Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Christ in the Desert, by Ivan Kramskoi, oil on canvas, Russia, 1872

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
Chorale Prelude on *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier*  
*Quoniam tu solus sanctus* from *Mass in b*

J.S. Bach
Nathan Petersen-Kindem, bass; Joseph Trucano, organ

Our Life in Christ

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Call to Worship* (Psalm 57:10-11)

One: The Lord’s steadfast love is as high as the heavens.

All: God’s faithfulness extends to the clouds.

One: May the Lord be exalted above the heavens.

All: Let God’s glory cover all the earth.

One: Let us worship God.

*Hymn* No. 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, our sins harass us, each of us, our community, and the world we inhabit. They are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive all that we cannot name and our hearts cannot bear. Set us free from a past we cannot change. Open to us a future in which we can be changed. 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 the need for 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.

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

A Time with Children

The Rev. Dr. David Tsai Shinn

Prayer for Illumination

Ken Huskins

Readings from Holy Scripture

Luke 3:3-6, 15-20 (NT, p. 52)
Luke 12:49-56 (NT, p. 65)

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

Sermon Our Restless God, Our Restless Faith

The Rev. Dr. Matthew Skinner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn No. 344 Where Armies Scourge the Countryside

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

The Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler

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.

Offering Invitation

You are invited to give online via Realm or by placing your donation in the offering 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 Mein Freund ist Mein from Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

J.S. Bach
Carolyn Cavadini, soprano

Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received

*Hymn No. 700 I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*Charge and Benediction

The people respond with “Amen.”
*Passing of the Peace*

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

Postlude *Praeludium in C*  
J.S. Bach

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**Coming Together Sunday: September 11**

Join us for worship and Joint Adult Education and Social Justice Forum in the morning with **NPR journalist Krista Tippett**. After worship, stay for the All-Church Picnic, fellowship, games, and dedication of the Westminster Bells!

**Return to community at Westminster this fall!**

- Sunday Worship: 8:30 and 10:30 am
- Wednesday Worship: 6 pm (resumes September 7 with bluegrass outdoors)
- Adult Education: Sundays, 9:15 am
- Social Justice Forum: Sundays, 9:15 am
- Church School: Sundays, 9:15 am
- Nursery: Sundays, 8:15 am - Noon
- Handbell Ensemble: Tuesdays, 6 pm (resumes September 13)
- Children and Youth Choirs: Wednesdays, 5-7 pm (resumes September 14)
- Community Dinner: Wednesdays, 5:15-6:45 pm (resumes September 14)
- Adult Choir: Wednesdays, 7 pm (resumes September 7)

Learn more online: westministermpls.org

*If Hennepin and Ramsey counties remain in the low-risk category for Covid, beginning September 11 Westminster will move to mask-optional during worship for those who are vaccinated.*
Welcome! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, mission, and programs.

**In-person Coffee Hour** In-person Coffee Hour has moved outside for the summer. Join us on the Upper Plaza following Sunday morning worship.

**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. **Although the balcony is closed for the summer, the Tower Room is still open for families with small children.**

**Get Involved**

**Voices of Hope Summer Jamboree**
Voices of Hope is a choral organization led by Dr. Amanda Weber that provides singing opportunities in Minnesota Correctional Facilities. A 6-week choral project hosted at Westminster will culminate in evening of storytelling and song on **Saturday, August 20, at 6:30 pm in Westminster Hall (free, no tickets needed)**. Please consider attending this special event to learn more about incarceration and the healing power of singing. For more information, email aweber@wpc-mpls.org.

**Accompanying our Refugee Neighbors**
Westminster members have been accompanying an Afghan family and we are expanding our commitment to support more refugee families. We are developing an additional team to befriend and regularly connect with refugee families who recently arrived in Minnesota. The families will benefit from assistance identifying community resources, opportunities to practice English, and help in becoming familiar with various aspects of life in the United States. To learn more about this effort, email act@wpc-mpls.org.

**Pre-School Church School Welcome & Orientation**
**Sunday, August 28 | 11:30 am**
Families with children who are at least 3 years old on or before September 10, 2022, and are not yet entering Kindergarten are invited to join us. Learn about the Church School experience in preparation for the new program year. Contact Marie Kruskop, Coordinator of Early Childhood and Family Ministries with questions at mkruskop@wpc-mpls.org.

**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.

**Parking at Westminster**
Free parking is available at the **Orchestra Hall Ramp** using vouchers found at church exits and the reception desk, from 8 am-2 pm on Sundays. There is a **drop-off area off Marquette Avenue** on the east side of the building; those needing to park closer may use the **Westminster Parking Garage**.
**This Week at Westminster | August 14-21**

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

**Sunday, August 14**
8 am-12:30 pm | *The Joy of Being* | Westminster Gallery
9:15 am | Adult Ed Hour: *Faith in the Flesh* | Recreation Room
10:30 am | Sunday Worship: The Rev. Dr. Matthew Skinner | Sanctuary *

**Monday, August 15**
9 am | Magnet Senior Center | Heller Commons
10 am | Tai Chi | Westminster Green
7 pm | Adult Ed Discussion: *Faith in the Flesh* | Zoom

**Tuesday, August 16**
1 pm | Magnet Senior Center | Meisel Room
2 pm | Devotional Chair Yoga | Heller Commons
3-4:30 pm | Youth Quest for the Best (Ice Cream!) | Grand Ole Creamery (Nokomis)

**Wednesday, August 17**
Noon | Centering Prayer | Zoom
1 pm | Magnet Senior Center | Meisel Room

**Thursday, August 18**
10 am | Magnet Senior Center | Bushnell Room

**Saturday, August 20**
10 am | Downtown Coalition for Grief | First Christian Church
6:30 pm | Voices of Hope Summer Jamboree | Westminster Hall

**Sunday, August 21**
8 am-12:30 pm | *The Joy of Being* | Westminster Gallery
9:15 am | Adult Ed Hour: *Faith in the Flesh* | Recreation Room
10:30 am | Sunday Worship: The Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler | Sanctuary *

* May also be viewed via Livestream westministermpls.online.church
In Eternal Rest
Arnie Roos, August 4, 2022

Today’s flowers are in loving memory of
Dr. Frank D. Jensen
Vivian Halsted Jensen
Michelle Alina Jensen
by Priscilla and Tom Northenscold

Daily Phone Devotions
612.332.7087

August 14 ..............................Luke 12:49-56
15 ...........................................Psalm 32
16 ...........................................Acts 7:44-53
17 ...........................................Luke 19:45-48
18 ...........................................Isaiah 58:9b-14
19 ...........................................Psalm 103:1-8
20 ...........................................Hebrews 12:18-29
21 ...........................................Luke 13:10-17
Giving to Westminster
You can make a one-time gift or pledge your support for 2022 online via Realm. To access Realm, point your smartphone camera at the QR code below or visit: onrealm.org/westmintermpls/give

Join us for worship (masks required)
in-person, via livestream
westmintermpls.online.church or facebook.com/westmintermpls

Sundays
8:30 am Worship (Westminster Hall) - Resumes September 11
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)

Wednesdays
6 pm Worship - Resumes September 7