Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, June 30, 2019

We enter this church not as strangers, but as children of God.

The Open Door, by Gordon Schlicting, ink on paper, 1979
The Westminster Collection
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, for those without walking difficulties, please park at Orchestra Hall, 11th St. & Marquette. At Orchestra Hall, take a ticket as you enter the ramp; pick up a parking voucher at Westminster; use both your ticket and voucher to exit the ramp. Westminster Ramp may be accessed from Alice Rainville Place between Marquette and Nicollet Mall. There is also a drop-off area at church on Marquette Avenue.

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

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

There is no Children's Church during the summer. Children are welcome to remain in worship. Activity bags are available from the ushers.

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, atyler@wpc-mpls.org.

Families, Youth, and Children Connect with children’s/youth choirs, youth group, confirmation, parent offerings, and special events. Contact Rev. Matthew Johnson, mjohnson@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, after 10 am worship, Chapel

Gathered at Five, Sundays, 5 pm

Centering Prayer Wednesdays, noon, Bates Room

Quiet Worship 3rd Saturday of the month, during the program year

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, 9:30-11:30 am, Bates Room

The Westminster Counseling Center offers pastoral counseling for individuals, couples, families, and children. Visit westminstercounseling.org or call 612.332.7743.
June 30, 2019
10 am

Preparing for the Word

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

**Prelude** Pastorale
J. S. Bach
David Jenkins, guest organist

**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. Children are invited to remain in worship.

**Call to Worship**

One: We come to worship you, O God,
All: healer of our hearts.
One: We come bearing our doubts and fears,
All: seeking a way forward.
One: We come with justice on our minds,
All: searching for your shalom.
One: We come lost,
All: hoping to be found.
One: Let us worship God.

**Processional Hymn No. 409** God Is Here!

* Please stand as you are able.
Prayer of Confession

One: God of grace, we each come to worship bearing the shame of our lives, like a yoke around our neck.

All: We come seeking the lightness of your forgiveness, and the mercy of forgiving ourselves.

Sung Response *Take, O Take Me As I Am*

One: We pray earnestly for the new life you offer.

All: Help us to acknowledge where we have done wrong. Encourage us to name when we have done nothing at all, sweeping injustice under the rug.

Sung Response

One: In your unending invitation to us, may we discover the freedom of truth-telling.

All: That in repenting, and working toward reconciliation, we would all come to know your healing and wholeness.

Sung Response

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.

There is no Children’s Church during the summer. Children are invited to remain in worship. The ushers have activity bags.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

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

Reading from Holy Scripture

Romans 7:14-25 (NT, p. 137)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Internal Conflict

Sarah Brouwer

Responding to the Word

*Hymn No. 418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

David Shinn

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 Even Here

Westminster Choir; Amanda Weber, conductor; Erik Krohg, soloist

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering Received

*Hymn No. 435 There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

*Charge and Benediction

The people respond with “Amen.”

*Passing of the Peace

Postlude In Thee Is Gladness

J. S. Bach
**This Sunday**

8:30 am-1 pm Farmers Market
8:45 am Virtues & Values; Summer choir
9 am African Choir, Children’s Music Rm.
9:45-11 am Nursery care, infants to age 3
10 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
11 am Prayer Companions, Chapel
5 pm Gathered at Five, Westminster Hall

**Westminster Gallery** Standing Hand in Hand. Contact Dr. Rodney Allen Schwartz, rschwartz@wpc-mpls.org.

**Grief Support Group**, Saturdays, 9:30 am, Central Lutheran Church, July 6, Lois Untinen, Loss of Spouse. 612.317.3454 or mplsgrief-support.org.

**Caregivers Support Group** meets the second Saturday of the month. Contact Elsa Peet for info, 763.588.8361 or efpeet@comcast.net.

**Educational Ministries**

**Wednesdays**: Devotional Chair Yoga (11 am-through July 24); Centering Prayer (noon).

**Faith in Action**

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

**Groveland Food Shelf** Thank you for your generous support of Groveland Food Shelf. Each month, Westminster's Hunger Ministry Team invites donations of items needed at the food shelf. In July, the featured items are toothpaste, toothbrushes, and energy bars. Please place these items in one of the three donation boxes at Westminster located near the chapel and in the entrances of the first and second parking levels.

**Families, Youth & Children**

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

Sun, July 7, 5 pm, MS attends Gathered at 5, followed by a game night.

Wed, July 10, 6 pm, HS Mission Trip get-together.

Sun, July 14, 5:30 pm, Family Fellowship event at Lk. Harriet bandshell. RSVP to Marie, mkruskop@wpc-mpls.org.

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**DEATHS**

Ronald Hemstad
June 15, 2019

James Ullyot
June 20, 2019

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**Coming Up**

**College-Age Ministries**

**College-Age Brunch, Today, 11 am**, Meet at the reception desk after worship.

**Congregational Care**

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

**Magnet Senior Center**, Join us Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am - noon. Questions? Contact Angelique Kingsbury, akingsbury@wpc-mpls.org.
Farmers Market
Contact Sheila Delaney, sdelaney@wpc-mpls.org unless noted.
Today, 8:30 am - 1 pm, Westminster Plaza,
The market supports local producers and makers.

Fellowship
Contact Sarah Brouwer, sbrouwer@wpc-mpls.org unless noted.
Women Gathered: A Wednesday Summer Bible Study, Gather in the Garden Rm. on Wednesdays in June and July at 9:30 am for a study on female characters in scripture.

Music
Contact Amanda Weber, aweber@wpc-mpls.org unless noted.
Join the African Choir! Westminster’s new African Choir is looking for singers! The choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 9 am in the Children's Music Room on the lower level. To join, contact Rita Anang, ritaanang2017@gmail.com.
Summer Choir, Summer is the perfect time to give singing a try! Join us on Sundays at 8:45 am in the Choir Rm. to learn a simple anthem for 10 am worship. Come as you are able; all are welcome. Questions? Contact Amanda, aweber@wpc-mpls.org.

Town Talks
Contact Susan McKenna, 612.332.3421 or smckenna@wpc-mpls.org.
TownTalks is a happy-hour event developed especially for young adults, but all are invited and welcome! There is a social time at 5 pm and the presentation at 6 pm. The events are free and open to all.
Thurs, July 11, Join Cantus in celebrating the mission of Voices of Hope, a women's choir at the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Shakopee, founded in 2015 by Amanda Weber. Cantus sings, Amanda shares the role the choir plays in bringing hope to the lives of its incarcerated members, and a panel of experts explores the challenges faced by women who are incarcerated.

Westminster Gallery
Photographs and handmade crafts from Alanna Simone Tyler’s recent visit to South Sudan are on view in the display case near the chapel.

Worship
Gathered at Five, Sundays, 5 pm,
Casual, artful, folky, justice-oriented worship in Westminster Hall. Sarah Brouwer preaches this evening. Gathered at Five will meet through July, taking a break for the month of August and Labor Day Weekend, beginning again on September 8.
Today’s Worship Leadership
Rev. Sarah Brouwer, Associate Pastor, Congregational Life
Rev. Dr. 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. Amanda Weber, Minister of Music and the Arts
Westminster Choir
Erik Krohg, soloist
David Jenkins, Guest organist
Henry Brooks, Lay reader

Summer Organists Westminster is pleased to welcome organists David Jenkins and Dean Billmeyer who will serve as rotating substitute organists throughout the summer months.

For full Westminster staff listing and contact information, please visit westminstermpls.org or see the Westminster News.

Westminster Affiliated Boards
Westminster Camp Ajawah, ajawah.org
Westminster Counseling Center, westminstercounseling.org
Westminster Town Hall Forum, westminsterforum.org

Daily Phone Devotions
612.332.7087

July 1............................................. 1 John 2:7-11
2 ................................................. Ephesians 5:6-20
3 .................................................. Jeremiah 23:16-22
4 .................................................. Psalm 30
5 .................................................... Isaiah 66:10-14
6 ................................................... Galatians 6:7-16
7 .................................................... Luke 10:1-11