

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, July 23, 2017



The Good Samaritan, by Mary Ann Osborne, hand-carved linden, 2015
The Westminster Collection, on view on the second 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 23, 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 *Praeludium in g minor*

Dietrich Buxtehude

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 (adapted from Psalm 89)

One: Come, let us sing a new song!

All: Let us sing a song of thanks and praise.

One: Come, let us sing, for God has done wondrous things.

All: God's works are beyond compare.

One: Come, let us sing and worship our God.

*Proclamation Hymn No. 664 *Morning Has Broken*

Call to Confession

Sarah Brouwer

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

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins and sorrows are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change and open to us a future in which we can be changed. May the light of your love open our eyes to the grace that is already calling us home. By your grace, may we grow ever more in your way of justice, mercy, and peace.

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.

* Please stand as you are able.

Anthem *We Will Walk in Love*

Deanna Witkowski

Text: Deanna Witkowski, Lemuel Colon from the *Justice Choir Songbook*, Vol. 1

We walk in love united in purpose. We join our hands and lift up one voice.

We speak the truth with strength and compassion resounding with hope, with courage and joy.

We cry for peace and rights for all people. We welcome friends from far and near.

We fight for those whose voices are silenced, resisting in faith until all are free.

We dream a world of justice and kindness. We build a bridge creating new paths.

We march with joy as all walk together. Embracing each one, we boldly stand.

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

Listening for the Word

A Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Patricia Stankovitch

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

Readings from Holy Scripture

Psalm 8 (OT, p. 455)

Luke 10:25-37 (NT, p. 62)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Gaining (Dis)traction*

Brennan Blue

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** No. 372 *O for a World*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Kelley Jepsen

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 *Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace*

John Rutter

Text: St. Francis of Assisi

Lord make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
And where there is sadness, joy
O divine master grant that I may
not so much seek to be consoled as to console
to be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love
For it is in giving that we receive
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it's in dying that we are born to eternal life
Amen

Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received

***Hymn** No. 80 *You Shall Go Out with Joy*

***Charge and Benediction**

The people respond with "Amen."

***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 *Sinfonia from Solomon*

G. F. Handel

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.

BIRTH

Ellie Jo Berryhill
May 3, 2017

DEATH

Muriel Huey
July 10, 2017

TODAY'S FLOWERS

In loving memory of
Dr. Frank D. Jensen
Vivian Halsted Jensen
Michelle Alina Jensen
by Tom & Priscilla Northenscold

Coming Up

College-Age

Contact Meghan Gage-Finn mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org.

College-Age Brunch, Today, 11 am,

We will meet at the reception desk after worship and walk over to Hell's Kitchen for food and fellowship.

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College-Age BBQ, August 11, 6:30 pm, all current or incoming college students are invited to gather for a BBQ and fellowship, to share stories of the summer, and to prepare for the coming school year. This will be a great time to check in with one another and leaders before heading off for the fall. It is also the perfect opportunity to welcome the rising first-year students into our College-Age Ministries. We will be hosted by the Cochranes in downtown Minneapolis, near Gold Medal Park! Contact Meghan or check out the Facebook event for info.
Call for College Student Contact Info!

We are updating our records for students for the 2017-2018 academic year. If you are entering college, please share your address and email. For returning students, please let us know if your information has changed from last year. We want to make sure we can keep in touch with you throughout the year! Send information/changes to Meghan.

Congregational Care

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

The Meal Ministry is a new ministry team offering meals to members in need of care. If you or someone you know is in need of this ministry, or if you would like to prepare a meal for someone in need, contact Beth Goers, 612.875.1138 or goers.elizabeth@gmail.com.

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 29**, Ted Bowman, *What Do We Know About Grief?* 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.

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

Paint-A-Thon, Saturday, August 5, 8 am-5 pm, Help someone stay in their home by doing the needed exterior painting. The home has already been scraped and primed and it's only one story, so it should be easy for a team of 15 to 20. There's also a need for a couple of people to fetch food and drink or other supplies on that day. Sign up in Heller Commons or contact Judy Kim if you want to help, jkim@wpc-mpls.org.

School Supplies Collection, through July 30, 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.

Families, Youth & Children

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

Summertime Daytime Playtime, Wed, July 26, 10 am, Wabun Play Area, 4655 46th Ave. S., Mpls, 55406. Questions? Contact Greta Wicker, 612.360.1520.

Final Summertime Family Event, Sun, Aug 13, 4 pm, Izzy's Ice Cream near Gold Medal Park, RSVP to Marie by August 10, mkruskop@wpc-mpls.org.

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 Summer Brunch on the Courtyard, August 13, after 10 am worship, Let's take advantage of our tent and nice weather by dining on the courtyard! We will have a casual All-Church Brunch by Laura Lee Moffett on. No need to RSVP, just stay for the food and fellowship. Cost is \$10 for adults 12 and older, \$5 for kids, and free for 3 and under- \$30 immediate family maximum. Hope to see you there!

WOW Lunch at Jax!, Wed., August 16, 11 am, All women of Westminster, are invited for a special lunch at Jax Café, 1928 University Ave NE, Mpls. RSVP to Deb Wagner at dwagner@wpc-mpls.org. There is parking available. If you have questions about this contact Sarah Brouwer, 612.332.3421 or sbrouwer@wpc-mpls.org.

Today's Worship Leadership

Rev. Brennan Blue, *Families, Youth, and Children*

Rev. Sarah Brouwer, *Congregational Life*

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

Patricia Stankovitch, *Lay reader*

Kelley Jepsen, *Luther Seminary student*

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

Tesfa Wondemagegnehu, *Director of 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

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Westminster Town Hall Forum, westminsterforum.org



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Daily Phone Devotions

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July 23Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
24.....Psalm 139:13-18
25.....Galatians 4:21-5:1
26.....Matthew 12:15-21
27.....1 Kings 3:5-12
28.....Psalm 119:129-136
29.....Romans 8:26-39
30.....Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52