

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, March 3, 2019



The Transfiguration, by Sadao Watanabe,
stencil print, Japan

The Westminster Collection,
on view in the Meisel Room

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, atylor@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, Chapel, share concerns and joys with a prayer companion

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

Centering Prayer Wednesdays, noon, Bates Rm

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

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.

March 3, 2019

10:30 am

Preparing for the Word

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

Prelude *Melody, Opus 35, No. 1*

Reinhold Glière

Carol Gilkey, flute; Melanie Ohnstad, piano

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

Tanzanian melody, arr. Patricia Hurlbutt

Sounds of Joy

Barbara Kinyon

Westminster Handbell Choir; Mark Kieffer, director

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.

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 99)

One: The Lord is great in Zion—exalted over all the peoples.

All: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is the Lord!

One: Lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness.

All: Rejoice in the Lord!

One: Let us worship God.

***Processional Hymn No. 156** *Sing of God Made Manifest*

Call to Confession

Matthew Johnson

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

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we bring ourselves before you. We confess we often fail to see the goodness in our bodies and the hard work they do for us. We stereotype people by body type, and hold bias against whole bodies of people. We fight against our flesh and resist the ways it changes, instead of treating ourselves with care and compassion. We forget we were created in your beautiful image, with all our unique and wonderful features. Forgive us, O God. Help us to practice self-acceptance, and to imagine a world in which all bodies are treated with dignity—used with the purpose of glorifying you and serving others.

* 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.

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

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Cathie Fischer

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

Reading from Holy Scripture

Luke 9:28-36 (NT, p. 60)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Body Language*

Sarah Brouwer

Responding to the Word

***Hymn No. 27** *Sacred the Body*

Offertory Sentences

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

Offertory Anthem *O Nata Lux*

Thomas Tallis

Westminster Choir, Amanda Weber, conductor

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, mercifully deign to accept the praises and prayers of your suppliants. O you who once deigned to be hidden in flesh on behalf of the lost, grant us to be made members of your blessed body.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

David Shinn

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray...

The Lord's Prayer

The Words Over the Table

The Distribution of the Bread and Cup

A gluten-free alternative for bread is offered in the center of trays. Communion is served on trays passed among the congregation by elders.

Music During Distribution *Ave Verum Corpus*

W.A. Mozart

Hail, true body, Born of the virgin Mary; Who has truly suffered, slaughtered. On the Cross for humanity. Whose side was pierced, Pouring out water and blood. Be a foretaste for us. During our ordeal of death.

Aria

Eugène Bozza

Closing Prayer

***Hymn No. 797** *We Cannot Measure How You Heal*

*Charge and Benediction

The people respond with "Amen."

*Passing of the Peace

Postlude *Te Deum*

Jean Langlais

Musical Note

Today's choral anthems feature two Latin texts which have been sung in churches for centuries. "O Nata Lux" is a hymn text written for the Feast of the Transfiguration as early as the 10th century. One of the finest musical arrangements of this text is by Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585). Listen for its defining feature of cross-relations—striking harmonic dissonance—which happens not-so-coincidentally on words such as "redeemer," "the lost," and "Christ's body," depicting the suffering of Christ who has come to save us. "Ave Verum Corpus" is a Eucharistic hymn from the 14th century, whose text also reflects on redemption through Christ's suffering. Mozart's arrangement (1791) of this text is perhaps most well-known, composed less than six months before his death, in a great foreshadowing of his famous Requiem.

This Sunday

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

8:30 am Worship Service, Chapel

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, Chapel

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
Richard and Marjorie Nordbye
by Andrea Bassett

Coming Up

Congregational Care

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

Magnet Senior Center & New Old Adventure,

Women Pirates and Travelers; Wed, Mar 6, 10 am. Join James Ford Bell Library Curator Marguerite Ragnow as she shares some of stories: from pirates and naughty noble women to slaves and Boston matrons.

New Old Adventure financial series Wed, 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 9, David Engelstad, *Grief and Self Awareness*. 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, 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 10-April 7, Lenten Covenant Groups, various locations. Sign up online or fill in a purple card from the info table.

Faith in Action

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

Social Justice Forum is on break for Lent and will resume April 28.

FEAST, March 24, 4-7 pm, Help serve a meal to those that are hungry in the church neighborhood. Sign up at the reception desk or to Vanessa Uzong, vuzong@wpc-mpls.org.

Families, Youth & Children

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

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

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

Fellowship

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

Faith Nixon Symposium, Today, 11:30 am, Coming Home to Yourself, with the Rev. Meta Carlson, from Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She will discuss women's need to recover the spirit in a busy and anxious world. Lunch will be served (\$10).

Men's Retreat, March 9, 8-11 am, WPC, Men and friends of the church are invited to a morning of togetherness and reflection, featuring Dr. Amanda Weber, Interim Director of Choral Ministries. *No musical experience or background is necessary!* Breakfast at 8 am, followed by presentation and small group discussion. Register at the table in Westminster Commons or contact Bill Kruskop, bpkruskop@gmail.com.

Scouts

Girl Scout cookie sales end today, Buy cookies to donate to FEAST guests and Groveland Food Shelf.

Boy Scout fruit orders will be available for pick-up on March 10. Questions? Contact Dave Moore, 612.747.8364.

Town Hall Forum

Contact Susan McKenna, 612.332.3421 or smckenna@wpc-mpls.org.

Tues, March 19, noon, Join David Hogg, a survivor of the school shooting in Parkland, Florida for his presentation *Putting the USA over the NRA*. Music with Southside Aces precedes the forum at 11:30 am; public reception and book-signing follow. Free and open to all.

Worship

Gathered at Five, Sundays, 5 pm

Gathered at Five will recognize the start of Lent on Sunday March 10 with imposition of ashes. For all those who cannot attend mid-week Lenten worship, including Ash Wednesday, consider joining us for weekly communion and deeply meaningful Lenten reflections.

The Clearing, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

Beginning on Ash Wednesday we will gather around the cross in candlelight to hear the scriptures and sing the prayers of Taizé.

Ash Wednesday, March 6, Noon

David Shinn, preacher; Music with guest artist Laura Sewell, cello

LENT & EASTER 2019

SUNDAYS

March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7

Interfaith dialogue sermon series

8:30 & 10:30 am Worship

5 pm *Gathered at Five*

WEDNESDAYS

March 6, Ash Wednesday, 13, 20, 27, April 3

11:30 am, Centering Prayer

Noon, Worship

12:30 pm, Soup Lunch

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

6:30 pm, *The Clearing*

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, April 14, 8:30 & 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday, April 18, noon & 6 pm

Good Friday, April 19, noon

Holy Saturday Quiet Worship, April 20, 9 am

Easter April 11, 7, 9 & 11 am, 5 pm

Today's Worship Leadership

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

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*

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

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

The Westminster Choir

Carol Gilkey, flute

Westminster Handbell Choir; Mark Kieffer, director

Cathie Fischer, Lay Reader

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

Westminster Affiliated Boards

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March 3..... Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)
4 Acts 10:9-23a
5 Ezekiel 1:1; 2:1
6 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
7 Deuteronomy 26:1-11
8 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
9 Romans 10:8b-13
10 Luke 4:1-13