Westminster
Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, March 20, 2022

Desert Temptations, by Cara Hochhalter, linocut print, 2005
The Westminster Collection

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** *Ich ruf’ zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ*, BWV 639

J.S. Bach

Joseph Trucano, organ

**Lenten Greeting**

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

*Call to Worship* (Psalm 19:7)

One: The law of the Lord revives the soul;

**All: the word of God makes the simple wise.**

One: Let us worship God.

*Processional Hymn* No. 395 *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

**Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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

**Assurance of God’s Forgiveness**

One: The mercies of God are from everlasting to everlasting. Friends, hear the good news:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*
Listening for the Word

A Time with Children  The Rev. David Tsai Shinn

Prayer for Illumination  Evelyn Ngwa

Readings from Holy Scripture

Psalm 26 (OT, p. 466)
Psalm 139:1-6 (OT, p. 540)

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

Sermon Belonging in the Silence: Self-examination  The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen

Silent Reflection

The congregation is invited to reflect in silence.

Responding to the Word

*Hymn No. 28 You Are Before Me, Lord

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Presentation of the Baptisand  Marcia Morine

Winter Ellison Wade, child of Ryan and Miriam Wade

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

Baptism
*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 Baptismal Response* Hymn No. 486 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (vss 1-3)

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer**
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** O Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me and Known Me

Bob Chilcott
Westminster Choir; Dr. Amanda Weber, conductor

You may follow along with the text of the anthem using a pew Bible, Psalm 139:1-10 (OT, p. 540).

**Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received**

*Hymn* No. 707 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

*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 in g

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

**In-person Coffee Hour** Join us for Coffee Hour after the 10:30 am worship in Westminster Hall. Masks are optional, but required elsewhere in the building. An online Zoom Coffee Hour will continue (details below).

**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.

**Wednesdays during Lent** Join us during Lent at Noon in the Chapel for a Lenten Organ Series and in Westminster Hall at 6 pm for a Taizé-style Wednesday Evening Worship and on livestream: westminstermpls.online.church

**Get Involved**

**Attend Town Hall Forum**
Lisa Schulte Moore directs the Landscape Ecology and Sustainable Ecosystem Management Lab at Iowa State University. Join us on **March 25 at Noon** in the Sanctuary and online at westminsterforum.org.

**Tai Chi Continues into April**
Join us for another session of Tai Chi at Westminster. Tai Chi master Julie Cisler will guide the group in a gentle series of movements to increase a sense of balance and connection between our bodies, minds, and spirits. **Mondays at 10 am** in Westminster Hall.

**Beyond Sunday Connections: The Rev. Alexandra Jacob**
Beyond Sunday Connections invites women to come together in fellowship and share personal reflections about their faith, work, and daily life. The Rev. Alexandra Jacob will be the featured speaker on Monday, **March 28, at 6:30 pm**.

**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, Chapel

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

**Coffee Hour Zoom Link**
https://zoom.us/j/99399406329?pwd=YnIDMUZ3N3VuTGxDTTZ4R05FdU1tQT09

**Coffee Hour Phone Information:** 888-788-0099 -or- 877-853-5247 (US Toll-free)
Meeting ID: 993 9940 6329     Passcode: 832728
This Week at Westminster | March 20-27
Visit westministermpls.org/events for more details about events.

Sunday, March 20
8 am-12:30 pm | To the Cross and Beyond | Westminster Gallery
8:30 am | Worship, the Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen preaching | Westminster Hall *
9:15 am | Lenten Covenant Groups
9:15 am | Family Matters | Nursery
9:15 am | Church School | In person
10:30 am | Worship, the Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen preaching | Sanctuary *
11:45 am | Youth Sunday Meeting | Youth Room
4 pm | Jr. High Youth Group | Recreation Room

Monday, March 21
10 am | Tai Chi | Westminster Hall
10 am | Magnet Senior Center | Bushnell Room
7 pm | Bible Then and Now Class | Zoom

Tuesday, March 22
6 pm | Handbell Choir Rehearsal | Great Hall

Wednesday, March 23
9 am | WOW | Zoom
10:30 am | Moms Group | Zoom
11:30 am | Centering Prayer | Zoom
Noon | Lenten Organ Series | Chapel *
5:45 pm | Family Fellowship & Children's Choirs | Zoom
6 pm | Wednesday Evening Worship | Westminster Hall *
7 pm | Westminster Choir Rehearsal | Westminster Hall

Thursday, March 24
10 am | Magnet Senior Center | Bushnell Room
6 pm | Social Justice Ministry Team | Zoom/Garden Room
6 pm | WestConnect | Courtyard/Bates Room

Friday, March 25
Noon | Town Hall Forum | Sanctuary and westminsterforum.org

Saturday, March 26
10 am | Downtown Coalition for Grief | Zoom

Sunday, March 27
8 am-12:30 pm | To the Cross and Beyond | Westminster Gallery
8:30 am | Worship, the Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen preaching | Westminster Hall *
9:15 am | Lenten Covenant Groups
9:15 am | Family Matters | Nursery
9:15 am | Church School | In person
10:30 am | Worship, the Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen preaching | Sanctuary *
12:30 pm | Little Bells, Big Bells | Great Hall
4 pm | Youth Groups | Recreation Room
5 pm | FEAST | Plymouth Congregational Church

* May also be viewed via Livestream westministermpls.online.church
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Charles and Bettyann Ungemach
with gratitude from the Collver Family

In Eternal Rest

Karen Haan, March 4, 2022
Whitney MacMillan Jr., March 13, 2022

Daily Phone Devotions
612.332.7087

21 .................................................. Romans 2:1-11
22 ............................................... Romans 2:12-16
23 ............................................................ Psalm 39
24 ............................................................ Joshua 5:9-12
25 ............................................................ Psalm 32
26 .......................................... 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Giving to Westminster
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Join us for worship and adult education in-person (masks required), via livestream westminstercmpls.online.church or facebook.com/westminstercmpls

Lent 2022
Sundays
8:30 am Worship (Westminster Hall)
9:15 am Lenten Covenant Groups (various locations and times)
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)

Wednesdays
Noon Lenten Organ Series (Chapel)
6 pm Taizé-style worship (Westminster Hall)