls.org/summer-wednesdays

Sabbath, Summer, Playtime: All-Church Kickball Tourney! Sunday August 6, 4 pm - Note date change!

This is a family-friendly, intergenerational event, and those who do not want to play are welcome to cheerlead and picnic on the side lines! If you want to play, contact Deb Wagner to register and give your T-shirt size, dwagner@wpc-mpls.org.

Music

Summer Choir Sing with the Summer Choir! Summer Sundays, 8:45 am.

Contact Tesfa Wondemagegnehu, tesfa@wpc-mpls.org.

Today's Worship Leadership

Clergy

Rev. Sarah Brouwer, *Congregational Life*

Rev. Meghan K. Gage-Finn, *Executive Associate Pastor*

Rev. David Shinn, *Congregational Care*

Kelley Jepsen, *Luther Seminary student*

Music

Melanie Ohnstad, *Minister of Music and the Arts/Organist*

Tesfa Wondemagegnehu, *Director Choral Ministries*

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

Westminster Affiliated Boards

Westminster Camp Ajawah, ajawah.org

Westminster Counseling Center, westminstercounseling.org

Westminster Town Hall Forum, westminsterforum.org



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Daily Phone Devotions **612.332.7087**

June 25.....Matthew 10:24-39
26.....Psalm 86:11-17
27.....Revelation 2:8-11
28.....Psalm 6
29.....Jeremiah 28:5-9
30.....Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
July 1Romans 6:12-23
2.....Matthew 10:40-42