

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, September 1, 2019



The Open Door, by Gordon Schlicting, ink on paper, 1979
The Westminster Collection

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, 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.

Children's Church resumes Sept 8 during the 10:30 service.

Membership To learn more, visit westminstermpls.org/membership or contact Rev. Dr. 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/youth choirs, youth group, confirmation, parent offerings, and special events. Contact Rev. Meghan Gage-Finn, mgage-finn@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, resumes Sept 8

Centering Prayer, Wednesdays, noon, Bates Room

The Clearing, Wednesdays, 6 pm, resumes Sept 4 with hymn sing at 5:30 and Bluegrass Evening Prayer at 6.

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, 9-10:30 am, Bushnell; 10:30 am – 12 pm, Bates

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

September 1, 2019

10 am

Preparing for the Word

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

Prelude *Prélude, Fugue et Variation*

César Franck
Dean Billmeyer, guest organist

Our Life in Christ

Alanna Simone Tyler

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

***Call to Worship** (from John 1)

One: God has created this amazing world and all that is in it.

All: Yet the greatest gift of all is Jesus.

One: Jesus shows us what it is to be truly human,

All: And Jesus reveals the true nature of God.

One: Come, let us worship God!

***Processional Hymn No. 393** *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

Call to Confession

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

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

In the mirror we call scripture, Revealing God, we see ourselves for who we are and are not. We whine about those who are not doing what we think they should, and ignore our failings. We speak words which nibble away at the life of our family and friends. We step over those who are poor on our way to get more and more, ignoring their needs. Forgive us, Reconciling Love. Sit us down at Jesus' feet, so we may learn the balanced life you intend for us. Then, and only then, can we set aside our grudges to offer our gifts to our neighbors. We can stop licking at our hurts to bring healing to others; we can reach out and welcome all as siblings, even as we have been welcomed into your heart through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

* Please stand as you are able.

Silent Prayer

Worshippers seek God's forgiveness in their own lives.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness (from Romans 6:8, 11)

One: Hear the good news! If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, Alleluia!

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Sheila Martin

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

Readings from Holy Scripture

Genesis 18:1-10 (OT, p. 13)

Luke 10:38-42 (NT, p. 62)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Living in the Moment*

Denise Dunbar-Perkins

Responding to the Word

***Hymn No. 839** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

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 *Sicut Cervus*

Giovanni Palestrina

Deborah Carbaugh, soprano; Rebecca Blackwell, alto

Samuel Baker, tenor; Michael Schmidt, bass

As a hart longs for the flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God.

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 by intinction, dipping bread into the cup. Those who are unable to come forward will be served in their pews.

Music During Distribution *Set Me As a Seal*

René Clausen

Poco Lento, from Fantaisie in C Major

César Franck

Closing Prayer

***Hymn No. 313** *Lord, Make Us More Holy*

*Charge and Benediction

The people respond with "Amen."

*Passing of the Peace

Postlude *Carillon du Longpont*

Louis Vierne

Westminster Welcomes

We welcome Reverend Denise Dunbar-Perkins, one of Westminster's Parish Associates. She is a Board Certified Chaplain who recently retired from Abbott-Northwestern Hospital where she served as Staff Chaplain in Oncology. Denise is actively involved in the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. She served as moderator in 2015-2016 and chair of the leadership team in 2016-2017.

This Sunday

9 am-1 pm Farmers Market

8:45 am Virtues & Values

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

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

TODAY'S FLOWERS

In loving memory of
John & Christina G. Cuthbertson
James M. Cuthbertson
Joseph A. Swiderski
by Judy and Paul Swiderski

DEATH

Brian Paul
August 17, 2019

Coming Up

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.

Grief Support Group, Saturdays, 9:30 am, 612.317.3454 or mplsgriefsupport.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

Contact Mahin Hamilton
mhamilton@wpc-mpls.org unless noted.

Wednesdays Centering Prayer (noon).

Sun, Sept 8, 9:15 am, Joint Forum with Social Justice, MN Senator Tina Smith.

Sat, Sept 14, 9 am, Saturday Seminar: *Trust is on the Way: The Work of Social Cohesion*, with Dirk Ficca and Maia Uhrich.

Living the Faith in the 21st Century,

Wed, 5:30 pm, starts Sept 11, We'll study *Becoming Human*, by Jean Vanier. Books available in class. Questions? Contact Chad Quaintance, chadquaintance@gmail.com or 612.374.9410.

Faith in Action

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

Sun, Sept 8, 9:15 am, Social Justice Ministry and Adult Ed. Joint Forum: MN Senator Tina Smith.

Habitat for Humanity Build, Sept 30 – Oct 4, Join Charlie Owens serving for one of more of the days. All are welcome.

Suitcases for Clean Water Team, in December members will travel to Cuba to install water filtration systems and they are inviting donations of large suitcases and duffel bags for shipping supplies. Questions? Contact Dan Parten, danparten44@gmail.com.

Groveland Food Shelf in September, The Hunger Ministry Team is collecting gluten-free foods and canned or boxed soups.

Families, Youth & Children

Church School Teacher Workshop, Sat, Sept 7, 9 am, Meisel Rm. There will be a group orientation and prep time with grade level teams. Questions? Contact Sonja Dziekciowski, sonja@wpc-mpls.org. or Matt Lewellyn-Otten, matt@wpc-mpls.org.

Sun, Sept 8: 9:15-10:15 am, Mingle with the FYC Ministry Team; Children's Church resumes during the **10:30 am** service.

Wed programs begin Sept 11:

10:30 am, Moms Group; **5:15 pm** dinner; **6 pm** choirs and activities; Parent-Child Time Together, youth room open.

Farmers Market

Today, 9 am - 1 pm, Westminster Plaza, The market supports local producers and makers.

Fellowship

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

Women Gathered, Sept 18, 9:30, Garden Rm. Join the women of the church (WOW) on for an intro to our fall, 9-week Bible study. Sarah will lead us through Chapter 1 on Sept. 25. Pick up your copy of the Bible study at the reception desk, or on the 18th.

WestConnect Join other young adults in their 20s and 30s for Bible Study on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, starting Sept. 11! Dinner and Bible Study at 7 pm in the Bates Rm. Email Sarah with questions, or join our Facebook Group: Westminster Westconnect.

Music and the Arts

Fall Music Ensembles Launch! The Handbell Choir begins Tues, Sep 3, 6-7 pm, Great Hall Balcony. Westminster Choir begins Wed, Sep 4, 6:30-8:30 pm, 2nd floor Choir Rm. All are welcome to join! For more info, contact Amanda, aweber@wpc-mpls.org.

Worship

Bluegrass Evening Prayer, Wednesdays in Sept (beginning Sept 4), 5:30 pm, Join us for a 5:30 pm hymn sing-a-long, and a 6 pm service. Dinner available from 5:15-7 pm, All are welcome! Questions? Contact Amanda Weber, aweber@wpc-mpls.org.

Gathered at Five starts again Sept 8! We will meet for casual worship at 5 pm in Westminster Hall, enjoying good music, and food afterward. Sarah Brouwer will preach. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram: @gatheredatfive

Coming Together Sunday | Sept 8

We will go back to three services on Sunday: Tim Hart-Andersen preaches at 8:30 & 10:30 am; Sarah Brouwer preaches at *Gathered at Five* (5 pm) in Westminster Hall. Education for all ages begins at 9:15 am including Church School for 3-year-olds through high school, and a joint Adult Education/Social Justice Forum with Senator Tina Smith. After worship come to the **All-Church Picnic**. Enjoy picnic fare, including vegan and gluten-free food options, and activities for kids. Cost is \$10 for 12 and over, \$5 for 4-11, free 3 and under, \$40 family max. RSVP and pay on our website. **Want to volunteer? Contact Sarah, sbrouwer@wpc-mpls.org.**

Today's Worship Leadership

Rev. Denise Dunbar-Perkins, *Parish Associate*

Rev. David Shinn, *Associate Pastor, Congregational Care*

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

Dr. Amanda Weber, *Minister of Music and the Arts*

Quartet: Deborah Carbaugh, soprano; Rebecca Blackwell, alto; Samuel Baker, tenor

Michael Schmidt, bass

Dean Billmeyer, *Guest organist*

Sheila Martin, *Lay Reader*

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

Westminster Affiliated Boards

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Daily Phone Devotions

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September 1	Luke 14:1, 7-14
2	Psalm 119:65-72
3	Titus 1:1-9
4	Luke 14:15-24
5	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
6	Deuteronomy 30:15-30
7	Philemon 1:1-21
8	Luke 14:25-33