

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, March 17, 2019

For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 4

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, 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, 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 17, 2019

10:30 am

Preparing for the Word

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

Prelude

Prelude on the Londonderry Air

Noel Rawsthorne
Melanie Ohnstad, organ

That Which Remains

Text: Helen Keller; Music: Andrea Kelly
Cantus

Lenten Greeting

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 24)

One: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it;

All: the world, and all those who live in it.

One: Let us worship God.

***Processional Hymn No. 366** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Call to Confession

Alanna Simone Tyler

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.

Silent Prayer

Worshippers seek God's forgiveness in their own lives.

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

* 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. Thanks be to God. Amen.

At this time, children ages 4-1st grade are invited to Children's Church. Children in grades 2-5 are invited to Small Hands, Big Hearts.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Carol Frisch

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

Readings from Holy Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (OT, p. 578)

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1 (NT, p. 159)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *The Turning, Mvt. III (If I Could Say)*

Maura Bosch

Sermon *A Conversation on the End of Life*

Shashikant Sane, Timothy Hart-Andersen

The Practice of Silence

The congregation is invited to be together in quiet reflection.

Responding to the Word

***Hymn No. 488** *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* (vs. 1)

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Presentation of the Baptisands

Elder Suzie Crockett

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

Baptisms

***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. 488** *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* (vss. 2-3)

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 give via the tithe.ly app.

Offertory Anthem *Mis on inimene* (Estonian)

Pärt Usuberg

What is human? The shadow of an angel? Or the cry of yearning towards a union of souls? Each of us has a pipe for God's wind to whistle: take care, then you are cared for.

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering Received

***Hymn No. 803** *My Shepherd will Supply My Need*

***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 *My Jesus Leadeth Me*

Johannes Brahms

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

Elliot Arthur Bakker
Child of
Carrie & Sara Bakker

Leona Deborah Kaul
Child of
Bailee & Andy Kaul

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; Lenten Covenant Groups; Adult Choir; Virtues & Values

10:30 am Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:30 am Blood pressure screening, Bates; Prayer Companions, Chapel

5 pm Gathered at Five, Westminster Hall

Westminster Gallery *The Etchings of Joan Bohlig* closes today. *Forty Years On: Richard Bresnahan and Artists of the Saint John's Pottery* opens March 24. Contact Dr. Rodney Allen Schwartz, rschwartz@wpc-mpls.org.

Coming Up

Congregational Care

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

Westminster Meal Ministry, We're looking for more people to help make meals. If you can help, contact westminstermealministry@gmail.com.

Magnet Senior Center, Monday, March 18, 10:30 am, Bushnell Rm., *Art & Nature: Owls*. Contact Angelique Kingsbury, akingsbury@wpc-mpls.org.

Grief Support Group, Saturdays, 9:30 am, Basilica of St. Mary, March 23, Bob Albers, *Grief & Shame*. More info, 612.317.3454 or mplsgriefsupport.org.

Educational Ministries

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

Sundays through April 7, 9:15 am, Lenten Covenant Groups, various locations

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

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.

Mon, March 25, 7 pm, Garden Rm, Exploring Traditional Religious Practices: Confession

Walk a Labyrinth, Wed, March 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.

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 church neighbors. Sign up at the reception desk or contact Angelique Kiingsbury, akingsbury@wpc-mpls.org.

Families, Youth & Children

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

Wednesdays: Moms Group Covenant 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.

Maundy Thursday, April 18, 6 pm, Westminster Hall, "Come to the Table" for a Mediterranean meal and worship at table. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Sarah.

Music

Global Choir All are welcome to sing sacred music from around the world with the Global Choir. Rehearse on Sun, March 24, 11:30 am; sing at the 8:30 service on March 31. Contact Barbara Prince, bprince@wpc-mpls.org.

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.

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

Gather for a series of reflections from four of the authors of our Lenten Devotional, this Sunday, through April 7. The music and art for Lent will include a stark visual tableau and songs for the 40-day journey.

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

LENT & EASTER 2019 SUNDAYS

March 17, 24, 31, April 7

8:30 & 10:30 am Worship

Interfaith dialogue sermon series:

Tim Hart-Andersen and guest preachers

5 pm *Gathered at Five*

WEDNESDAYS

March 20, 27, April 3

11:30 am, Centering Prayer

Noon, Worship

12:30 pm, Soup lunch

1 pm, Open labyrinth

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

No Children's service on April 3

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

Today's Worship Leadership

Dr. Shashikant Sane, Hindu Temple of Minnesota

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

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

Cantus, Tenors: Jacob Christopher, Zachary Colby, Alberto de la Paz, Paul Scholtz

Baritones: David Geist, Sam Kreidenweis

Basses: Chris Foss, Samuel Green

Carol Frisch, Lay Reader

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18 Exodus 33:1-6
19 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
20 Luke 13:22-31
21 Isaiah 55:1-9
22 Psalm 63:1-8
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