

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, March 10, 2019

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present,
nor things to come, nor powers, nor height,
nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

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, Lenten Covenant Groups, 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, atylers@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, 11:30 am during Lent, Bates Rm

The Clearing Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Westminster Hall, Taizé 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 10, 2019

10:30 am

Preparing for the Word

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

Prelude

Solemn Melody

Walford Davies

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball

How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings (Psalm 84)

S. Liddle

Hana Trump, mezzo soprano; Melanie Ohnstad, organ

Lenten Greeting

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Meghan K. Gage-Finn

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, 100)

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

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Worship the Lord with gladness.

One: Come into God's presence with singing! Let us worship God.

***Processional Hymn No. 825** *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

Call to Confession

David Shinn

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

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

* Please stand as you are able.

Silent Prayer, Hymn No. 579 *Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)*

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. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Listening for the Word

A Time with Children

Sarah Brouwer

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

Prayer for Illumination

Lezlie Nelson

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

Readings from Holy Scripture

Psalm 116:1-9 (OT, p. 527)

Romans 8:18-25, 35, 37-39 (NT, p. 138)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn No. 799** *I Love the Lord*

Sermon *Conversation on the End of Life*

Alika Galloway, Timothy Hart-Andersen

The Practice of Silence

The congregation is invited to be together in quiet reflection.

Responding to the Word

***Hymn No. 792** *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Alanna Simone Tyler

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 give via the tithe.ly app.

Offertory Anthem *Precious Lord*

Thomas A. Dorsey; arr. Arnold Sevier

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand Lord, and lead
me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone, at the
river, Lord, I stand, guide my feet and hold my hand: Take my hand, Lord, and lead me
home.

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering Received

***Hymn No. 852** *When the Lord Redeems the Very Least*

***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 *Credo*

J. S. Bach

LENT & EASTER 2019

SUNDAYS

Today, March 17, 24, 31, April 7

Interfaith dialogue sermon series

8:30 & 10:30 am Worship

5 pm *Gathered at Five*

WEDNESDAYS

March 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*, Taizé worship

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 21, 7, 9 & 11 am, 5 pm

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; Lenten Covenant Groups; 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
Karen Collier
and her parents *Marie & Arden Collier*
by the Collier family

Coming Up

Congregational Care

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

Magnet Senior Center, Monday, March 11, 10:30 am, Bushnell Rm. Happy first birthday Magnet Senior Center! Come celebrate March birthdays and the 1st year of the Magnet Center.

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 16, Rox Sadovsky, *Writing through Grief*. More info, 612.317.3454 or mplsgriefsupport.org.

Educational Ministries

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

Ukrainian Egg Workshops, March 20-23, dates/times on website, Prepare for Easter by creating a beautiful Ukrainian egg! RSVP to Mahin Hamilton, mhamilton@wpc-mpls.org.

Walk a Labyrinth, March 11 & 27, 7 pm, Meisel Rm, In this introduction to labyrinths, we will learn about their history and different ways they are used in both secular and religious settings.

Wednesdays: WOW Bible studies (9 am); *Living the Faith in the 21st Century* (5:30 pm); 9th grade confirmation (6:15 pm); Adult Ed: Lenten Covenant Groups (7:10 pm).

Living the Faith in the 21st Century,

Wednesdays, 5:30 pm Will meet as Covenant Group for Lent. Contact Chad Quaintance, 612.374.9410 or chadquaintance@gmail.com.

Sun, March 10-April 7, 9:15 am, 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, atyler@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).

Fellowship

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

Beyond Sunday Connections, Tues, April 2, 6 pm, Westminster Hall Join other women to hear Associate Pastor Alanna Simone Tyler talk about her faith journey. Tickets (\$28) are available in the Westminster Commons on March 17 and 24, via the online calendar, or email Deb Wagner, dwagner@wpc-mpls.org, by March 26. Questions? Contact Lynne Thompson, 612.339.3971.

New Members Reunion Potluck

Sunday, March 24, 6 pm, Meisel Rm, All who have joined Westminster in the last few years are invited to a potluck reunion after *Gathered at Five*. Bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to share. RSVP to Janice Teliczan, jteliczan@wpc-mpls.org.

Scouts

Boy Scout fruit orders are available for pick-up today. 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 this evening with imposition of ashes. For those who cannot attend mid-week Lenten worship, consider joining us for weekly communion and deeply meaningful Lenten reflections.

The Clearing, Taizé worship, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm Gather around the cross in candle-light to hear the scriptures and sing the prayers of Taizé.



A Legacy Thought

All of us are indebted to those who precede us. We drink from wells we have not dug. We enjoy liberties we have not won. We share the faith whose foundations we have not laid. Also, we are seeds of the future for those who succeed us. We dream and set things in motion for those whom we will not meet. We partner in faith with those who have gone before, and offer our best to those who will follow. This Lenten season, please consider a bequest to Westminster in your will; a gift to be sent ahead to future generations. Contact Mary Hess for more information, mhess@wpc-mpls.org.

Today's Worship Leadership

Rev. Dr. Alike Galloway, *Pastor, Liberty Community Church*
Rev. Dr. Timothy Hart-Andersen, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Meghan K. Gage-Finn, *Executive Associate Pastor*
Rev. Sarah Brouwer, *Associate Pastor, Congregational Life*
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*
The Westminster Choir
Hana Trump, mezzo soprano
Lezlie Nelson, Lay Reader

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

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March 10 Luke 4:1-13
11 1 John 2:1-6
12 Psalm 17
13 Luke 21:34-22:6
14 Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
15 Psalm 27
16 Philippians 3:17-4:1
17 Luke 13:31-35