

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022 | 10:30 am



Ancestral, by Hannah Garrity, paper lace with watercolor,
21st 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

Prelude on *Picardy*

Adagio from *Sonata No. 1 in G Minor*

Craig Phillips
Joseph Trucano, organ
J.S. Bach
Sophia Larson, violin

Advent Greeting

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn

***Call to Worship** (Matthew 3:3)

One: A voice cries out in the wilderness:

All: Prepare the way of the Lord!

One: Let us worship God.

***Processional Hymn** No. 82 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Lighting the Advent Candle

David Hastings, Jimmy Hoke, Sarah Swindle

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. Margaret Fox

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn** No. 106 *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

* Please stand as you are able.

Listening for the Word

A Time with Children

The Rev. Dr. David Tsai Shinn

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

Sara Donaldson

Readings from Holy Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-10 (OT, pp. 600-601)

Matthew 3:1-12 (NT, p. 2)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation *Advent Hope: Justice*

The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** No. 96 *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

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 *All Earth Is Hopeful*

Alberto Taulé, arr. David Cherwien
Community Sing, led by Dr. Amanda Weber
Kenneth Vigne, organ

All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last! Furrows lie open for God's creative task: this, the labor of people who struggle to see how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.

People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell: "A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel"; she conceived him, "God with us," our brother, whose birth restores hope and courage to children of this earth.

Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared; new highways opened, new protocols declared. Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace! All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!

We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib. This same Lord Jesus today has come to live in our world; he is present, in neighbors we see our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Rev. Alexandra Jacob

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray...

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.

The Distribution of Bread and Cup

The Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler

All who are able are invited to come forward by exiting the pew to the right to receive the bread and the cup, and returning to pews on the opposite side. Communion is served by intinction, dipping bread into the cup. Those who remain in the pews who wish to receive communion will be served. A gluten-free alternative for bread is available.

Music during the Distribution *Cantabile*

Niccolo Paganini

Closing Prayer

***Hymn** No. 105 *People, Look East*

***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 *Carillon on Besançon*

Rebecca Groom Te Velde

Advent and Christmas Worship

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

Christmas

Christmas Eve | December 24

4 pm | Family Service

8 and 10 pm | Candlelight Services

Christmas Day | December 25 | 10:30 am

Today's flowers are in loving memory of

Marian and Albert Thomas

by The Thomas Family

In loving memory of

Madeleine Guillermo

by Myrna and Doug Little

Daily Phone Devotions

612.332.7087

December 4.....Matthew 3:1-12
5..... 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
6..... Psalm 21
7..... Matthew 12:33-37
8..... Isaiah 35:1-10
9..... Luke 1:46b-55
10 James 5:7-10
11Matthew 11:2-11

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

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.

Town Hall Forum: Christopher Blattman December 8 | Noon | Sanctuary and Online

Dr. Christopher Blattman is an internationally acclaimed expert on violence and peacebuilding. He will speak about his new best-selling book, *Why We Fight*, which explains the five reasons why conflict (rarely) blooms into war, and how to interrupt that deadly process. Please join us! <https://westminsterforum.org>.

Socks, Hats, and Gloves for FEAST Guests

The Westminster Hunger Ministry Team is collecting **new socks, hats, and gloves** for guests of Friends Eating And Sharing Together (FEAST). **Donations are welcome between November 27 and December 25.** Please place items in the boxes decorated with Christmas paper, near the chapel and at each church entrance in the parking ramps. Large and extra large sizes are preferred; cotton, wool, or a wool blend are requested for socks. **Thank you!**

Share the Warmth Coat Drive

This December, The Magnet Senior Center will collect new and gently used coats, hats, gloves, and scarves of all sizes for older adults in need. Donations will be collected at our coat drive table on the Sunday mornings of **December 4, 11, and 18.** If you would like to donate outside of Sunday morning hours, please **contact Angelique Kingsbury at 612-332-3421, x211, or akingsbury@wpc-mpls.org.**

Youth Christmas Parties

Junior High Christmas Party | December 11 | 6-8 pm | Recreation Room

Senior High & College Christmas Party | December 17 | 7-9 pm | Hardy Home

On December 11, Junior High students will celebrate Christmas together by wearing their best festive sweaters to an evening of fun and games. On December 17, Senior High and College students will gather off-site for a White Elephant gift exchange, food, and fellowship. **Contact Alexandra for more information at ajacob@wpc-mpls.org.**

Free Parking on Sundays and Christmas Eve

Free parking is available on Sunday mornings and for Christmas Eve services 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 in the Westminster parking garage at Alice Rainville Place.

This Week at Westminster | December 4-11

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

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 | Social Justice Forum | Meisel Room *

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

11:40 am | Youth String Ensemble Rehearsal | Youth Choir Room

Noon | Performing Arts Series: *Amahl and the Night Visitors* | Westminster Hall

Monday, December 5

10 am | Tai Chi | Westminster Hall

7 pm | The Bible Then and Now: *The Messiah* | Zoom

Tuesday, December 6

2 pm | Devotional Chair Yoga | Heller Commons

6 pm | Service of Remembrance | Chapel *

6 pm | Handbell Rehearsal | Great Hall

6:30 pm | Dads Group | Courtyard

Wednesday, December 7

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 | Westminster Hall *

6 pm | Young Family Fellowship | Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm | Confirmation | Youth Room

7 pm | WestConnect | Hunter Room

7 pm | Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 8

Noon | Town Hall Forum: Dr. Christopher Blattman | Sanctuary

Saturday, December 10

10 am | Downtown Coalition for Grief | Plymouth Congregational Church

Sunday, December 11

8:30 am | Sunday Worship: The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen | Westminster Hall *

9:15 am | Social Justice Forum | Meisel Room *

9:15 am | Adult Education Hour | Recreation Room **

9:15 am | Family Matters | Bates Room

9:15 am | Nursery Lessons & Carols and Meet & Greet with Meredith | Nursery

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

11:40 am | Youth String Ensemble Rehearsal | Youth Choir Room

6 pm | Jr. High Christmas Party | Recreation Room

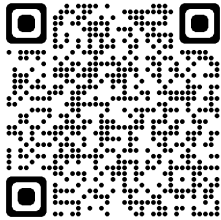
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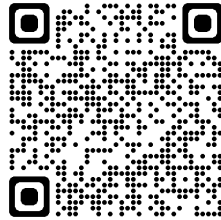
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You can make a one-time gift or pledge online. To support 2023 Stewardship and the *Enduring Hope* Campaign, point your smartphone camera at the QR codes below or visit: onrealm.org/westminstempls/give

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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