

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, February 25, 2018
Second Sunday in Lent



Westminster's hope is for a just, loving, joyful, sustainable, peaceful community.

From "Our Hope for the World" policy statement, 2011

*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 in the Westminster ramp, entered from Alice Rainville Place. You may also park 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. A drop-off area is available at the church on Marquette Avenue.

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

Education Hour for all Ages, 9:15 am, Church School (age 3–high school), Adult Education, Social Justice Forum, Virtues & Values. Children’s Church (age 4-1st grade) takes place during 10:30 am worship.

Membership Interested in membership? 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 Rev. Matthew Johnson, mjohnson@wpc-mpls.org.

Families, Youth, and Children Connect with children’s/youth choirs, youth group, confirmation, parent offerings, and special events. Contact Drew Smith, dsmith@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, Wednesdays at 11 am during Lent, Bates Rm.

Holy Saturday Quiet Worship, March 31, 9 am, Bushnell Rm.

Prayer Companions, Sundays 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 take place the third Sunday of the month, Bushnell Rm.

The Westminster Counseling Center offers pastoral counseling for individuals, couples, families, and children. *The Counseling Center will return to WPC on March 1.* Visit westminstercounseling.org or call 612.332.7743.

February 25, 2018

10:30 am

Preparing for the Word

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

Welcome

Meghan K. Gage-Finn

Prelude *Andante sostenuto* from *Symphonie gothique*

Charles Marie-Widor
Melanie Ohnstad, organist

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 10:30 service, please fill out nametags for them from the friendship folder.

*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. 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Call to Confession

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, abandoned hope, 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; 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. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

* Please stand as you are able.

Listening for the Word

A Time with Children

Matthew Johnson

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

Prayer for Illumination

Priscilla Northenscold

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

Readings from Holy Scripture

Psalm 65 (OT, p. 490)

Romans 12:9-18 (NT, p. 142)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Yonder Come Day*

Georgia Sea Island Spiritual, arr. Paul Rudoï

Sermon *Conversation on Hope*

Alika Galloway, Timothy Hart-Andersen

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** No. 317 *In Christ There Is No East or West* (vss. 1, 2)

The Reception of New Members

Covenant of Membership Questions

Vincent Thomas, Clerk of Session

Introduction of New Members

***Congregational Response**

In the name of Christ, we welcome you to Westminster. We will celebrate the good news of Jesus with you and nourish our faith together. As followers of Jesus, we promise to work with you for love, peace, and justice, to be a telling presence in the city and beyond. Thanks be to God!

***Hymn** No. 17 *In Christ There Is No East or West* (vss. 3, 4)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Sarah Brouwer

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 Hunger Offering Received

Offertory *In That Great Gettin Up Mornin*

Trad. Spiritual, arr. Jester Hairston

Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received

***Hymn** No. 353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

***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 *O Love, How Deep*

Kristina Langlois

Congregational Meeting

Parents, please pick up your children from the nursery and Children's Church before attending the congregational meeting.

Westminster Welcomes...

Rev. Dr. Alika Galloway is Co-Pastor of Liberty Community Church. She holds a Master of Divinity degree in womanist theology and world religions, and works in post traumatic stress disorder and trauma healing. She also serves as Executive Director of the Northside Women's Space and is nationally known as a womanist scholar and expert in health disparities impacting African American females. She holds certificates in Psychological First Aid and Cultural Somatics.

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

Call to Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Westminster Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, February 25, 2018, at 11:30 am in the church's sanctuary, 1200 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, to receive the 2017 financial reports, to review the 2018 church budgets, and to receive a report from the Ministerial Relations and Personnel Committee of Session.

By Order of the Session, Vincent Thomas, Clerk of Session.

Welcome New Members!

Rita Anang
Brenda Arthur
Taylor Bothum
Jim Cochrane
Becca Dugdale
Sima Griffith
Justin Hansmeyer
Oyin Hansmeyer

Carmen Haugen
Ruth Hograbe
Kayla Hughes
Lincoln Hughes
Alan Hupp
Karen Hupp
Zachariah Johnson
Duane Lookingbill

Vonnie Salzsiedler
Hudson Smith
Eric Tah
Terry Wheeler
Tracy Wheeler
Amy Dinger Youel
Ted Youel

This Sunday

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

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

9:15 am Ed Hour: Church school (ages 3—high school); Family Matters; Covenant Groups, Adult Choir; Virtues & Values

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

11:30 am **Annual Meeting**; Coffee & Fellowship time, Westminster Commons, Gallery; Prayer Companions, Chapel

11:45 am Traveling Seminar, Thompson

4:00 pm Cabaret, Westminster Hall
Westminster Gallery *For God So Loved the World*. Contact Dr. Rodney Allen Schwartz, rschwartz@wpc-mpls.org.

TODAY'S FLOWERS

In loving memory of
Dr. Alan Rusterholz

by
Jill Rusterholz and Tom Hastings

Coming Up

Congregational Care

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

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

The Meal Ministry offers meals to members in need of care. If you or someone you know is in need, or if you would like to help, contact Beth Goers, Gene Davis, westminstermealministry@gmail.com.

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

Prayer Ministry Requests, Fill out a Prayer Request Card and put in offering

plate or in box at the reception desk.
Caregiver Support Group gathers the **second 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.

Grief Support Group, Saturdays, 9:30 am, Plymouth Congregational Church, **Sat, March 3**, Ted Bowman, *Ambiguity & Losses*. More info, 612.317.3454, mplsgriefsupport.org.

Educational Ministries

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

Lenten Covenant Groups run through the week of **March 18**. There are groups meeting on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Faith in Action

Contact Matthew Johnson, mjohnson@wpc-mpls.org unless noted otherwise.

FEAST returns to WPC today, **4-7 pm!**

We're excited to welcome our guests back to Westminster and will need a few more volunteers than usual to help guide guests in the building. Come join us in serving our neighbors as we continue to open our doors. Sign up at the reception desk or contact Vanessa Uzong, vuzong@wpc-mpls.org.

Social Justice Forum is on break during Lent.

Families, Youth & Children

Contact Drew Smith, dsmith@wpc-mpls.org unless noted otherwise.

Children's Lenten Service, Wednesdays, 6:00-6:10 pm, Chapel

High School Spring Retreat, March 9-11. Forms and RSVPs due to Jim by Feb 28. Contact Jim for details, jcochrane@wpc-mpls.org.

2nd & 3rd Grade Families Human Growth & Sexuality Workshop, March 11, 11:45 am-1:30 pm, RSVP to Drew Smith/sibling child care by 3/1; workshop by 3/9.)

3rd Grade Heifer Project, March 11 & 18, 11:30 am, Westminster Commons.
Middle School Lock-in, March 23-24, at Westminster.

Wednesdays, Moms Group meets 10:30-noon in the WPC Nursery. To RSVP for childcare, contact Marie Kruskop.

Fellowship

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

Wed WOW Bible studies for men and women, Fellowship at 10 am, Meisel Rm; Bible study 10:30-11:30 am.

WestConnect Bible Study, Wed, 7 pm, for those in their 20s & 30s, Bates Rm.

Worship

Holy Saturday Quiet Worship, The Service of Light, March 31, 9 am, Chapel, Holy Saturday is a quiet day, but for us it is not a dark day for we know that Easter morning will dawn. Tim & Beth Hart-Andersen lead worship

LENT & EASTER 2018

SUNDAYS

Feb 25, March 4, 11, 18

Interfaith dialogue sermon series on Hope

8:30 am Worship, Chapel

10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary

WEDNESDAYS

Feb 28, March 7, 14, 21

11 am Centering Prayer, Bates

Noon Worship, Westminster Hall

12:30 pm Simple lunch, Meisel Rm.

6-6:10 pm Children's Lenten service, Chapel

6:30 pm *The Clearing*, Contemplative Worship, Westminster Hall

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 25

8:30 & 10:30 am, Communion served

Maundy Thursday, March 29

Noon & 7 pm

Good Friday, March 30

Noon

Holy Saturday, March 31

9 am Quiet Worship

8-10 pm Easter Vigil

Easter, Sunday, April 1

7, 9 & 11 am

Inaugural Events

Community Open House, March 2-3

March 2, 7:30 pm: Inaugural concert in Westminster Hall featuring Cantus.

Tickets online, cantussings.org.

March 3, 10:30 am-12:30 pm: Community Open House and Justice Choir sing-along will be held at Westminster.

Westminster Festival, Saturday, May 5, 5 pm

A family-friendly festival for the WPC community to celebrate *Open Doors Open Futures*. Featuring family-friendly activities; music by Charanga Tropical and harpist Andrea Stern; dinner catered by D'Amico; cash bar.

Watch for your invitation in the mail!

This is a ticketed event. Free to those who need it. All in our church are invited.

Today's Worship Leadership

Rev. Dr. Timothy Hart-Andersen, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Alika Galloway, *Co-Pastor, Liberty Community Church*

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

Rev. Sarah Brouwer, *Associate Pastor, Congregational Life*

Rev. Matthew Johnson, *Interim Associate Pastor, Faith in Action*

Rev. David Shinn, *Associate Pastor, Congregational Care*

Dr. Melanie Ohnstad, *Minister Music/Arts, Organist*

Cantus, Jake Christopher, Zachary Colby, Adam Fieldson, Paul Scholtz,

David Geist, Matthew Goinz, Christopher Foss, Samuel Green

Priscilla Northenscold, *Lay reader*

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**

- February 25 Mark 8:31-38
26..... Hebrews 1:8-12
27..... Genesis 22:1-19
28..... John 12:36-43
March 1 Exodus 20:1-17
2..... Psalm 19
3..... 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
4..... John 2:13-22