

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Stewardship Sunday, November 21, 2021



Belonging to the
Beloved Community

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God. *(John 4:7)*

Preparing for the Word

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

Prelude *Crown Imperial*

William Walton
Kenneth Vigne, organ

Our Life in Christ

Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

A Moment for Stewardship in Video: Racial Justice

***Call to Worship** (Ps. 96:1-2)

One: O sing to the Lord a new song;

All: sing to the Lord, all the earth.

One: Sing and give praise to God's name;

All: tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

One: Let us worship God.

***Processional Hymn No. 363** *Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

Joseph Trucano, organ

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

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 *This Still Room*

Jonathan Adams; text by John Greenleaf Whittier

Alberto de la Paz, guest conductor

And so I find it well to come for deeper rest to this still room; for here the habit of my soul feels less the outer world's control. The strength of mutual purpose pleads more earnestly, our common needs; and from the stillness, multiplied by these still forms on either side. The world that time and sense have known falls off, and leaves us God alone.

Listening for the Word

A Time with Children

Rev. Alexandra Jacob

Prayer for Illumination

Carol Frisch

Readings from Holy Scripture

Jeremiah 23:1-6 (OT, p. 684)

John 18:33-37 (NT, p. 99)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *In Our End Is Our Beginning*

Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen

Responding to the Word

***Hymn No. 250** *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* (vss. 1-2)

Reception of New Members

Covenant of Membership Questions

Vincent Thomas

***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. 250** *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* (vs. 3)

New Members:

Torrie Allen, Scott Applewick, Tiffany Cooper-Allen, MaryAnn Chicoine, Steven Chicoine, Marilyn Eckerle, Marvin Eckerle, Wendy Fields, Jan Hansen, Stephen Hansen, Andrea Hyde, Caitlyn Lindquist, Peter Laux, Brian Mollman, Sally Mollman, Edward Sootsman, Miriam Wade, and Ryan Wade

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 *Zion's Walls*

Aaron Copland; text by John G. McCurry
Dr. Amanda Weber, conductor

Come fathers and mothers, come sisters and brothers, come join us in singing the praises of Zion. O fathers, don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion? We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion.

Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received

***Hymn No. 837** *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

***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 *Praeludium in E-flat (St. Anne)*

J.S. Bach

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 in the Courtyard, as weather permits. Don't forget to wear your coat!

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.

8:30 Worship Join us this Advent for the 8:30 am Worship in Westminster Hall. We will welcome guest artists as part of our worship this Advent season. The prelude begins in Westminster Hall at 8:25 am and on livestream: westminstermpls.online.church.

Get Involved

Stewardship Sunday is Today!

If you haven't already done so, please support 2022 ministries by pledging online, via your Realm login, or by returning your pledge card. Thank you for supporting God's work through Westminster, and for Belonging to the Beloved Community!

Worship at the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

November 25 | 10 am | Temple Israel

This year's Interfaith Thanksgiving service will be held at Temple Israel. You are invited to join in person or online: facebook.com/templeisraelmn.

Groveland Food Shelf Donations for November

Through November 30, we are collecting disinfecting wipes, ramen, and canned soup for Groveland. Place items in the boxes located near the entrances of the 1st and 2nd parking levels and outside the Chapel.

Last Chance to See Gallery Exhibition

The Westminster Gallery exhibition, The Art of Belonging, closes today. Visit after worship when Gallery Director, Dr. Rodney Allen Schwartz, will be available for questions.

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.

Prayer Companions 1st Sundays, 11:30 am, Prayer Room

Blood Pressure Screening, 3rd Sundays, 9:30-10:15 am & 11:30 am-Noon, Bates Room

This Week at Westminster | November 21-28

Visit westminstermpls.org/events for more details about events.

Sunday, November 21

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

8:30 am | Worship | Westminster Hall *

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

9:15 am | Church School | Zoom

9:15 am-1 pm | Fair Trade Gift Fair | Westminster Commons

10:30 am | Worship | Sanctuary *

Noon | Christmas Pageant Rehearsal | Zoom

4 pm | Youth Groups | Recreation Room

Monday, November 22

10 am | Tai Chi | Westminster Hall

10 am | Magnet Senior Center | Bushnell Room

Tuesday, November 23

Noon | Town Hall Forum | Sanctuary and Livestream

Wednesday, November 24

Noon | Centering Prayer | Zoom

Thursday, November 25

10 am | Interfaith Thanksgiving Service | Temple Israel

Saturday, November 27

9 am | Youth Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 28

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 *

11:30 am | Advent Cider & Singing | Sanctuary and Westminster Green

4 pm | Youth Groups | Recreation Room

5 pm | FEAST | Plymouth Congregational Church

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Advent at Westminster

December 12 | 11:30 am | Christmas Pageant Viewing Party

December 19 | 9 and 11 am | Christmas Festival Sunday: A Service of Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve at Westminster

4 pm | Family Christmas Eve Worship | Sanctuary

8 and 10 pm | Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship | Sanctuary

Daily Phone Devotions

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November 21 John 18:33-37
22 Psalm 76
23 Revelation 11:15-19
24 John 16:25-33
25 Matthew 6:25-33
26 Psalm 25:1-10
27 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
28 Luke 21:25-36

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Coffee Hour Zoom link

<https://zoom.us/j/99399406329?pwd=YnIDMUZ3N3VuTGxDTTZ4R05FdU1tOT09>

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 or
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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