

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, May 27, 2018



In the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Calligraphy by Adel Nasser, 2018

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 For those without walking difficulties, please plan to park at Orchestra Hall, 11th St. & Marquette on Sundays. At Orchestra Hall, take a ticket when you enter the ramp; pick up a parking voucher at Westminster; use both your ticket and voucher to exit the ramp. There is also free street parking around the area. Westminster Ramp may be accessed from Alice Rainville Place between Marquette and Nicollet Mall. There is also a drop-off area available at the church on Marquette Avenue.

Coffee Hour Join us for fair trade coffee and refreshments after worship outside under the tent.

Children's Church resumes next Sunday and runs through June.

Membership To learn more, 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, noon, Bates Rm.

The Clearing, June Wednesdays, 6 pm dinner & worship, Westminster Plaza/tent

Quiet Worship, 3rd Saturday of the month, *during the program year*

Prayer Companions, Sundays, after 10 am worship, Chapel

Westminster Cares

Births, Adoptions, 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, 3rd Sun., 9:30-10 and 11-11:30 am, Bates Rm.

The Westminster Counseling Center offers pastoral counseling for individuals, couples, families, and children. Visit westminstercounseling.org or call 612.332.7743.

May 27, 2018

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

Marchinha de Carnavale

Celso Machado

Agua y Vinho

Egberto Gismonti

Lesson for Two Lutes

Anonymous

Cancion de Cuna

Celso Machado

Ann Arbor Suzuki Institute Guitar Ensemble, MaryLou Roberts, director

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 Matthew 11)

One: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,

All: and I will give you rest.

One: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;

All: for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

One: Let us worship God!

*Processional Hymn No. 409 *God Is Here!*

Melanie Ohnstad, organ

Call to Confession

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

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming cycle of self-judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

* Please stand as you are able.

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.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

David Shinn

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

Readings from Holy Scripture

Gen. 2:2-3 (OT, p. 2)

Mark 1:9-13 (NT, p. 30)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Sabbath? Who Needs Sabbath?*

Matthew Johnson

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** No. 183 *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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 contributions made online or in another way.

Offertory *Hymn Tune from Jupiter: the Bringer of Jollity*

Gustav Holst, arr. Elizabeth Stuen-Walker
Ann Arbor Suzuki Institute Viola Choir
Julia Hardie and Elizabeth Stuen-Walker, directors

Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received

***Hymn** No. 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

***Charge and Benediction**

The people respond with "Amen."

Postlude

Presto from Concerto in G Major for Two Violas

George Frederic Telemann

Allegro Agitato

Antonio Vivaldi, arr. Gary Hardie

Allegro from Sonata Op 5, No 1

Arcangelo Corelli, arr. Elizabeth Stuen-Walker

***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.

Westminster Welcomes

We welcome the teachers and students of the Suzuki Association of America's annual convention.

This Sunday

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 Prayer Companions, Chapel

5:00 pm FEAST, Fellowship Hall

*Please note: the church and offices
will be closed on Monday, May 28 for
Memorial Day.*

Westminster Gallery, *Windows of Hope.*

Contact Dr. Rodney Allen Schwartz,
rschwartz@wpc-mpls.org.

TODAY'S FLOWERS

In loving memory of

Mr. Namata Ewanga

by his daughter, Susan Ewanga Nkembe
and son-in-law, Langke Nkembe

and

Mrs. Rosalie Nkembe

by her son, Langke Nkembe
and daughter-in-law,
Susan Ewanga Nkembe

Coming Up

Baccalaureate Sunday

Sunday, June 3, 10 am worship, **Tim Hart-Andersen** preaching Celebrate graduates! Letters were sent to high school & college students. We also want to note those completing graduate school or professional programs. To be included, please send info to Janice Teliczan, jteliczan@wpc-mpls.org, including a recent photo ASAP.

Congregational Care

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

The New Old Adventure: June Book Read, Wednesdays, June 13, 20, 27, 10:30 am, Meisel Rm. Join author, writer, poet Anne Simpson to talk about her book, *Do You Feel as Old as You Are?*, a series of personal reflections and essays on aging. Books (\$15) available Sundays in Westminster Commons. Questions? Contact Nancy Slaughter 612.338.0733 or nan1200@visi.com. *People who participate in WOW are especially invited to attend.*

Magnet Senior Center, Mondays & Wednesdays, 9 am-noon, Stop by for conversation and camaraderie, Heller Commons. Questions? Contact Angelique Kingsbury, akingsbury@wpc-mpls.org.

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

Grief Support Group, Saturdays, 9:30 am, Westminster, Rm. 207-210

June 2: Jenny Simmonds, *How Children Grieve*. More info, mplsgriefsupport.org or 612.317.3454.

Educational Ministries

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

Sunday, June 3 at 11:15 am, Lowe Library, Anne Marie Ruff will introduce her novel, *Beneath the Same Heaven*, which reveals insights drawn from her own experiences of cross-cultural marriage and living in an Islamic culture. Books available for purchase in the library on Sundays.

Faith in Action

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

FEAST, Today, 4 pm, Fellowship Hall, Help serve a meal to the hungry in the church neighborhood. Sign up at the reception desk.

Community Supported Agriculture

WPC members can help provide fresh fruits and vegetables for clients of Groveland Food Shelf through a local farmer cooperative. Stop by the table in the Westminster Commons after worship, send a donation to Westminster with a note 'Groveland CSA,' or contact Matt Johnson by June 4.

Families, Youth & Children

Contact Drew Smith, dsmith@wpc-mpls.org unless noted. For the most up-to-date info, contact Drew to sign up for the FYC email.

BYOP Bring Your Own Picnic, June 2, 4 pm, Triangle Park near Lake Nokomis. RSVP to Marie by May 31, mkruskop@wpc-mpls.org.

Earth Day Every Day Family Service

Event, June 3, 11:30 am, Nicollet Square. Help clean up the gardens and prepare them for planting. Contact Marie with questions and to RSVP.

Day Camp Volunteer Drivers Needed, June 18-21, 1-4pm, for afternoon beach trips. Background check and valid auto insurance required. Contact Carmel, ctinnes@wpc-mpls.org.

Camp Ajawah Summer dates and info online, ajawah.org. Ajawah offers sessions for boys and girls, grades 1-9.

Global Partners

Sunday, June 17, Westminster's Cuba Team invites the congregation to a light lunch (provided at a minimal cost) and lively Cuban music on Westminster Plaza, following worship. Food and fun begin at noon.

Worship

Wed, May 30, 6:30 pm, Westminster Hall, **The Clearing, Sounds of Creation**. We will worship with sounds of rain and renewal.

Wed, May 30, 7:30 pm, Westminster Hall, **The Spiritual Life according to Henri Nouwen**, A special topic and a special event following The Clearing worship at 6:30 pm. Questions? Contact Marilyn and Alan Youel, thinplaces_us@msn.com.

A Huge Thank You!

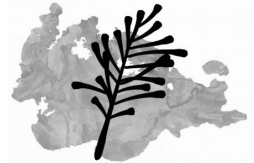
To all the lay leaders who helped with our global partner visits and with Windows Into Palestine. Your help was greatly appreciated!

The Clearing: In the Heart of the City Wednesdays in June | 6 pm

Come for dinner and worship under the tent! This will be a casual hour of fellowship and fun as we eat and enjoy time outside in the presence of God and one another.

The Clearing in June is intergenerational and family-friendly, so feel free to bring friends and neighbors. The cost for dinner is \$7 per person, free for three and under, with a \$20 family maximum.

Questions? Contact Sarah Brouwer at sbrouwer@wpc-mpls.org.



Today's Worship Leadership

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

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

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

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

Ann Arbor Suzuki Institute Guitar Ensemble, MaryLou Roberts, *Director*

Daniel Khain, Max Steiger, Advaidh Venkat, James Ludlow, Robby Riles,
Felix Benki, Anirudh Venkat, Elizabeth Ludlow, Angel Benki, Thomas Ewy,
Harrison Ewy

Ann Arbor Suzuki Institute Viola Choir

Julia Hardie and Elizabeth Stuen-Walker, *Directors*

Zoe Campbell, Noemi Csutak, Gina Gravagne, Christopher Karg, Leeza Kocher-
gin, Emily Moloney, Elianna Nielsen, Maddalena Palkoner, Dylan Sanchez,
Sarah Shultz, Audrey Swank, Alice Wei, Kent Zdan

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or see the Westminster News.

Westminster Affiliated Boards

Westminster Camp Ajawah, ajawah.org

Westminster Counseling Center, westminstercounseling.org

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Daily Phone Devotions

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May 27.....John 3:1-17
28..... Psalm 20
29..... 1 Corinthians 2:1-10
30..... Mark 4:21-25
31..... Psalm 81:1-10
June 1..... Deuteronomy 5:12-15
2..... 2 Corinthians 4:5-12
3..... Mark 2:23-3:6