

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

*A Telling Presence in the City*

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Sunday, October 17, 2021, 10:30 am



*Psalms and Palms Draw Community*  
by Middle School Students  
Watercolor on paper, Arts Month, 2020

*Westminster is the church in the world, online and in person.  
We belong to one another and to God. Thanks be to God!*

# Preparing for the Word

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

**Prelude** *Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam*, BWV 684

J.S. Bach

Joseph Trucano, organ

## **Our Life in Christ**

Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## **\*Call to Worship** (Ps 98:4, Micah 6:8)

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

One: What does the Lord require of us?

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

One: Let us worship God.

## **\*Processional Hymn** No. 409 *God is Here!*

## **Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession**

Rev. David Tsai Shinn

God of grace, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O God. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son.

**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.**

## **Anthem** *A Path to Each Other*

Music: Jocelyn Hagen and Timothy C. Takach

Text: Julia Klatt Singer

Each word a stone

We can build a wall

Or a

path  
to  
each  
other.

## Listening for the Word

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### **Prayer for Illumination**

Elaine Wilson

### **Reading from Holy Scripture**

Mark 2:1-12 (NT, pg. 31)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon** *Creative Belonging*

Rev. Alexandra Mauney

## Responding to the Word

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**\*Hymn** No. 486 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

### **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

Presentation of the Baptisands

Loren Stensrud, child of Will and Krista Stensrud

William George Krum, child of Rebecca and Gregg Krum

### **Questions to the Parents and Congregation**

\*Affirmation of Faith (United Church of Canada)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

### **Prayer over the Water**

### **Baptisms**

### **\*Congregational Response**

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to Westminster and to the fellowship of Christ's Church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, to serve that gospel alongside you, and to help you know and follow Christ.

**\*Sung Response** Hymn No. 492 *You Belong to Christ*

*Choir sings first time through; congregation sings second time.*

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn

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.

**A Moment for Stewardship**

Kyle Digman

**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** *This Little Light of Mine*

Trad. Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

**Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received**

**\*Hymn No. 24** *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

**\*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** *Toccata Giocosa*

Ian Hunt

## Welcome! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, mission, and programs.

**Join us for Coffee Hour!** After each Sunday worship we will serve coffee and light refreshments outside on Westminster Plaza.

**Welcome Children!** Westminster welcomes children of all ages to participate in our worship. If, for any reason, you and your child need to leave the sanctuary, you can visit the Tower Room in the southwest corner off the balcony for a kid-friendly space.

**Realm** Connect online to the church directory, giving resources, and events through Realm: [westminstermpls.org/contact/realms](http://westminstermpls.org/contact/realms). **Need some help with Realm?** Look for the Realm table set up before and after worship on Sundays in October.

## Get Involved

### Join a Project-based Ensemble

*This fall consider joining the **Handbell Choir** or the **Chamber Choir** for just a few weeks to make music and build community. Contact Joe ([jtrucano@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:jtrucano@wpc-mpls.org)) to learn more about Handbells and Amanda ([aweber@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:aweber@wpc-mpls.org)) to learn more about Chamber Choir.*

### Attend FYC's Second Annual Trunk-or-Treat

**October 30 | 1-3 pm**

*The Youth Group will host the Second Annual Trunk-or-Treat for the little ones of the congregation! Show up in your favorite costume, and be ready to have fun! Register through Realm.*

### Support Westminster's Scout Troop 33

*Scout Troop 33 will sell holiday wreaths before and after worship on Sundays as well as online this year. Order online ([scoutsales.org/?1393.0.1300](http://scoutsales.org/?1393.0.1300)) or in person by October 31; pick up at the church on November 14 and 21. Questions? Contact Jenn Newman at 218-349-5282.*

### Attend a New Member Class

**November 7 | 11:45 am | In person and Zoom**

*Westminster welcomes those seeking an active, engaged church that shares the good news with a world in need of God's peace, love, and justice. A **New Member Class** will be held on **November 7**, with options to attend in person or online; contact Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn, [mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org).*

## Westminster Cares

**Births, Adoptions, Baptisms** Contact Janice Teliczan, [jteliczan@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:jteliczan@wpc-mpls.org).

**For Pastoral Care** Notify Deb Wagner of hospitalization, illness, death, or prayer requests, [dwagner@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:dwagner@wpc-mpls.org).

**Blood Pressure Screening**, 3rd Sunday, 9:15 am & 11:30 am, Bates Room

## **This Week at Westminster | October 17-24**

*Visit [westminstermpls.org/events](https://westminstermpls.org/events) for more details about events.*

### **Sunday, October 17**

8 am - 12:30 pm | The Art of Belonging | Westminster Art Gallery

8:30 am | Worship | Westminster Hall \*

9:15 am | Adult Ed. | Recreation Room \*

9:15 am | Social Justice Forum | Meisel Room \*

9:15 am | Church School | Zoom

10:30 am | Worship | Sanctuary \*

4 pm | Youth Groups | Courtyard

### **Monday, October 18**

10 am | Tai Chi | Westminster Green

10 am | Magnet Senior Center | Bushnell Room

7 pm | Adult Ed: Democracy Class | Recreation Room and Zoom

### **Wednesday, October 20**

9 am | WOW | Meisel Room and Zoom

10:30 am | Moms Group | Zoom

11 am | Third Age | Westminster Hall \*

Noon | Centering Prayer | Zoom

5 pm | Youth Choir | Youth Music Room

6 pm | Worship | Westminster Hall \*

6:30 pm | Vulnerability & Courage Group | Zoom

7 pm | Westminster Choir | Westminster Hall

### **Thursday, October 21**

10 am | Magnet Senior Center | Bushnell Room

5:30 pm | Community Yoga | Recreation Room

### **Friday, October 22**

6:30 pm | Monroe Crossing | Sanctuary

### **Sunday, October 24**

8:30 am | Worship | Westminster Hall \*

9:15 am | Adult Ed. | Recreation Room \*

9:15 am | Social Justice Forum | Meisel Room \*

10:30 am | Worship | Sanctuary \*

**\*May also be viewed via Livestream [westminstermpls.online.church](https://westminstermpls.online.church)**

## Daily Phone Devotions

612.332.7087

October 17 ..... Mark 19:35-43  
18 ..... Hebrews 6:1-12  
19 ..... Psalm 37:23-40  
20 ..... John 13:1-17  
21 ..... Jeremiah 31:7-9  
22 ..... Psalm 126  
23 ..... Hebrews 7:23-28  
24 ..... Mark 10:46-52

*A Path to Each Other*, text by Julia Klatt Singer. Permission to print the text is given by the poet.

### **Coffee Hour Zoom link**

<https://zoom.us/j/99399406329?pwd=YnIDMUZ3N3VuTGxDTTZ4R05FdU1tQT09>

### **Coffee Hour Phone link**

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

Meeting ID: 993 9940 6329 Passcode: 832728

**Join us for worship and adult education in-person,  
via livestream [westminstermpls.online.church](https://westminstermpls.online.church) or  
[facebook.com/westminstermpls](https://facebook.com/westminstermpls)**

### **Sundays**

8:30 am Worship (Westminster Hall; up to 75 people)

9:15 am Adult Education (Recreation Room)

Social Justice Forum (Meisel Room)

10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary; up to 400 people)

### **Wednesdays**

6 pm Silence & Song (Westminster Hall; up to 75 people)



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