Westminster Presbyterian Church
A Telling Presence in the City

Transfiguration Sunday, February 23, 2020

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

*The Transfiguration*,
by Sadao Watanabe, stencil print, Japan

The Westminster Collection,
on view in the Meisel Room
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, 11:30 am during Lent, 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 -12 pm, Bates Rm.

The Westminster Counseling Center offers pastoral counseling for individuals, couples, families, and children. Visit westminstercounseling.org or call 612.332.7743.
February 23, 2020
10:30 am

Preparing for the Word

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

Prelude
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
arr. Kenneth Vigne
Healey Willan
Kenneth Vigne, organ

Slane
Deo Gratias
Sondra Tucker
Westminster Handbell Choir, Mark Kieffer, director

Our Life in Christ

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 Micah 6)

One: With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves before God on high?

All: God has shown us what is good.

One: What does the Holy One require of us,

All: To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

One: Let us worship God.

*Processional Hymn No. 450 Be Thou My Vision

Call to Confession

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.

* Please stand as you are able.
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.

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

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination
Rob Lee
Before the reading of scripture we pray that God will illumine our understanding.

Reading from Holy Scripture
Matthew 17:1-9 (NT, p. 16)
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Musical Response III. I, Too from Three Dream Portraits (see insert for text)
Margaret Bonds, text by Langston Hughes
Mikalia Bradberry, mezzo-soprano; Mary J. Trotter, piano

Sermon Formation and Transformation
Alanna Simone Tyler, Timothy Hart-Andersen

Responding to the Word

*Hymn No. 468 In My Life (vss. 1-2)

The Reception of New Members

Covenant of Membership Questions
Vincent Thomas

Introduction of New Members
Meghan K. Gage-Finn

*Congregational Response

In the name of Christ, we welcome you to Westminster. We will celebrate the good news of Jesus with you and nourish our faith together. As followers of Jesus, we promise to work with you for love, peace, and justice, to be a telling presence in the city and beyond. Thanks be to God!

*Hymn No. 468 In My Life (vss. 3-4)
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Offertory Sentences Hunger Offering Received

Having heard the Word, we now respond in gratitude by giving. Please place your offering in the plate.

Offertory Anthem There is a Balm in Gilead

Trad., arr. William L. Dawson

Westminster Choir, Amanda Weber, conductor

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering Received

*Hymn No. 66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*Charge and Benediction

The people respond with “Amen.”

Postlude The Negro Speaks of Rivers (see insert for text)

Margaret Bonds, text by Langston Hughes

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Parents, please pick up your children from the nursery and church school before attending the annual meeting.

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.

Call to Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Westminster Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, February 23, 2020, at 11:30 am in the church’s sanctuary, 1200 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, to receive the 2019 financial reports, to review the 2020 church budgets, to receive a report from the Personnel Committee on Staff and Ministers of Session, and to elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

By Order of the Session, Vincent Thomas, Clerk of Session

Proposed Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

Heidi Bolgren, Eliza Conrad, Kyle Digman, Kay Gabelmann, Brent Hall, Megan MacFarlane, Terry McEowen, Dennis Monroe, Evelyn Ngwa, David Wicklund, Ella Williamson
This Sunday

8:15-11:30 am, Nursery care, for infants through age 3
9 am-noon African Choir rehearsal
9:15 am Education for all ages; Arts Month Showcase
10:30 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:30 am Prayer Companions
12 pm Cabaret
5 pm Gathered at Five, Westminster Hall

Westminster Gallery Art That Speaks closes today. Contact Dr. Rodney Allen Schwartz, rschwartz@wpc-mpls.org.

Grief Support Group, Saturdays, 9:30 am, SpringHouse Ministry Center, 610 W. 28th St., 612.317.3454 or mplsgriefsupport.org. Feb 29: Grief and Resilience.

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

Wednesdays: 9 am, Chair yoga; Noon, Centering Prayer; 6:30 pm, Feb 26 No classes on Ash Wednesday. 5:30-6:25 pm, Living the Faith in the 21st Century, Questions? Contact Chad Quaintance, chadquaintance@gmail.com or 612.374.9410.

Sunday, March 1-29, 9:15 am, Lenten Covenant Groups; Virtues & Values.

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

Social Justice Forum is on break through Lent and resumes April 19.

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.

Cabaret, Today, noon, Come see Westminster’s youth in this variety show performance that promises lots of laughs and benefits the youth mission trips fund. Light lunch provided.

Sun, March 1, 11:30 am, 4th & 5th Grade Human Sexuality Class.

TODAY’S FLOWERS
In loving memory of Dr. Alan Rusterholz by Jill Rusterholz and Tom Hastings

Coming Up

All-Church

Lenten Covenant Groups This year’s theme is Losing Paradise: Faith and the Ecological Crisis. Small groups will meet Sundays at 9:15 am and Wednesdays at 6:45 pm. Sign up on Sunday mornings, online, or email Mahin, mhamilton@wpc-mpls.org.

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

Magnet Senior Center, Mon & Wed, 9-noon. Contact Angelique Kingsbury, akingsbury@wpc-mpls.org. Feb 24, Preventing Medicare Fraud and Avoiding Scams.
Scouts

Cookie Sales Girl Scouts will be selling cookies for FEAST guests (and yourself!) today, March 1, 8 in Westminster Commons.

Stewardship

Achieving Financial Balance, Sun, March 8, 11:45 am, Bushnell Rm. Young adults and families: workshop on budgeting, building credit and reducing debt. Childcare if requested. RSVP by Feb. 27, agram@wpc-mpls.org.

Women’s Ministries

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

Faith Nixon Symposium, Sun, March 1, 11:45 am, Tim Hart-Andersen dialogues with Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, climate change scientist and evangelical Christian. Cost is $10. Sign up in the Commons, online, or at dwagner@wpc-mpls.org. The first in a series of weekly Sunday Lenten lunch conversations on stewardship of the environment.

Worship

Wednesday Taizé Worship during Lent, 6-6:30 pm, Gather in Westminster Hall for a time of quiet and beautiful music. Light snacks afterwards.

Gathered at Five, Sundays, 5 pm, Meet for casual worship and good music in Westminster Hall, followed by dinner.

LENT 2020

SUNDAYS
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
8:30 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Covenant Groups; FYC Lenten worship - all welcome!
11:45 am Lenten lunch with dialogues on Creation Care
5 pm Gathered at Five

WEDNESDAYS
Ash Wednesday, February 26
Noon Wednesday, soup lunch
6 pm Taizé worship and dinner
March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1
11:30 am Centering Prayer
Noon worship
12:30 pm Soup lunch
6 pm Taizé worship
6:45 pm Covenant Groups

Welcome, New Members!

Robbie Creadick
Jerome Dolezal
Greg Goddard
Owen Goddard
Sally Goddard
Russell Golder
Andrew Hall
Brooks Martin
Cynthia Martin
Dan Murphy
Nathan Owens
Jack Phinney
John Stone
Eileen Strejc
Carol Wekesser
Mike Wekesser
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 Handbell Choir, Mark Kieffer, Director
Westminster Choir
Mikalia Bradberry, mezzo-soprano
Mary J. Trotter, piano
Rob Lee, Lay Reader
Vincent Thomas, Clerk of Session

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

Feb 23 ........................................ Matthew 17:1-9
24 ................................................. Acts 7:30-34
25 ................................................. Romans 11:1-6
26 ............................................... Psalm 51:1-17
27 ............................................. Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
28 ................................................ Psalm 32
29 .............................................. Romans 5:12-19
March 1 ........................................ Matthew 4:1-11