In each time and place, there are particular problems and crises through which God calls the church to act. The church, guided by the Spirit, humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God and learn how to obey in these concrete situations.

—Presbyterian Church (USA) Confession of 1967, 9.43
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 -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 9, 2020
10:30 am

Preparing for the Word

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

**Prelude**

*Give Me Jesus*  
arr. Marques L. A. Garrett  
*Prelude on The Church of Christ in Every Age*  
Kenneth Vigne

**Kenneth Vigne, organ**

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.

**A Moment for Camping Sunday**  
Yimeem Vu

*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. 320 The Church of Christ in Every Age*

**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.

* 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.

Sung Response Hymn No. 750 Goodness is Stronger than Evil (sung twice)

Listening for the Word

A Time with Children
At this time, children ages 4-1st grade are invited to Children’s Church. Children in grades 2-5 are invited to Small Hands, Big Hearts.

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

Reading from Holy Scripture
Matthew 25:31-40 (NT, p. 25)
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Choral Response Resilience
Westminster Choir, Kathy Romey, conductor
Today’s performance of “Resilience” from the Justice Choir Songbook begins with a recording of Voices of Hope, a women’s choir at the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Shakopee.

Sermon Reflections on an American Pilgrimage: Can We Hear Their Stories?
Timothy Hart-Andersen

Responding to the Word

*Hymn No. 740 Lead Me, Guide Me

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison; from PC(USA) Confession of 1967, 9.25)
The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But
they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God’s purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Offertory Sentences

Having heard the Word, we now respond in gratitude by giving. Please place your offering in the plate, or use the “I give to Westminster” card in recognition of your contributions made online or in another way.

Offertory Anthem We Shall Walk through the Valley

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering Received

*Hymn No. 852 When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

*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.

We invite the children and youth of the congregation to come to the choir loft and watch the organ postlude during the passing of the peace.

Postlude Finale from Symphony I

The congregation is invited to gather in Westminster Commons for the “reveal” of two of Westminster’s new bells.

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
This Sunday
8:15-11:30 am, Nursery care, for infants through age 3
8:30 am-noon Camp Ajawah Bake Sale
9 am African Choir rehearsal
9:15 am Education for all ages
10:30 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:30 am Bells reveal & Stewardship Appreciation, Corner Gallery; Prayer Companions
12 pm Second Sunday tour, Gallery
2 pm Downtown Choral Festival, Sanctuary
5 pm Gathered at Five, Westminster Hall
5 pm High school house groups
Westminster Gallery Art That Speaks.
Contact Dr. Rodney Allen Schwartz, rschwartz@wpc-mpls.org.

TODAY’S FLOWERS
In loving memory of
Edith Cochrane
Marion McCurry
Jack McCurry
by Katie McCurry
Timothy James Peter
by Jim & Donna Peter

Coming Up
All-Church
Westminster Bells, Today, 11:30 am! Two of the new bells from the foundry in France will be revealed at a gathering in Westminster Commons. A new exhibition on the Westminster Bells opens today in the Corner Gallery, including a video from the Paccard Foundry in France, where the bells were cast. The Stewardship Ministry Team will offer cookies in appreciation of your 2020 pledging generosity.

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 7:10 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.

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

Magnet Senior Center, Mon & Wed, 9-noon.
Contact Angelique Kingsbury, akingsbury@wpc-mpls.org. Feb 12 History Discussion Club: Polar Exploration

Grief Support Group, Saturdays, 9:30 am, SpringHouse Ministry Center, 610 W. 28th St., 612.317.3454 or mplsgriefsupport.org. Feb 15: Myths of Grief.

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

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

Sunday, Feb 16, 9:15 am, Visual Arts and Community, Rodney Allen Schwartz and Elizabeth Winga; 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 and lentils, dried spices, and bars of soap. Place donations in Groveland boxes around the church.

Social Justice Forum, Feb 16, 9:15 am, Adverse Childhood Experiences with Aimee Schumacher.

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.

Music & the Arts
Second Sunday Art Tour, Today, following bell event, Meet in the Gallery for a tour of the current exhibition, Art That Speaks.

Downtown Choral Festival, Today, 2 pm, Sanctuary, Join us for this free service of choral music featuring the choirs of six downtown congregations. Light reception to follow.

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
Fruit Sales Boy Scouts will be taking orders for fruit today and the 16th in Westminster Commons.

Cookie Sales Girl Scouts will be selling cookies for FEAST guests (and yourself!) on Feb 16, 23, March 1, 8 in Westminster Commons.

Stewardship
Achieving Financial Balance, Sun, March 8, 11:45 am, Rec Rm. Young adults and families: free workshop on goal-setting, building credit, reducing debt; facilitated by Thrivent. Lunch included, child care if requested. RSVP to Anna Gram, agram@wpc-mpls.org. Questions? Contact Mary Hess, mhess@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, Dr. Katharine 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 the first in a series of weekly Sunday Lenten lunch conversations on stewardship of the environment.

Worship

Gathered at Five, 5 pm, Meet for casual worship at 5 pm on Sundays in Westminster Hall, enjoying good music, followed by dinner. Led by Sarah Brouwer and other Westminster pastors.
Today’s Worship Leadership
Rev. Dr. Timothy Hart-Andersen, Senior Pastor
Rev. Sarah Brouwer, Associate Pastor, Congregational Life
Rev. David Shinn, Associate Pastor, Congregational Care
Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler, Associate Pastor, Justice and Mission
Kathy Saltzman Romey, Guest Conductor
Kenneth Vigne, Interim Organist
The Westminster Choir
Lezlie Nelson, Lay Reader

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 9 ........................................Matthew 5:13-20
10 ........................................Psalm 119:105-112
11 .......................................2 Corinthians 4:1-12
12 ........................................ John 8:12-20
13 ..................................... Deuteronomy 30:15-20
14 ..........................................Psalm 119:1-8
15 ........................................1 Corinthians 3:1-9
16 ..........................................Matthew 5:21-37