

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, September 25, 2022 | 10:30 am



Southern Ring Nebula, NGC 3132, James Webb Space Telescope, 2022; NASA and the Space Telescope Science Institute

We enter this church not as strangers, but as children of God.

Preparing for the Word

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

Prelude Theme from *Interstellar*

Hans Zimmer; arr. Joseph Trucano
Joseph Trucano, organ

Our Life in Christ

The Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

A Moment for Peace and Global Witness Offering

Dr. Rodney Allen Schwartz

***Call to Worship** (Psalms 118:24, 112:8)

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: maker of heaven and earth.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Let us worship God!

***Processional Hymn** No. 26 *Earth and All Stars!*

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

O Holy One, you wear a thousand different names, but we hesitate to use any. Forgive us. We depend solely on ourselves, as if you were a figment of someone else's imagination. We go through the motions, yet our faith has little depth or staying power. We long to be renewed. Help us discover the deep joy that comes from trusting in you, and following Jesus, in whose name we pray.

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.

* Please stand as you are able.

Listening for the Word

A Time with Children

The Rev. Margaret O. Fox

At this time, children ages 4-1st grade are invited to Children's Church. Children will return to the Sanctuary before the end of worship.

Prayer for Illumination

Susan Tucker

Reading from Holy Scripture

Ephesians 3:14-21 (NT, pp.170-171)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *A Faithful Imagination*

The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen

Responding to the Word

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

***Affirmation of Faith (from The Scots Confession, 1560)**

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by God's inscrutable providence for such end as God's eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of God's own glory.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Dr. 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.

Offering Invitation

You are invited to give online via Realm. We have returned to passing the offering plates in the pews. Please assist the ushers as needed. 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 *Stars*

Ēriks Ešņvalds
Westminster Choir; Dr. Amanda Weber, conductor

Alone in the night
On a dark hill
With pines around me
Spicy and still,

Up the dome of heaven
Like a great hill,
I watch them marching
Stately and still,

And a heaven full of stars
Over my head,
White and topaz
And misty red;

And I know that I
Am honored to be
Witness
Of so much majesty.

Myriads with beating
Hearts of fire
The aeons
Cannot vex or tire;

(Text by Sara Teasdale)

Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received

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

***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 *Jupiter* from *The Planets*

Gustav Holst, arr. M. Kearney

Today's flowers are in loving memory of
Steve Hunter
by the Hunter family

In Eternal Rest
Robert Oliveira, September 5
Frank Birch, September 14

Daily Phone Devotions
612.332.7087

September 25 Luke 1:19-31
26 Psalm 62
27 James 5:1-6
28 Matthew 19:16-22
29 Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
30 Psalm 37:1-9
October 1 2 Timothy 1:1-14
2 Luke 17:5-10

Welcome to Westminster

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

If you are new to Westminster

Accessible Worship. Large print bulletins, hearing assistance devices, and Hearing Loop information are available from ushers during 10:30 am 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.

Coffee Hour. Join us in Westminster Hall for coffee and fellowship, following 10:30 am worship.

Membership. The next new member class will occur on November 6 following 10:30 am worship. Contact the Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn at mgage-finn@wpcmpls.org or Janice Teliczan at jteliczan@wpc-mpls.org.

If you seek to deepen your involvement

Justice & Mission. Get involved in serving and seeking justice; contact the Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler, at Tyler@wpc-mpls.org.

Families, Youth, and Children. Connect with Church School, youth groups, Confirmation, parent offerings, and special events; contact the Rev. Alexandra Jacob, ajacob@wpc-mpls.org.

Adult Ministries. Enjoy faith formation with other adults of the church through classes, small groups, and forums; contact the Rev. Margaret Fox, mfox@wpc-mpls.org.

Worship & the Arts. Offer your artistic gifts in worship, participate in adult or children's music ensembles, or connect with other artists; contact Dr. Amanda Weber, aweber@wpc-mpls.org.

Westminster Cares

Births, Adoptions, and Baptisms. Contact Janice Teliczan, jteliczan@wpc-mpls.org.

Pastoral Care. Contact Deb Wagner about hospitalization, illness, death, or prayer requests, 612.332.3421 or dwagner@wpc-mpls.org.

Free parking is available in the Orchestra Hall Ramp, at 11th St. & Marquette Ave.

At Orchestra Hall, take a ticket when you enter the ramp & pick up a parking voucher at Westminster; use both your ticket and the voucher to exit the ramp.

Free parking for those who need it is also available on Sunday mornings in the Westminster parking garage at Alice Rainville Place.

Our Life in Christ: Opportunities

Celebrating Hope

Sunday, October 16

Join us after 10:30 am worship on Stewardship Sunday for the launch of Westminster's 2023 Annual Stewardship program and Enduring Hope capital campaign. Enjoy lunch in Westminster Hall and walk through the new and old spaces of the building to discover how you can become more involved in the life and ministry of Westminster.

Town Hall Forum: Jonathan Reckford

Wednesday, October 5 | Noon | Sanctuary and Online

Jonathan Reckford, Chief Executive Officer of Habitat for Humanity, will present the first of a four-part series of *Healing Our House Divided*, and will speak specifically on "Service, The Antidote to Polarization." Music by the Roe Family Singers will begin at 11:30 am. Watch in person or live at <https://westminsterforum.org>.

Wednesday Evenings at Westminster

Don't miss mid-week opportunities for engagement at Westminster! The last **Bluegrass Worship of the month will be held on September 28 from 6-6:30 pm.** Enjoy Wednesday Night Supper before or after in Fellowship Hall from 5:15-6:45 pm. There are music ensembles for all ages, WestConnect (Young Adult) gatherings, and adult fellowship & education opportunities.

Third Age Forum

Wednesday, October 19 | 11 am | Westminster Hall and Livestream

FBI Supervisory Special Agent in charge of the Regional Cyber Team will supply an overview of the FBI and discuss how to stay safe online. Lunch will be served following the presentation.

Prepare for Twin Cities Marathon Road Closures

The Twin Cities Marathon will take place on Sunday, October 2. Please refer to the course map at: <https://www.tcmevents.org> for road closures that may affect your route to Westminster and allow for additional travel time that morning.

This Week at Westminster | September 25-October 2

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

Sunday, September 25

8 am-12:30 pm | *Curator's Choice* and *Voices from the Water* | Westminster Gallery
8:30 am | Sunday Worship: The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen | Westminster Hall *
9:15 am | Gathering Time and Church School | Chapel & Church School Classrooms
9:15 am | Adult Education Hour | Recreation Room **
9:15 am | Social Justice Forum | Meisel Room *
9:15 am | Family Matters | Bates Room
10:30 am | Sunday Worship: The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen | Sanctuary *
10:45 am | Children's Church | Chapel
11:30 am | Westminster Gallery Anniversary Reception | Westminster Gallery
5 pm | Friends Eating and Sharing Together (FEAST) | Westminster Hall

Monday, September 26

10 am | Tai Chi | Westminster Green
7 pm | The Bible Then and Now | Zoom

Tuesday, September 27

2 pm | Devotional Chair Yoga | Westminster Green
6 pm | Handbell Rehearsal | Great Hall

Wednesday, September 28

9 am | Women's Bible Study (WOW) | Meisel Room and Zoom
10:30 am | Moms Group | Zoom
Noon | Centering Prayer | Bates Room
5-7 pm | Children and Youth Choirs
5:15-6:45 pm | Wednesday Night Supper | Fellowship Hall
5:45 pm | Hymn Sing & Bluegrass Evening Worship | Lower Plaza
6 pm | Young Family Fellowship | Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm | Confirmation | Youth Room
6:30 pm | Confirmation Caregiver Gathering | Meisel Room
7 pm | Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 1

10 am | Downtown Coalition for Grief | First Christian Church

Sunday, October 2

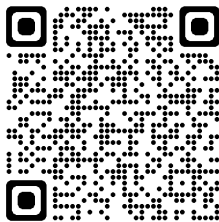
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Giving to Westminster

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in-person, via livestream
westminstermpls.online.church or
facebook.com/westminstermpls**

Sundays

8:30 am Worship (Westminster Hall)

10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)

Wednesdays

5:45 pm Hymn Sing & Bluegrass Worship (Lower Plaza)



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