

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, February 24, 2019



Jesus With the Children, by Sadao Watanabe,
hand-tinted woodblock print
The Westminster Collection,
on view near the Chapel

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 hymnals, hearing assistance devices, and Hearing Loop information available from ushers.

If you are new to Westminster

Parking On Sundays, if you are able to walk, please park at Orchestra Hall to leave space in the underground parking for visitors, families with young children, and those who have walking difficulties. At Orchestra Hall, take a ticket as you enter; get a parking voucher at Westminster; use the ticket and voucher to exit. Westminster underground parking is accessed from Alice Rainville Place between Marquette and Nicollet, and there is a drop off area on Marquette Ave.

Nursery Care is available for infants through age 3 during worship and Education Hour.

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

Education for all ages, Sundays at 9:15 am Church School (ages 3–high school), Family Matters, Adult Education, Social Justice Forum, Virtues & Values. Children’s Church for ages 4-1st grade during 10:30 worship.

Interested in 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. Alanna Simone Tyler, at Tyler@wpc-mpls.org.

Families, Youth, and Children Connect with children’s choirs, parent offerings, and special events. Contact Rev. Matthew Johnson, mjohnson@wpc-mpls.org. For youth activities, contact Jim Cochrane, jcochrane@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

Prayer Companions Sundays, 11:30 am, Prayer Rm, share your concerns and joys with a prayer companion.

Gathered at Five, casual worship, Sundays, 5 pm, Westminster Hall

Centering Prayer Wednesdays, noon, Bates Rm

The Clearing contemplative worship, Wednesdays, 6 pm, Westminster Hall

Quiet Worship 3rd Saturday of the month, 9 am, Bushnell Rm

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, dwagner@wpc-mpls.org.

Blood Pressure Screenings 3rd Sunday, 9-10:30 am, Bushnell Rm; 10:30-noon, Bates Rm

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

February 24, 2019

10:30 am

Preparing for the Word

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

Prelude

Chorale

J.S. Bach

Simple Gifts

arr. R. Beiber, C. McMichael

Songs My Mother Taught Me

A. Dvorak; arr. D. Preucil

Be Thou My Vision

Trad. Irish Melody; arr. J. Pinner

Augsburg Suzuki Ensemble, Nancy Lokken, director; Lou Ann Reese, accompanist

Our Life in Christ

Meghan K. Gage-Finn

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.

Cuba Trip Commissioning

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 95)

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord

All: and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

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

All: singing joyful songs of praise.

One: Let us worship God.

***Processional Hymn No. 630** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Call to Confession

Matthew Johnson

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

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

* 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.

Anthem *God Is So Good*

Edward Hopkins

Cherub Choir, Brad Ollmann, director; Karen Wasiluk, flute; Will Stensrud, guitar

Listening for the Word

A Time with Children

David Shinn

Anthem *Jesus Loves Me*

arr. Amanda Weber

Westminster Choir, Amanda Weber, conductor

At this time, children ages 4-1st grade are invited to Children's Church.

Prayer for Illumination

Sam Folin

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

Readings from Holy Scripture

Matthew 18:1-6 (NT, p. 17)

Mark 10:13-16 (NT, p. 40)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *What Is It about Children and the Gospel?*

Timothy Hart-Andersen

Responding to the Word

***Hymn No. 691** *Lord, When I Came into This Life*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Alanna Simone Tyler

Offertory Sentences

 Hunger Offering received

Having heard the Word, we now respond in gratitude by giving. Please place your offering in the plate, or give via the [tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) app.

Offertory Anthem *This Little Light of Mine*

arr. Ken Berg
Choristers; Sarah Young, cello

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering Received

***Hymn No. 700** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

***Charge and Benediction**

The people respond with "Amen."

Postlude *Concerto Grosso in G Minor, Op.6, No.8: Vivace, Allegro*

A. Corelli

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

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

***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

Augsburg University Suzuki Talent Education (AUSTE) has been recognized internationally for its quality of teaching, development of musicianship, and the community established among the families. Teaching is centered on Shinichi Suzuki's philosophy that "every child can be educated." Approximately 60 students rehearse at WPC each week, and range from 3-9 years of age.

AUSTE students have shared their music in Salzburg, Vienna, Prague, England, Mexico, and Spain. They have partnered with area hospitals, nursing homes, and patient-support facilities to provide students with a means of sharing their gift of music with others. The goal through all their hard work is to develop a life-long joy of making music.

Call to Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Westminster Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, February 24, 2019, at 11:30 am in the church's sanctuary, 1200 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, to receive the 2018 financial reports, to review the 2019 church budgets, to receive a report from the Ministerial Relations and Personnel Committee of Session, and to elect a deacon to serve on the board of deacons.

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

This Sunday

8:15-11:30 am Nursery care, infants to age 3

8:30 am Worship Service, Chapel

9 am Blood pressure screening, Bushnell

9:15 am Education Hour: Church School; Family Matters; Adult Ed; Social Justice Forum; Adult Choir; Virtues & Values

10:30 am Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:30 am Prayer Companions, Prayer Rm

5 pm Gathered at Five, Westminster Hall

Westminster Gallery *The Etchings of Joan Bohlig*. 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

DEATH

James Dayton, February 13, 2019

Coming Up

Congregational Care

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

Magnet Senior Center & New Old Adventure,

Join us Mon, Feb 25, 10 am for PRIME Productions' presentation of *Women of a Certain Age*. Questions? Contact Angelique Kingsbury, akingsbury@wpc-mpls.org.

New Old Adventure financial series re-scheduled to Wed, Feb 27 & March 13,

10:30 am. Come to *Managing Financial Matters* with attorneys Jeffrey Gram and Kris Maser. Contact Nancy Slaughter, nan1200@visi.com with questions.

Grief Support Group, Saturdays, 9:30

am, Basilica of St. Mary, March 2, Ted Bowman, *Loss of the Future Story*. More info, 612.317.3454 or mplsgriefsupport.org.

Educational Ministries

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

Wednesdays: WOW Bible studies (9 am); *Living the Faith in the 21st Century*, (5:30 pm); 9th grade confirmation (6:15 pm); Adult Ed: *Confirmation through an Adult Lens* (6:30 pm).

Living the Faith in the 21st Century,

Wednesdays in Feb, 5:30 pm *Everything*

Happens for a Reason—And Other Lies

I've Loved. Contact Chad Quaintance,

612.374.9410 or chadquaintance@gmail.com.

Sun, March 3, Adult Ed, Westminster Hall

Chad Quaintance, *Jesus and the Law*

Monday, Feb 25, 7 pm, Garden Rm, Carmel

Tinnes, *Exploring Traditional Religious*

Practices: Service.

Lenten Covenant Groups Use the purple card on the info table to sign up by March 3.

Faith in Action

Contact Alanna Simone Tyler, atyler@wpc-mpls.org unless noted.

Social Justice Forum, March 3, 9:15 am,

Meisel Rm, *Racialized Trauma and the Effects on Health*, Rev Dr Alika Galloway and Dr Ilesha Gillian

FEAST, Today, 4 - 7 pm, Serve a meal to those who are hungry in the downtown area. Sign up at the reception desk or contact Vanessa Uzong, vuzong@wpc-mpls.org.

Families, Youth & Children

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

Today: Arts Month Showcase, **11:30 am**, Chapel Gallery and Bushnell Rm; **12 pm**, MS Youth Hangout/Games, Youth Rm; **4 pm**, HS Youth Volunteer with FEAST

Wednesdays: Moms Group (10:30 am); Parent-Child Time Together (6 pm); 9th grade Confirmation (6:15 pm)

March 1-2, MS Spring Lock-In

March 8-10, High School Spring Retreat at Camp St. Croix

Fellowship

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

Faith Nixon Symposium, March 3, 11:30 am, *Coming Home to Yourself*, with the Rev. Meta Carlson, pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She will discuss women's need to recover the spirit in a busy and anxious world. Lunch will be served (\$10); childcare available upon request. Register in Westminster Commons, with Deb Wagner, dwagner@wpc-mpls.org, or on the website.

Music

Global Choir, All are welcome to sing with Global Choir! We rehearse today, after 10:30 worship in the Choir Rm and will sing at *The Clearing* on Wed, Feb 27. Questions? Contact Barbara Prince, bprince@wpc-mpls.org.

Scouts

Girl Scout Cookies, Sundays through March 3, Buy cookies to donate to FEAST guests and Groveland Food Shelf.

Ends today! Troop 100 Fruit Sales, Order oranges, grapefruit, or a variety box. Pick up and pay on March 10. Questions? Contact Dave Moore, 612.747.8364.

Worship

Gathered at Five, Sundays, 5 pm, Casual worship, Westminster Hall

The Clearing, Wednesdays, 6 pm, Contemplative worship, Westminster Hall

Today's Worship Leadership

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

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

Rev. Matthew Johnson, *Interim Associate Pastor, Families, Youth, and Children*

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

Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler, *Associate Pastor, Justice and Mission*

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

Dr. Amanda Weber, *Interim Director of Choral Ministries*

Augsburg Suzuki Ensemble

Cherub and Chorister Choirs, Brad Ollmann, director

Karen Wasiluk, flute; Will Stensrud, guitar; Sarah Young, cello

The Westminster Choir

Sam Folin, Lay Reader

For full Westminster staff listing and contact information, please visit westminstermpls.org.

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 24..... Luke 6:27-38
25..... Psalm 38
26..... 1 Corinthians 11:17-22
27..... Luke 17:1-4
28..... Exodus 34:29-35
March 1..... Psalm 99
2 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
3 Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)