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Westminster welcomes you to this vibrant, open-minded congregation worshipping in the heart of Minneapolis on Nicollet Mall.

In January 2018, Westminster opened the doors on an inspiring expansion to its historic building. The new two-story, 40,000-square-foot wing, designed by James Dayton Design, features open, flexible spaces to serve the changing needs of the congregation and community; cutting-edge environmental design; 300 new underground parking spaces; and significantly improved entrances. Inviting gardens and gathering spaces surround the building and add considerable green space to downtown Minneapolis.

Westminster also houses the Westminster Counseling Center and the Harman Center for Child and Family Wellbeing, a new campus and innovative early intervention clinic of St. David’s Center. The church also sponsors the Westminster Town Hall Forum. The church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

We invite you to tour our beautiful building. Most spaces are available for rent by members and non-members, community or corporate groups. To learn more visit westmintermpls.org/space-rental.
This directory highlights the major areas of interest on Westminster's first floor.

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Westminster Plaza

Westminster Plaza on Nicollet Mall, serves as a civic and spiritual "town square" of Minneapolis, busy with the activity of both the church and the city throughout the week, and all seasons of the year. Featuring ramps along Nicollet and a skyway connection from Alice Rainville, the Plaza is accessible from multiple points.

Flanked by Westminster Hall on the east and an allée of maple trees on the west, the Plaza provides places for connection and respite for city residents, workers, and visitors. Truly open to the city, Westminster Plaza offers a nexus point at the southern end of Nicollet Mall with its open and inviting green spaces.
Sanctuary

The Sanctuary, built in 1897 in the Akron style and restored in 1998, seats 1,500. Consistent with the Presbyterian commitment to Word and Sacrament, the focus is on the pulpit and communion table. The circular design creates a sense of community and affords excellent sightlines. The Celtic cross was installed in 1950, and stained glass windows were installed in the 1960s.

The stained glass windows portray a variety of Christian symbols and stories. The rose window at the back of the balcony is original to the building, as is the skylight featuring a Jerusalem cross. The Möller Organ dates from 1980 and retains some of the pipes from a 1926 Kimball, notably wooden pedal bourdon. The four-manual, 85-rank instrument has nearly 5,000 pipes.
Chapel

The Chapel, built in 1937 in the Gothic style and renovated in 2007 as part of Westminster's 150th anniversary, seats 150. Dobson Pipe Organ Builders, Ltd. of Lake City, Iowa, built the mechanical organ in 2008. Dobson’s Opus 86 is a versatile two-manual instrument with 24 ranks and 1,406 pipes.
Westminster Green

The new Westminster Green offers a blend of private and public spaces for mixed uses and activities along the east part of the block. Access to the church will be improved through a ramp to the main reception area and convenient short-term parking on an entry drive.

An allée of trees with comfortable benches defines the space that will provide sun-dappled shade and a green lawn for outdoor play for children, youth, and families.

Westminster Plaza and Green are filled with lush plantings and trees. Combined with green roofs, 45% of the half block will be rich with vegetation. In addition, innovative stormwater designs will reduce pollutants, run-off and recycle stormwater for re-use inside and outside of the building.
Westminster Hall

Westminster Hall allows Westminster to respond to the emerging needs of new generations and new populations through welcoming, flexible spaces. The multipurpose hall allows the church to diversify its worship offerings as well as fulfill long-unmet needs for community meetings and congregational weddings, receptions, and celebrations. Westminster Hall comfortably accommodates from 20 people to 300 people seated. State-of-the-art lighting and acoustics allow for a wide array of programming.

Westminster Hall projects a moment of clarity and enlightenment—the beauty and peacefulness of a clearing in a forest. The space is surrounded by dappled sunlight passing through the tree-like canopy overhead, speaking to passages in scripture that reference the power and symbolism of nature and life’s cycles. The connection to nature is further strengthened by the relationship between the interior space of the Hall and the exterior environment of Westminster Plaza, accessed through the large glass opening to the west.
Heller Commons

Heller Commons connects the Marquette Avenue entrance to the Westminster Gallery and Chapel. Well lit with natural light and filled with plants, Heller Commons provides Sunday fellowship meeting space and comfortable waiting areas.

This 2002 addition of the Marquette wing was named in honor of The Rev. Elizabeth Downing Heller, one of Westminster’s Associate Pastor Emeriti.
Westminster Gallery

The Westminster Gallery exhibits and collects religious and secular art representing diverse ethnic and cultural traditions. The Gallery opened in 2002 and features art from the Westminster collection, private collections, and from regional and nationally known artists who demonstrate the connection between art and how it informs our faith. The church has a long history of collecting and incorporating art into both worship and daily life.
Westminster Commons

Westminster Commons, the new lobby area connecting the entrances and parking to the center of the church, provides clear navigation for Westminster. Well lit and nicely appointed, Heller Commons is large enough to provide both fellowship meeting space and comfortable waiting areas.

The central landmark of a sculptural spiral stair punctuates the Marquette and Nicollet Lobby. The halls are large enough to serve coffee and host small groups between events, providing additional flexible and hospitable space for a variety of church needs.
Great Hall with Libraries

Maintaining the historical integrity and warmth of the existing Great Hall, this space was remodeled to become a central reading room with the Lowe Library on the east end and the Children’s Library on the west end. With the existing wood paneling still intact, bookshelves and furnishings were added to make the room cozy, quiet, and inviting.
Corner Gallery

At the south end of Heller Commons, along Alice Rainville Place and adjacent to the skyway connection, a two-story, south-facing art glass wall creates a sense of place. Reminiscent of the historic stained glass in the existing church, the new stained glass offers an abstract representation of water, lending a fresh feel to the new wing while honoring the historic art in the existing church and continuing the theme of natural elements throughout the building.

Throughout the building natural lighting, such as from the art glass wall and central staircase, along with LED light fixtures were specifically designed to greatly reduce energy consumption. 95% of the spaces in the new building receive natural light.
Garden Room and Meditation Garden

The Meditation Garden, just south of the art glass wall, offered a wonderfully private, contemplative green space. Its dense planting plan created a powerful, intimate experience, accessed only from within the church.

A variety of plants and trees of various sizes surround an ambling pathway, and benches provide moments of repose and quiet thought for Westminster members and visitors.
Recreation Room

Overlooking the Westminster Green and adjacent to the new Youth Lounge is the Recreation Room. A high ceiling and durable finishes accommodates all sorts of indoor recreation, from activities like the Youth Group’s floor hockey to the Westminster Boy Scout Troop’s pinewood derby.

When not in use for youth activities, this room provides programming space for community partners such as The Harmon Center, YWCA classes, as well as additional gathering space for church activities.

The Recreation Room and Youth Room together, with showers in between, provide appropriate facilities for lock-ins, visiting mission trips, and other overnight events.
Youth Room

Open, youth-friendly places serve Westminster’s young people as well as youth groups from all over the country who often contact the church for a place to connect and stay. Next to the Garden Room, the Youth Room offers Westminster’s youth their own space. Natural light infuses the space with energy and a sense of being connected to the outdoors and the city.
Trinity Staircase

The Trinity Staircase at the intersection of the new wing to the existing church serves as a vertical landmark and connection among all levels of the church.

Dipping down into the lowest level of parking and extending up through the second floor, with a skylight above, the sculptural stair forms an inviting path from the main level of the church to the supporting spaces on the other levels and creates an appealingly bright entry into the church.
Expanded Underground Parking

Two floors of underground parking for 300 cars provides ample room for the vehicles of members and visitors to Westminster. Direct access to a sunlit spiral staircase below the rooftop skylight four stories above and a bank of elevators make entry and exit to the church safe and easy no matter the weather. The new parking structure also allows for emerging electric car technologies, as well as space for bicycles.

Westminster has sufficient covered, on-site parking not only on Sundays, but also for Town Hall Forums, memorial services, weddings, receptions, community events, conferences, and guests.

For events needing additional parking stalls, Westminster is connected via convenient skyway access to 900 stalls of Convention Center parking.