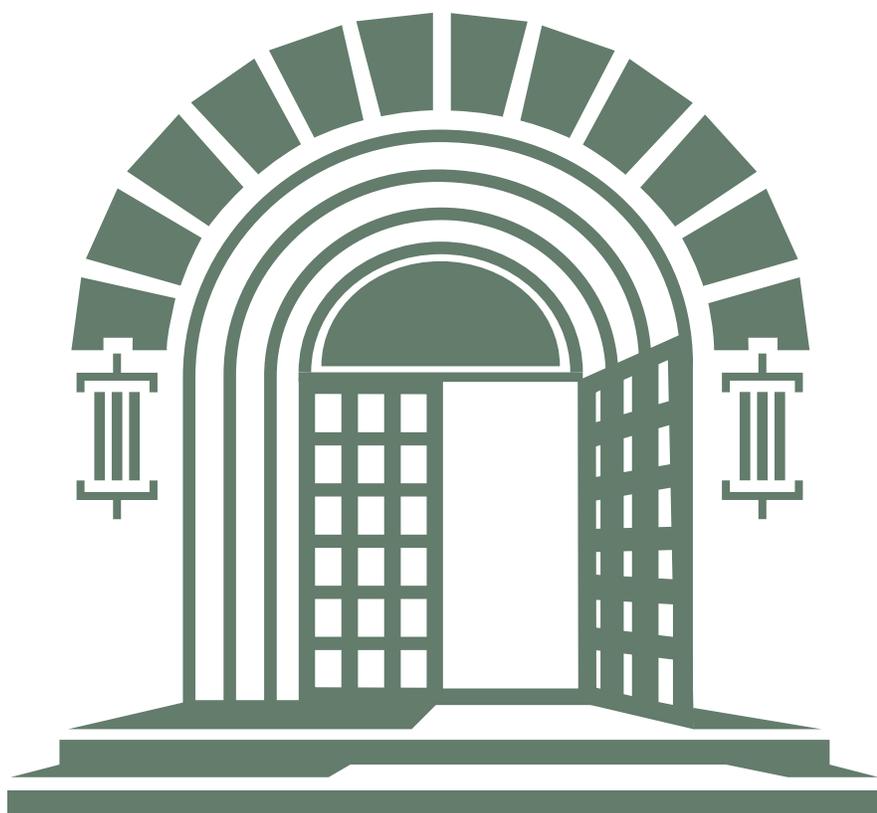


# Westminster Presbyterian Church

*A Telling Presence in the City*

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Sunday, September 12, 2021, 10:30 am



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# Preparing for the Word

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

**Prelude** *Largo* from *New World Symphony*

Antonín Dvořák  
Joseph Trucano, organ

## Our Life in Christ

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn

## \*A Litany in Thanksgiving for the Church

One: We thank you, O God,

**All: For your love is great.**

## \*Call to Worship

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

**All: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.**

## \*Processional Hymn No. 15 *All Creatures of Our God and King* (vss. 1-3)

## Commissioning of Church School Students and Teachers

Sonja Dziekciowski, Marie Kruskop,  
Matt Lewellyn-Otten, Wendy Ott, Rev. Alexandra Mauney

## \*Hymn No. 15 *All Creatures of Our God and King* (vss. 4-6)

## Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretension and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

**Silent Prayers of Confession** *Worshippers seek and reflect on God's forgiveness in their own lives.*

## Assurance of God's Forgiveness

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. 642 *Heleluyan, We Are Singing* (vss. 1 and 3)

*Congregation sings refrain; soloist sings verses*

# Listening for the Word

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## A Time with Children

## Prayer for Illumination

Terry McEowen

## Reading from Holy Scripture

Romans 8:22-39

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon *What Is Our Only Comfort?*

Rev. Dr. Timothy Hart-Andersen

# Responding to the Word

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**\*Hymn No. 315** *In the Midst of New Dimensions*

## **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. David Tsai Shinn

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.

## **Offertory Sentences**

*Worshippers are invited to use the "Give" link on the livestream page or online on our website or via Realm, or mail a check to support the mission and ministry of Westminster.*

## **Offertory Anthem** *Belong*

Text: Marissa Chamberlain, Music: Jocelyn Hagen  
Dr. Amanda Weber, conductor  
Joseph Trucano, piano

Home is home no longer. (When) I'm grown and gone, Where will I belong?  
Could I belong with you? Could I shelter and share bread with you? Could we belong?  
The house is sold. The family scatters. Sisters, brothers far away.  
Could you belong with me? Would you shelter and share bread with me? Could we belong?  
Our country boils with anger. Bullets fly, friendships shatter. Life is short. But life, it matters.  
Come, you belong with me. We'll shelter and share bread together. We belong.

## **\*Sung Response** *O God Beyond All Praising*

Kenneth Vigne, organist

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

## **\*Prayer of Dedication for the Offering Received**

**\*Hymn No. 456** *Listen, God Is Calling (Neno lake Mungu)*

## **\*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** *Carillon de Westminster*

Louis Vierne

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**We no longer include the hymn notation in the printed bulletin. Those worshipping in person are encouraged to use the hymnals in the pews. Those worshipping online may sing along without the music notation or purchase the Glory to God hymnal at [pcusastore.com](http://pcusastore.com).**

**A Congregational Meeting of Westminster Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, September 26, 2021, at 11:30 am in the church's sanctuary, 1200 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and also via livestream, to elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for the position of Associate Pastor for Adult Ministries.**

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

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### Coffee Hour Zoom link

<https://zoom.us/j/99399406329?pwd=YnlDMUZ3N3VuTGxDTTZ4R05FdU1tQT09>

### Coffee Hour Phone link

888-788-0099 -or- 877-853-5247 (US Toll-free)

Meeting ID: 993 9940 6329 Passcode: 832728

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### Daily Phone Devotions

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September 12..... Mark 8:27-38  
13..... Psalm 119:169-176  
14..... Colossians 3:1-11  
15..... John 7:25-36  
16..... Jeremiah 11:18-20  
17..... Psalm 54  
18..... James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
19..... Mark 9:30-37

**Join us for worship and adult education in-person, via livestream  
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Sunday 9:15 am Adult Learning Hour

*(livestream and Recreation Room for Adult Education and Meisel Room for Social Justice Forum)*

Sunday 10:30 am Worship

*(livestream and in-person attendance of 400 - no pre-registration required)*