God’s reconciling work in Jesus Christ and the mission of reconciliation to which God has called the church are the heart of the gospel in any age. Our generation stands in peculiar need of reconciliation in Christ.

—Presbyterian Church (USA) Confession of 1967, 9.06
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 from 8:15-11:30 am on Sundays.

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

Education for all ages, Sundays, 9:15 am Church School (ages 3-high school), Family Matters, Adult Education, Social Justice Forum, Virtues & Values.

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, atyler@wpc-mpls.org.

Families, Youth, and Children Connect with children’s/youth choirs, youth group, confirmation, parent offerings, special events. Contact Rev. Dr. 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 10:30 am worship, Chapel

Gathered at Five, Sundays, 5 pm, Westminster Hall

Centering Prayer, Wednesdays, noon, Bates Rm.

Wednesday Evening Worship: Silence & Song, Wednesdays, 6 pm, Westminster Hall

Quiet Worship, 3rd Saturday of the month, 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 am—noon, Bates Rm.

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

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

Prelude *Deep River*  
Samuel Coleridge-Taylor  
Kenneth Vigne, organ  

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. If your child/ren will attend Children’s Church, please fill out nametags for them from the friendship folder.

Moment for Souper Bowl of Caring  
Madeleine Martin, Abby Grabowski

*Call to Worship* (from Psalm 116)  
One: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?  
All: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

One: Let us worship God.

*Processional Hymn No. 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

Call to Confession  
Sarah Brouwer

Prayer of Confession  
Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Silent Prayer  
Worshippers seek God’s forgiveness in their own lives.

* 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. Alleluia! Amen.

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

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

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

Reading from Holy Scripture

Micah 3:1-12 (OT, p. 816)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Reflections on an American Pilgrimage: Can We Face the Truth?

Timothy Hart-Andersen

Responding to the Word

*Hymn No. 428 Before I Take the Body of My Lord

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 Spiritual

Westminster Choir, Amanda Weber, conductor

Refrain: Cain’t no one know at sunrise how this day is gonna end. Cain’t no one know at sunset if the next day will begin.

In this world of trouble and woe, a person had better be ready to go. We look for things to stay the same, but in the twinkling of an eye, everything can be changed. The troubles of this world fill our hearts with rage from Soweto, to Stonewall, Birmingham and LA. We are searching for hope that lies within ourselves as we fight against misogyny, race, hatred, and AIDS.

Invitation to the Lord’s Table
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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.

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 on trays passed among the congregation by elders.

Music During Distribution

Hymn No. 525 Let Us Break Bread Together
  Improvisation on Before I Take the Body of My Lord

Kenneth Vigne

Closing Prayer

*Hymn No. 775 I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

*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 What Wondrous Love/I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Kenneth Vigne
This Sunday

8:15-11:30 am, Nursery care, for infants through age 3
9 am African Choir rehearsal
9:15 am Education for all ages
10:30 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:30 am Prayer Companions
11:45 am FYC Community Time, Meisel Rm.
5 pm Gathered at Five, Westminster Hall
Westminster Gallery Art That Speaks.

New Old Adventure, Wed, Feb 12, 11 am,
Estate planning: Who Gets Grandma’s Yellow Pie Plate?™. Presentation followed by lunch.

Coming Up

All-Church

“Souper Bowl” of Caring, Today Westminster youth will collect monetary donations for Groveland Food Shelf following both services.
Westminster Bells, Feb 9, 11:30 am! Two of the new bells from the foundry in France will be revealed at a gathering in the Corner Gallery. And the Stewardship Ministry Team will offer cookies in appreciation of your 2020 pledging generosity.

Lenten Covenant Groups begin March 1 and 4. This year’s theme is Losing Paradise: Faith and the Ecological Crisis. Groups will meet Sundays at 9:15 am and Wednesdays at 7:10 pm. Sign up on Sunday mornings, sign up online, or email Mahin, mhamilton@wpc-mpls.org.

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

Grief Support Group, Saturdays, 9:30 am,
SpringHouse Ministry Center, 610 W. 28th St., 612.317.3454 or mplsgriefsupport.org. Feb 8: Mindfulness and Grief.

Magnet Senior Center, Mon & Wed, 9-noon.
Contact Angelique Kingsbury, akingsbury@wpc-mpls.org.

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

Wednesdays: 9 am, Chair yoga; Noon, Centering Prayer; 6:30 pm, Feb 5, 12, 19 The Heart of a Community with Sarah Henrich.
5:30-6:25 pm, Living the Faith in the 21st Century, Study of I and Thou, by Martin Buber. Questions? Contact Chad Quaintance, chadquaintance@gmail.com or 612.374.9410.

Sunday, Feb 9, 9:15 am, Pat McManus,
Let Them Praise God’s Name with Dancing; Virtues & Values.

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

Groveland Food Shelf in Feb, The Hunger
Ministry Team requests donations of dried beans, lentils, dried spices, and bars of soap. Place donations in Groveland boxes around the church.


**Families, Youth & Children**

Contact Meghan Gage-Finn, mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org unless noted.

**Wednesdays, 10:30 am** Moms Group, Nursery; **5:15 pm** Dinner; Youth Rm. open; **6 pm** Parent-Child Time Together; Choirs/activities; **6:15 pm** Confirmation.

**Fri, Feb 7, 5:30 pm** 4th & 5th grade mini lock-in, Rec. Rm. Parent Gathering—meet at reception desk.

**Girl Scout Cookie Sales** Sign up to sell cookies for FEAST guests on Sundays in late Feb/early March. Contact Gina Gustafson by Feb 10, ginamccgus@juno.com.

**Music & the Arts**

**Downtown Choral Festival, Feb 9, 2 pm**, Sanctuary, Enjoy a service of choral music by the choirs of several downtown congregations. Nearly 300 singers in total will unite voices. A commissioned work, *Even-song* by Paul Rudoi, will be presented.

**Drumming Ensemble Workshop, Sun, Feb 16, noon**, Artist-in-Residence Jeffrey Gram will lead a fun hour of hand drumming for adults and older youth of all abilities. Light refreshments provided. Questions? Contact Jeffrey Gram at jeff@jeffreygram.com.

**Scouts**

**Ajawah Bake Sale on Camping Sunday, Feb 9, 9 am - 1 pm**, Proceeds support the Camp Ajawah Scholarship Fund.

**Scout Troop 100** is looking for donations of prizes for top sales during the annual fruit sale. Can you help us by donating something a Scout would like, from board games to bicycles? Call Dave Moore at 612.747.8364.

**Women’s Ministries**

**WOW Bible Studies for women and men, Wednesdays, 9:30 am**

**Beyond Sunday Connections, Mon, Feb 10, 6 pm**, Westminster Hall, Join other women to hear WPC member Vivian Jenkins Nelsen. Tickets ($28) available Sundays, online, or email Deb Wagner, dwagner@wpc-mpls.org. Registration closes Feb 4. Questions? Contact Lynne Thompson 612.339.3971.

**Faith Nixon Symposium, Sun, March 1, 11:45 am**, Dr. Katherine Hayhoe is an atmospheric scientist who specializes in climate change, and how science is related to faith. Cost is $10. Sign up online or email Deb, dwagner@wpc-mpls.org. *This is a joint effort with dialogue lunches that will be held each week during Lent on the topic of creation care.*

**Worship**

**Wednesday Worship: Silence & Song, 6-6:30 pm, Westminster Hall**, Hit pause in your week and gather in Westminster Hall for a time of quiet and beautiful music. Light snacks afterwards.

**Gathered at Five, 5 pm**, Join us this evening for a Super Bowl party after worship. Bring a dish to share and watch the first half of the game on the big screen in Westminster Hall.
Today’s Worship Leadership
Rev. Dr. Timothy Hart-Andersen, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. 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. Amanda Weber, Minister of Music and the Arts
Kenneth Vigne, Interim Organist
Westminster Choir
Arnie Roos, Lay Reader

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

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

Daily Phone Devotions
612.332.7087

Feb 2 ..................................Matthew 5:1-12
3 ........................................Psalm 37:1-17
4 ........................................James 5:1-6
5 ........................................Luke 6:17-26
6 .......................................Isaiah 58:1-9a
7 ........................................Psalm 112:1-10
8 .......................................1 Corinthians 2:1-12
9 .........................................Matthew 5:13-20