

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Reformation Sunday
October 30, 2022 | 10:30 am

*We confess and acknowledge one only God,
to whom only we must cleave, whom only we must serve,
whom only we must worship, and in whom only we must
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 in earth, as well visible as invisible,
to have been created, to be retained
in their being, and to be ruled and guided by God's
inscrutable Providence, to such end as God's eternal wisdom,
goodness, and justice has appointed them,
to the manifestation of God's own glory.*

Adapted from *The Scots Confession* (1560)

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 *Praeludium in F, BWV 540*

J.S. Bach
Joseph Trucano, organ

Our Life in Christ

The Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Call to Worship** (Ephesians 2:8)

One: By grace we have been saved through faith.

All: This is not our own doing; it is the gift of God.

One: Let us worship God!

***Processional Hymn** No. 624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

The Rev. Dr. David Tsai Shinn

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

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 *God Is Our Refuge* (based on Psalm 46)

Genevan Psalter, 1543
arr. Claude Goudimel

Westminster Choir; Dr. Amanda Weber, conductor

* Please stand as you are able.

Listening for the Word

Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders

Sonja Dziekciowski, The Rev. Alexandra Jacob,
The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen,
and Third Grade Church School Teachers

At this time, children ages 4-1st grade are invited to Children's Church.

Prayer for Illumination

Readings from Holy Scripture

Sam Bardwell, Jim Tucker

Ephesians 2:4-10 (NT, p. 170)

James 2:14-18 (NT, p. 203)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *A Reformed Imagination*

The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** No. 645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

***Affirmation of Faith** (Adapted from the first question of the Heidelberg Catechism, 1563)

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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.

***Hymn** No. 456 *Listen, God Is Calling*

This Swahili hymn is written in a call-and-response style. The congregation is invited to respond to the cantor's call.

A Moment for Stewardship

Scott Appelwick & Ed Sootsman

Offering Invitation

You are invited to give online via Realm or by placing your donation in the offering plate. Please assist the ushers in passing the plates 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 *Praise to the Lord*

German chorale by Joachim Neander, 1668
arr. F. Melius Christiansen

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn** No. 275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Kenneth Vigne, organ

***Charge and Benediction**

Third Grade Students

The people respond with "Amen."

***Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Postlude *Chorale Prelude on Ein Feste Burg*

Johann Pachelbel

Call to Congregational Meeting, November 13, 2022

A meeting of the Congregation of Westminster Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, November 13 during the 10:30 am worship, for the purpose of electing Elders, Trustees, Deacons, and Congregational Nominating Committee members at large.

Signed, Vincent A. Thomas, Clerk of Session

**Today's flowers are in loving memory of
Venetia and Howard Johnson**

by Barbara Brown

**In loving honor of
Don and Ellie Meisel**

by the Meisel-Youngman family

In Eternal Rest

Norma Serungard, October 24, 2022

Daily Phone Devotions

612.332.7087

October 30..... Luke 6:20-31
31 1 Corinthians 5:9-13
November 1..... Psalm 32:1-7
2..... Luke 19:11-27
3..... Job 19:23-27a
4..... Psalm 17:1-9
5..... 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
6..... Luke 20:27-38

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! Children of all ages are welcome to participate in worship, but other options are also available. The Children's Tower Room (in the southwest corner off the balcony) features toys and livestreamed worship, so you can still enjoy worship with your child. We also offer a Nursery for children 3 years old and younger from 8:15-11:30 am.

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, atyler@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 **from 8 am-2:30 pm.**

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

Travel Seminar to Greece and Istanbul in May 2023: Information Session Today!

After the 10:30 service today, Lori Moline of Carrousel Travel will be in the Meisel Room to present information on this upcoming trip, led by the Revs. Tim and Beth Hart-Andersen and New Testament professor the Rev. Dr. Matt Skinner. Email Matt Skinner at miskinner@wpc-mpls.org to learn more.

Women's and Young Adult Retreats

The Women's Retreat will take place on **November 5** and will be held at Westminster. WestConnect will host a retreat at **Clearwater Forest November 18-19. Registration is open on Realm.**

Truth and Reparations

Saturday, November 5 | 10 am–3 pm | Westminster Sanctuary

The Minnesota Council of Churches (MCC) will host a day-long event at Westminster to explore racial justice and difficult truths about the faith practiced in Minnesota churches. Sociologist Dr. Michael Emerson will offer the keynote address. Registration opens at 9:30 am. To learn more visit MCC's website.

New Member Class

A 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 to learn more and register.

Family Pajama Party and Giving Drive

November 11 | 6:30-8 pm | Wood Lake Nature Center

Families are invited for an evening of fireside food and fellowship. **New books and new pajamas (sizes NB-XXXL) will be collected for the Pajama Program.** More information and registration on Realm.

The Bible Then and Now: The Messiah

Mondays, November 28-December 12 | 7-8:30 pm | Zoom

Join Westminster Scholar for Adult Education, Matt Skinner for a 3-week session during Advent. This series offers an exploration of the Bible and the ways we speak about Jesus as the "Messiah" sent by God. More information and registration available on Realm.

Westminster Performing Arts Series & Christmas Dinner Tickets

Tickets are now on sale for the next WPAS show, *Ten Thousand Voices: Water.*

Join local theater company, Ten Thousand Things, **Nov 17-20** to learn about the role of water in our community. **Tickets are also on sale for Westminster's Christmas Dinners, December 2-4** featuring *Amahl and the Night Visitors* by James Sewell Ballet. **All tickets at westminstermpls.org/WPAS.**

Cuba Partnership Trip 2023

February 4-12, 2023

In February a team from Westminster led by the Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen will visit our partner church El Redentor in the Versailles neighborhood of Matanzas, Cuba. The estimated costs are \$2,300-2,700. If you are interested or would like more information, please **contact Doris Wong (wongwinter@mac.com)** to set up a time to discuss this opportunity.

This Week at Westminster | October 30-November 6

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

Sunday, October 30: Reformation Sunday

8 am-12:30 pm | *Voices from the Water & Curators' Choice* | 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: Youth reflect on summer service trip | Meisel Room *
9:15 am | Family Matters | Bates Room
10:30 am | Sunday Worship: The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen preaching | Sanctuary *
10:30 am | Third Grade Bible Presentation | Sanctuary *
10:45 am | Children's Church | Chapel
11:30 am | Greece/Istanbul Travel Seminar Information Session | Meisel Room
3 pm | Ordination of Jim Cochrane | Sanctuary

Monday, October 31

10 am | Tai Chi | Westminster Green

Tuesday, November 1

2 pm | Devotional Chair Yoga | Westminster Green
6 pm | Handbell Rehearsal | Great Hall
6:30 pm | Dads Group | Courtyard

Wednesday, November 2

9 am | Women's Bible Study (WOW) | Meisel Room and Zoom
Noon | Centering Prayer | Bates Room
5 pm | Children and Youth Choirs
5:15-6:45 pm | Wednesday Night Supper | Fellowship Hall
6 pm | Wednesday Evening Worship: *Shelter In the Storm* | Westminster Hall
6 pm | Young Family Fellowship | Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm | Confirmation | Youth Room
7 pm | Adult Choir Rehearsal
7 pm | WestConnect | Hunter Room

Friday, November 4

Senior High Fall Retreat (through November 6) | Clearwater Forest Retreat Center

Saturday, November 5

9:30 am | Women's Retreat | Westminster Hall
10 am | MN Council of Churches: Truth and Reparations | Sanctuary
10 am | Downtown Coalition for Grief | Plymouth Congregational Church

Sunday, November 6: All Saint's Day

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11:30 am | New Member class | Meisel Room

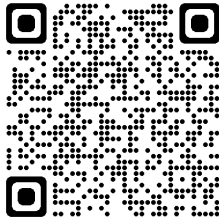
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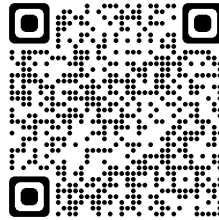
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One-Time Gift



Make a Pledge



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in-person, via livestream
westminstermpls.online.church or
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Sundays

8:30 am Worship (Westminster Hall)

10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)

Wednesdays

6 pm Wednesday Evening Worship (Westminster Hall)



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