

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

*A Telling Presence in the City*

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Sunday, September 17, 2017



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*The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. —2 Corinthians 9:6-8*

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*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 for all Ages, 9:15 am:** Church School (ages 3—high school), Children's Church, Adult Education, Social Justice Forum, Virtues & Values.

**Membership: Are you interested in joining Westminster? The next new member class is Nov 12.** Visit [westminstermpls.org/membership](http://westminstermpls.org/membership) or contact Rev. Meghan Gage-Finn, [mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org), or Janice Teliczan, [jteliczan@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:jteliczan@wpc-mpls.org).

## If you seek to deepen your involvement

**Faith in Action** Get involved in serving and seeking justice.

Contact Matthew Johnson, [mjohnson@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:mjohnson@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](mailto:bblue@wpc-mpls.org).

**Fellowship** Enjoy fellowship with other members of the church. Contact Rev. Sarah Brouwer, [sbrouwer@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:sbrouwer@wpc-mpls.org).

## Other worship and prayer opportunities

**Centering Prayer**, Wednesdays at noon.

**Quiet Worship**, Third Saturday of the month, 9 am (Oct 15).

**Prayer Companions**, Every Sunday after 10:30 worship.

## Westminster Cares

**Births, Adoptions, and Baptisms** Contact Janice Teliczan, [jteliczan@wpc-mpls.org](mailto: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](mailto:dwagner@wpc-mpls.org).

**Blood Pressure Screenings** are offered the third Sunday of the month.

**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](http://westminstercounseling.org) or call 612.332.7743

# September 17, 2017

10:30 am

## Preparing for the Word

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

### Welcome

Meghan K. Gage-Finn

### Prelude

*Song of Peace*

Jean Langlais

*Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 533*

J. S. Bach

Gregory Peterson, guest 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, please fill out nametags for them from the friendship folder.*

### \*Call to Worship (from Psalms 118 & 95)

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,

**All: singing joyful songs of praise.**

One: Let us worship God!

### \*Processional Hymn No. 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

### Call to Confession

Brennan Blue

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

### Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### 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.**

*Following the Assurance, children ages 4–1st grade are invited to Children's Church.*

## **Listening for the Word**

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### **Prayer for Illumination**

John Beal

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

### **Readings from Holy Scripture**

Jeremiah 31:31-35 (OT, p. 694)

Luke 18:35-43 (NT, p. 71)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** The Reformation Today: *Whatever Became of "Faith Alone?"*

Timothy Hart-Andersen

## **Responding to the Word**

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**\*Hymn** No. 53 *O God Who Gives Us Life* (vss. 1-2)

### **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

**Presentation of the Baptisands**

Elder Ruth Parten

**Questions to the Parents and Congregation**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (United Church of Canada)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

**Prayer over the Water**

**Baptism**

**\*Congregational Response**

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to Westminster and to the fellowship of Christ's Church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, to serve that gospel alongside you, and to help you know and follow Christ.

**\*Hymn** No. 53 *O God Who Gives Us Life* (vs. 3)

## **Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

Matthew Johnson

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** *The Word Was God*

Rosephanye Powell

Westminster Choir; Tesfa Wondemagegnehu, conductor

## **\*Congregational Response** *O God Beyond All Praising*

Gustav Holst

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

## **\*Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received**

### **\*Hymn** No. 656 *We've Come this Far by Faith*

*Congregation sings refrain only.*

### **\*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** *March from Sonata Brève*

Gerald Near

## **Today: Hard Hat Tours of the New Wing — Peek at the Transformation!**

Join a 20-minute, behind-the-scenes tour of the transformation with *Open Doors Open Futures*. You may join a tour even if you didn't RSVP. Tours leave every five minutes from the Heller Commons after both services today and next Sunday. For next week's tour, please sign up in the Heller Commons or RSVP to Mary Dolan, [mdolan@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:mdolan@wpc-mpls.org) or 612.332.3421 x259. Other questions? Contact Mary Hess, [mhess@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:mhess@wpc-mpls.org).

*Note: Long pants and sleeves (no dresses) and closed-toe shoes with hard rubber bottoms (no athletic shoes) are required per OSHA regulations; the tour is for those 18 and older and is not handicap accessible—but the new wing will be!*

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Baptism of Children implies a partnership between parents and the congregation in nurturing the faith of a child.

**Claire Mariann DaCosta**

*Daughter of Courtney & Jason DaCosta*

**Ellie Jo Berryhill**

*Daughter of Jeff & Samantha Berryhill*

## This Sunday

**8:00 am** Memorial Garden open

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

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

**9:15 am** Hard-hat tours, Heller Commons

**9:15 am** Blood pressure screening, Bushnell

**9:15 am** Education Hour: Church School (ages 3—high school); Family Matters; Adult Ed; Social Justice Forum; Adult Choir; Virtues & Values

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

**11:30 am** Hard-hat tours, Heller Commons

**11:30 am** **Coffee Time**, Heller Commons

**11:30 am** Prayer Companions, Chapel

**11:45 am** Great Gatherings, Meisel

**Westminster Gallery** *The Beloved Community* opens today.

## DEATHS

*Eda Thoreson Kelley*  
August 29, 2017

## Coming Up

### Congregational Care

Contact Deb Wagner, 612.332.3421 or [dwagner@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:dwagner@wpc-mpls.org) unless noted otherwise.

**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](mailto:efpeet@comcast.net) or 763.588.8361.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**, Second Sunday of the month, beginning October 8.

**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**, St Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, **Sat, Sept 23**, Eva Rogness, *Relationships & Grief*. For more info, 612.317.3454 or [mplsgriefsupport.org](http://mplsgriefsupport.org).

### Educational Ministries

Contact Carmel Tinnes, [ctinnes@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:ctinnes@wpc-mpls.org) unless noted otherwise.

**Adult Education, today, 9:15 am, Meisel Rm.** *Unified, Yet Diverse?* with Michael O'Connell, What does a Christian church mean by calling itself "a telling presence" in the city? Who does scripture call us to be as individuals and as members of a spiritual family?

**Adult Education, Sept 24, 9:15 am, Meisel Rm.**, Matthew Johnson, WPC Interim for Faith in Action, will explore the either/ors and both/ands in Protestantism today.

### Faith in Action

Contact Matthew Johnson, [mjohnson@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:mjohnson@wpc-mpls.org) unless noted otherwise.

**Social Justice Forum, Sept 24, 9:15 am, Refectory**, Cheri Register, WPC member & author, *Where Did All the Wetlands Go?*

**Habit for Humanity Week, Oct 9-13**, Charlie Owens will be our skilled leader as we help build a home in S. Mpls. Sign-up in the Heller Commons.

## Families, Youth & Children

Contact Brennan Blue, [bblue@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:bblue@wpc-mpls.org) unless noted otherwise.

**Family Matters—A Parent Fellowship Group**—meets Sundays, 9:15 am, Bates

**Welcome Back Parents Gathering**

October 1, 9:15 am, Bushnell

**Moms Group, Wednesdays, 10:30**

**am, KPC**, Moms with children of any age are invited to come. Childcare is provided. Questions? Contact Marie Kruskop, [mkruskop@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:mkruskop@wpc-mpls.org).

## Fellowship

Contact Sarah Brouwer, [sbrouwer@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:sbrouwer@wpc-mpls.org) unless noted otherwise.

**WestConnect** Want to know what's happening with young adults in their 20s & 30s? Contact Sarah or visit our Facebook page, "Westminster WestConnect."

**Westminster on Wednesdays** Join our WOW men's & women's Bible studies, 9:30 am, Knox Presbyterian.

**Beyond Sunday Connections, Tues, Oct 10, 6 pm, Mpls Woman's Club**

Join other women to hear WPC member Karen Gasche talk about growing her faith through service. Tickets (\$28) available in the Heller Commons Sept 24 and Oct 1, or contact Deb Wagner, [dwagner@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:dwagner@wpc-mpls.org) by Oct 3. Questions? Contact Lynne Thompson, 612.339.3971.

## Music

Contact Barbara Prince, [bprince@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:bprince@wpc-mpls.org) unless noted otherwise.

Do you like to sing? Is singing your thing? Come join the Adult Choir on Wed nights at Westminster from 6:30-8:30 pm, and Sunday mornings at 9:15 am. See y'all there! Questions? Contact Tesfa, [tesfa@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:tesfa@wpc-mpls.org).

## Town Hall Forum

Contact Susan McKenna, [smckenna@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:smckenna@wpc-mpls.org) unless noted otherwise.

**Tuesday, Sept 19, Noon**, Join Carl Pope, former director of the Sierra Club, for his presentation *Can We Save the Planet?* Music precedes the forum at 11:30 am;

public reception and book-signing follow. Free and open to all.

## Worship and Prayer

**Centering Prayer, Wednesdays, noon**, Bates Rm. As we practice Centering Prayer we learn to consent to God's presence in our lives.



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**Now is the time!** Please join the transformation and make your best gift possible to *Open Doors Open Futures* by Sept 29. You may pledge or give online, or with the pledge form recently mailed to your home. Commitments will be dedicated in worship on Sunday, Oct 1. Thank you!

## Wednesday Activities at Westminster and Knox.

- **Knox Presbyterian Church (KPC)**  
4747 Lyndale Ave S., Mpls.  
9:30 am WOW and Bible studies  
10:30 am Moms Group  
5:15 pm: Dinner  
5:45 pm Childcare  
6 pm Children's choirs & activities  
6:30 pm Adult Ed  
*At Knox, there is a parking lot on Lyndale, and street parking.*
- **Westminster (WPC)**  
5:30 pm Adult Ed: *Living the Faith in the 21st Century*  
6:30 pm Adult Choir, WestConnect  
*For activities at WPC, park at Central Lutheran Church or on the streets near the church.*

# Today's Worship Leadership

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

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

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

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

John Beal, *Lay reader*

Dr. Gregory Peterson, *Guest organist*

Tesfa Wondemagegnehu, *Director of Choral Ministries*

The Westminister Choir

*For full Westminister staff listing and contact information, please visit [westminstermpls.org](http://westminstermpls.org) or see the Westminister News.*

## Westminister Affiliated Ministries

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Westminister Camp Ajawah, [ajawah.org](http://ajawah.org)

Westminister Counseling Center, [westministercounseling.org](http://westministercounseling.org)

Westminister Town Hall Forum, [westministerforum.org](http://westministerforum.org)



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## Daily Phone Devotions

**612.332.7087**

Sept 17.....Matthew 18:21-35  
18.....Hebrews 11:23-29  
19.....Nehemiah 9:9-15  
20.....Mark 11:20-25  
21.....Exodus 16:2-15  
22.....Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45  
23.....Philippians 1:21-30  
24.....Matthew 20:1-16