Westminster
Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, January 9, 2022, 10:30 am

The Baptism of Jesus, by Father Maur, hand-glazed terra cotta
St. Andrew’s Abbey, Valyermo, CA, 2012
The Westminster Collection, on view in the Westminster Gallery

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

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

Prelude

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam
Johann Pachelbel

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731
J.S. Bach

Joseph Trucano, organ

Our Life in Christ

One: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

A Moment of Gratitude for Mary Hess

The Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler

*Call to Worship (Rev. 22:17)

One: The Spirit and the Church say, “Come.”
All: The people of the Word say, “Come.”

One: Let everyone who is thirsty come.
All: Receive the gift of the water of life.
One: Let us worship God.

*Processional Hymn No. 163 Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession (unison)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; 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.
Listening for the Word

A Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Readings from Holy Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-7 (OT, p. 631)
Matthew 3:13-17 (NT, p. 3)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Belonging Is Where We Begin

Responding to the Word

*Hymn No. 484 Out of Deep, Unordered Water

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Words of Scripture

Renunciations

*Profession of The Apostles’ Creed (unison) The Rev. Alexandra Jacob

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended to the dead. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer over the Water

Renewal of the Promise

Sung Response Hymn No. 492 You Belong to Christ

First time choir; second time congregation
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (unison)

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 Invitation

You are invited to give online via Realm or by placing your donation in the offertory plates as you leave. To learn more about how to make a gift online, please see the back of the bulletin. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of Westminster.

Offertory Anthem Sicut Cervus

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul thirsts for you, O God.

Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received

*Hymn No. 156 Sing of God Made Manifest

*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 Postlude on ‘Aberystwyth’

Join us after the service in the Meisel Room or on the Livestream for a celebration in honor of Mary Hess, retiring after 15 years of service as Westminster’s Director of Stewardship.
Welcome! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, mission, and programs.

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 for the 8:30 am Worship in Westminster Hall. This 40-minute service explores the same readings and themes as the 10:30 am Worship, but **in a less formal setting and format centered around the sacrament of Communion each week.** All are welcome in person and on livestream: westminsterrmpls.online.church

Get Involved

Visit The Gift of Love Exhibition Today
Today is the last day to view *The Gift of Love* exhibition in the Westminster Gallery. Gallery Director Dr. Rodney Allen Schwartz will be in the gallery to chat about the exhibition after the 10:30 service today.

Attend MLK Weekend Events with the Rev. Anthony Jermaine Ross-Allam
Liberty Community Church and Westminster welcome the Rev. Anthony Jermaine Ross-Allam for our annual joint celebration of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday weekend. Rev. Ross-Allam will present at a workshop on January 15 at Liberty’s Northside Healing Space (2100 Emerson Avenue North) and preach on January 16 at Westminster; both available via Livestream as well.

Join Third Age to Learn about Estate Planning
Third Age is pleased to have attorney Lauren Fink share her expertise on financial planning in a forum scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, from 11 am to noon on Zoom.

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

Coffee Hour Zoom link
https://zoom.us/j/993999406329?pwd=YnlDMUZ3N3VuTGxDTTZ4R05FdU1tQT09

Coffee Hour Phone link
888-788-0099 -or- 877-853-5247 (US Toll-free)
Meeting ID: 993 9940 6329    Passcode: 832728
This Week at Westminster | Jan. 9-16
Visit westminstermpls.org/events for more details about events.

Sunday, January 9
8 am-12:30 pm | The Gift of Love | Westminster Gallery
8:30 am | Worship, the Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen preaching | Westminster Hall *
9:15 am | Adult Education | Recreation Room **
9:15 am | Social Justice Forum | Meisel Room *
10:30 am | Worship, the Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen preaching | Sanctuary *
11:30 am | Lay Reader Training
11:45 am | Mary Hess Celebration | Meisel Room *
4 pm | Jr. High Youth Group | Zoom

Monday, January 10
10 am | Magnet Senior Center | Bushnell Room
7 pm | The Bible Then and Now | Garden Room & Zoom

Tuesday, January 11
6 pm | Dads Group | Courtyard

Wednesday, January 12
9 am | WOW | Zoom
10:30 am | Moms Group | Zoom
11 am | Third Age: Estate Planning | Zoom
Noon | Centering Prayer | Zoom
5:45 pm | Family Fellowship & Children’s Choir | Zoom
6 pm | Worship | Westminster Hall *
6:30 pm | Confirmation Class | Meisel Room
7 pm | Westminster Choir | Zoom

Thursday, January 13
10 am | Magnet Senior Center | Bushnell Room

Saturday, January 15
10 am | Downtown Coalition for Grief | Zoom
10 am | MLK Workshop with Liberty Community Church | Northside Healing Space *

Sunday, January 16
8 am-12:30 pm | Hope and Healing in Pandemic Times | Westminster Gallery
8:30 am | Worship, the Rev. Anthony Jermaine Ross-Allam preaching | Westminster Hall *
9:15 am | Social Justice Forum & Adult Education | Westminster Hall *
10:30 am | Worship, the Rev. Anthony Jermaine Ross-Allam preaching | Sanctuary *

* May also be viewed via Livestream westminstermpls.online.church
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Today’s flowers are in loving memory of
Gertrude Hognander
by Joe Hognander

Births
Winter Ellison Wade
December 22, 2021

Ari Andersen Sames
December 25, 2021

Daily Phone Devotions
612.332.7087

January 9                      Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
10                           Psalm 106:1-12
11                        1 John 5:13-21
13                     Isaiah 62:1-5
14                 Psalm 36:5-10
15              1 Corinthians 12:1-11
16            John 2:1-11
Join us for worship and adult education in-person (masks required), via livestream westministermpls.online.church or facebook.com/westministermpls

Sundays
8:30 am Worship (Westminster Hall)
9:15 am Adult Education (Recreation Room)
Social Justice Forum (Meisel Room)
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)

Wednesdays
6 pm Silence & Song (Westminster Hall)

Giving to Westminster
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