

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022 | 10:30 am



Swords into Ploughshares, by Peter Koenig, painting,
20th Century.

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

*Chorale Prelude on Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme
Declamation on Genevan 42*

J.S. Bach
Craig Phillips
Joseph Trucano, organ

Advent Greeting

The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Call to Worship**

One: We come from a world of shadows,

All: into the coming of Christ's light.

One: We come from a world of weariness,

All: into God's strength and hope.

One: We come from a slumbering world,

All: into the movement of the Spirit. We come to keep awake and to receive God's love for us again.

One: Let us worship God.

***Processional Hymn** No. 88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vss. 1-2, 6-7)

Lighting the Advent Candle

Tiffany Cooper Allen and Torrie Allen

Sung Response Hymn No. 91 *Come, Come, Emmanuel*

Cantor will sing first time through; congregation is invited to join as directed.

Advent Prayer

The Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler

Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you. Now prepare the world to welcome you. Come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end, and your children may live in peace, honoring one another with justice and love; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn No. 103 *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

* Please stand as you are able.

Listening for the Word

A Time with Children

The Rev. Alexandra Jacob

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

Hymn No. 188 *Jesus Loves Me* (vs. 1)

Prayer for Illumination

Barbara La Vallour

Readings from Holy Scripture

Isaiah 2:1-5 (OT, pp. 591-592)

Matthew 1:1-17 (NT, p. 1)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation *Advent Hope: Peace*

The Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** No. 87 *Comfort, Comfort, Now My People*

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 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 *Peace from Shaker Songs*

Shaker song: *Peace to Zion*

arr. Kevin Siegfried

Westminster Choir; Dr. Amanda Weber, conductor

Peace unto Zion. Peace, peace to the faithful, and a crown of rejoicing from your Heavenly Father. When Zion shall be cleansed she shall flourish as a rose. I will walk in her midst and will bless all those with a tenfold blessing. And their sorrows shall cease, for I'll cry upon her walls. Peace, peace, sweet peace.

Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received

***Hymn** No. 349 *"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us*

***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 *Proclamation on Wachtet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

A.D. Miller

Advent and Christmas Worship

First Week of Advent

Sunday Worship | November 27 | 8:30 & 10:30 am

Wednesday Evening Worship | November 30 | 6 pm

Second Week of Advent

Sunday Worship | December 4 | 8:30 & 10:30 am

Service of Remembrance | December 6 | 6 pm

Wednesday Evening Worship | December 7 | 6 pm

Third Week of Advent

Sunday Worship | December 11 | 8:30 & 10:30 am

Wednesday Evening Worship | December 14 | 6 pm

Fourth Week of Advent

Christmas Festival Sunday | December 18

9 am | Lessons and Carols with Christmas Pageant

11 am | Lessons and Carols

Wednesday Evening Worship | December 21 | 6 pm

Fifth Week of Advent

Christmas Eve | December 24

4 pm | Family Service

8 and 10 pm | Candlelight Services

Christmas Day | December 25 | 10:30 am

Daily Phone Devotions

612.332.7087

November 27 Matthew 24:36-44
28Romans 6:1-11
29 Hebrews 11:32-40
30Psalm 124
December 1Isaiah 11:1-10
2..... Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
3..... Romans 15:4-13
4.....Matthew 3:1-12

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! Young ones are always welcome in worship at Westminster. We also offer Nursery care for children 3 years old and younger from 8:15-11:30 am, and the child-friendly Children's Tower Room (in the southwest balcony corner) is open with the service livestreamed for those who may need to step away for nursing or to tend to children's needs.

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

Membership. The next new member class will be held in late January, 2023. Contact the Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn at mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.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

Advent Welcome Event

Today, November 27 | 11:30 am | Westminster Hall

Head to Westminster Hall after the 10:30 worship today for an informal, intergenerational event to welcome the Advent season! Enjoy cookies and cider, participate in a collaborative art project, and take home an Advent wreath kit.

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 to explore the ways we speak about Jesus as the “Messiah” sent by God. More information and **registration available on Realm**.

Join Choir for the Season!

Consider joining the Westminster Choir for Advent and Christmas, as we prepare old and new anthems to enliven the season. **Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, beginning November 30.** Email Amanda Weber at aweber@wpc-mpls.org for more information.

Christmas Dinners: Tickets on Sale, Volunteers Needed

Westminster’s beloved Christmas Dinners return this year from December 2-4, and tickets are selling fast! Get yours today at westminsternpls.org/WPAS. We also need volunteers to help with decorations as well as table setters and servers. Email Kenny Vigne at kvigne@wpc-mpls.org for more information.

Service of Remembrance

December 6 | 6 pm | Chapel and Livestream

All who have experienced loss during the past year are invited to attend the annual Service of Remembrance worship and dinner. The candlelight service includes music, poetry, and remembering our loved ones. Afterward, gather for a simple dinner for conversation and sharing. **RSVP to Deb Wagner by Nov. 28 at dwagner@wpc-mpls.org** to attend the dinner. Livestream at westminsternpls.org/online.church.

Poinsettia Donations

To participate in Westminster’s Christmas Flower Program, please fill out the forms located on the information table and follow the instructions provided. Your gift will honor your loved one, help to decorate the sanctuary, and provide poinsettias to members and friends who are sick or homebound. **Names and donations are due by December 6.** Please email Deb Wagner (dwagner@wpc-mpls.org) with questions.

This Week at Westminster | November 27-December 4

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

Sunday, November 27

8:15 am-Noon | *The Wonder of Christmas* exhibition opens today | Westminster Gallery
8:30 am | Sunday Worship: The Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn | Westminster Hall *
9:15 am | Adult Education Hour | Recreation Room **
9:15 am | Family Matters | Bates Room
10:30 am | Sunday Worship: The Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn preaching | Sanctuary *
10:45 am | Children's Church | Chapel
11:30 am | Advent Welcome Event | Westminster Hall
3:45-7 pm | Serve with Friends Eating and Sharing Together (FEAST) Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 28

10 am | Tai Chi | Westminster Hall
7 pm | The Bible Then and Now: *The Messiah* | Zoom

Tuesday, November 29

2 pm | Devotional Chair Yoga | Heller Commons
6 pm | Handbell Rehearsal | Great Hall

Wednesday, November 30

9 am | Women's Bible Study (WOW) | Meisel Room and Zoom
Noon | Centering Prayer | Bates Room
5 pm | Children and Youth Choirs
6 pm | Wednesday Evening Worship | Westminster Hall *
6 pm | Young Family Fellowship | Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm | Confirmation | Meisel Room
7 pm | Adult Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room

Friday, December 2

6 pm | Christmas Dinner | Westminster Commons & Westminster Hall

Saturday, December 3

10 am | Downtown Coalition for Grief | Plymouth Congregational Church
6 pm | Christmas Dinner | Westminster Commons & Westminster Hall

Sunday, December 4

8:30 am | Sunday Worship: The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen | Westminster Hall *
9 am | Community Sing Rehearsal | Sanctuary
9:15 am | Adult Education Hour | Recreation Room **
9:15 am | Family Matters | Bates Room
10:30 am | Sunday Worship: The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen preaching | Sanctuary *
10:45 am | Children's Church | Chapel
11:30 am | Pageant Rehearsal | Fellowship Hall
Noon | Performing Arts Series: *Amahl and the Night Visitors* | Westminster Hall

* May also be viewed via Livestream westminstermpls.online.church

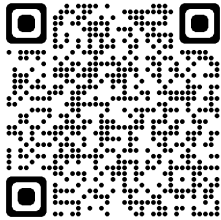
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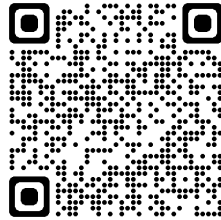
Giving to Westminster

You can make a one-time gift or pledge online. To support 2023 Stewardship and the *Enduring Hope* Campaign, point your smartphone camera at the QR codes below or visit: onrealm.org/westminstempls/give

One-Time Gift



Make a Pledge



**Join us for worship in-person,
via livestream at westminstempls.online.church,
or facebook.com/westminstempls**

Sundays

8:30 am Worship (Westminster Hall)

10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)

Wednesdays

6 pm Wednesday Evening Worship (Westminster Hall)



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