

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, July 2, 2017



Last Supper, by John August Swanson, serigraph
The Westminster Collection, on view on the 2nd floor

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 Hour: Church School (ages 3–high school), Children’s Church, Adult Education, and the Social Justice Forum resume in the fall.

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 the Faith in Action office, FIAoffice@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

July 2, 2017

10:00 am

Preparing for the Word

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

Welcome

Brennan Blue

Prelude *Variations on 'America'*

David N. Johnson

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.

*Call to Worship (from *Feasting on the Word*, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed.)

One: God calls us by name into the presence of holiness as God's people.

All: We answer this call by the grace of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of God's own Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

One: Let us worship God.

*Processional Hymn No. 301 *Let Us Build a House*

Call to Confession

Meghan K. Gage-Finn

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

Prayer of Confession (from *Feasting on the Word*, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed.)

O God of extraordinary hospitality and welcome, you open your table wide to invite all people to come. Even with this gracious invitation in hand, we deny others of your welcome. We have allowed sin to run our lives, to shape how we act toward others, and to kill our relationship with you. In your great mercy, forgive us. Change our bodies from implements of destruction to instruments of your peace; for the sake of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Worshippers seek God's forgiveness in their own lives.

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.

Children's Church resumes in the fall. All children are welcome to remain in worship.

* Please stand as you are able.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Barbara La Valleur

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

Reading from Holy Scripture

Matthew 10:40-42, (NT, p. 9)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Whom Do We Welcome?*

David Shinn and Evelyn Ngwa

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** No. 318 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

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 Anthem *Welcome to God's Love*

Mark Miller

Carolyn Cavadini, Sandy Schoenecker, Samuel Baker, Nathan Petersen-Kindem

Families of all shapes and kinds, love the only tie that binds

This gathering of open minds, welcome to God's love.

Every person has a place in this holy, sacred space,

Earth's entire human race, come and feel God's love!

No proof required of your worth, a gift to you before your birth

From God, who made the heavens and earth.

Welcome to God's love.

We'll love each other and take care of every need encountered there,

Within God's heart there is room to spare.

Come and live God's love.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Judy Landt

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray...

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.

The Words Over the Table

The Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Communion is served by intinction, dipping bread into the cup. Those who are unable to come forward will be served in their pews. A gluten-free alternative for bread is offered in the center of trays.

Music During Distribution *Dereva Ni Mungu*

In life we are passengers, God is the driver.

Jake Runestad

Jeffrey Gram, percussion

Closing Prayer

***Hymn** No. 329 *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** Hymn No. 598 *Amen, We Praise Your Name*

***Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Postlude *Festival March*

Michael Burkhardt

Westminster Welcomes

Evelyn Ngwa is from Cameroon and was born and raised in the Presbyterian Church. As a child, she participated in all Sunday school activities, plays, and concerts. She later joined the Christian Youth Fellowship and served in many capacities: as secretary, organizing and leading Bible studies, worship, concerts, teaching Sunday school, organizing for special occasions, visiting with the sick, and church cleaning. As a young adult, Evelyn transitioned and joined the Christian Women Fellowship and also served in organizing church worship and helping others in need. She and her family have been members of Westminster since 2001. Evelyn attends Bible studies and forums and is currently serving as a Deacon and active with the Prayer Companion ministry.

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

BIRTHS

*Eve Marian Mitchell,
December 16, 2016*

TODAY'S FLOWERS

*In loving memory of
Roy Dale Thompson
Vivian & Paul Thompson
by Dale Thompson*

Coming Up

College-Age

College-Age Brunch, July 23, 11:00 am, We will meet at the reception desk after worship 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 Meal Ministry is our new ministry team offering meals to members in need of a caring meal. Contact Beth Goers, Elizabeth Goers goers.elizabeth@gmail.com or 612.875.1138 if you or someone you know is in need of this ministry .

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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, 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 8**, Dan Johnson, *Telling Our Stories*. 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.

School Supplies Collection, Aug 9-Sept 7, Going back to school is an exciting time for children, but many families cannot afford school supplies. WPC's Families in Transition program and Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative are collecting new school supplies for grade school through high school students. Donated supplies may be put in the boxes near the reception desk.

Paint-A-Thon, Saturday, July 29 (pre 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.

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

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

Summertime Daytime Playtime, Wed, July 26, 10 am, Wabun Universal Access Play Area, 4655 46th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55406.

Fellowship

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

WOW (Westminster on Wednesday)

July 26, 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.

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 sidelines! 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. Brennan Blue, *Families, Youth, and Children*

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

Rev. David Shinn, *Congregational Care*

Evelyn Ngwa, *Westminster Deacon*

Rev. Judy Landt, *Parish Associate*

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 westminsternpls.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

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July 2	Matthew 10:40-42
3.....	Psalm 47
4.....	1 John 4:1-6
5.....	Matthew 11:20-24
6.....	Zechariah 9:9-12
7.....	Psalm 145:8-14
8.....	Romans 7:15-25a
9.....	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30