

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

*A Telling Presence in the City*

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Third Sunday of Advent  
December 11, 2022 | 10:30 am



*Icon: Madonna and Child*, by Nalini Jayasuriya, oil on cotton, Sri Lanka, 1993  
The Westminster Collection, on view in the Westminster Gallery

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



# Preparing for the Word

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

## **Prelude**

Cantilena on *Cranham*  
Dance on *Gabriel's Message*

Simon Lole  
Michael Bedford  
Joseph Trucano, organ

## **Advent Greeting**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

The Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn

## **A Moment for the Christmas Joy Offering**

The Rev. Margaret O. Fox

### **\*Call to Worship** (Luke 1:46-47)

One: My soul magnifies the Lord;

**All: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

One: Let us worship God.

### **\*Processional Hymn** No. 107 *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

## **Lighting the Advent Candle**

Eva DeBuse, Larkin Finn, Caroline McChesney

## **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. Dr. David Tsai Shinn

God of grace, ever faithful to your promises, the earth rejoices in hope of our Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts to receive him when he comes, for he is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

## **Hymn** No. 98 *To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary*

\* Please stand as you are able.

# Listening for the Word

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## **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**

Kathy Fisher

## **Readings from Holy Scripture**

Isaiah 35:1-10 (OT, pp. 622-623)

Luke 1:46b-55 (NT, p. 49)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Meditation** *Advent Hope: Reversal*

The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen

# Responding to the Word

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**\*Hymn** No. 94 *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*

## **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 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** *Ave Maria*

Javier Busto

(sung in Latin)

Westminster choir; Dr. Amanda Weber, conductor

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

## **Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received**

**\*Hymn** No. 100 *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

### **\*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** *Declamation on Gloria*

Michael Bedford

## **Advent, Christmas, and New Year's Worship**

### **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

### **New Year Worship**

New Year's Day | January 1

10:30 am | Epiphany

Wednesday, January 4

6 pm | Epiphany

*\*Free parking is available in the Westminster garage and the Orchestra Hall ramp for Christmas Eve services. See page nine of the bulletin for details.*

**In loving memory of  
Eda Kelley, born January 1, 1921  
and to honor the memory of Westminster  
members who have died in 2022**

by Suzanne Kelley

## Daily Phone Devotions

612.332.7087

December 11.....Matthew 11:2-11  
12 ..... Psalm 42  
13 .....Jude 17-25  
14 ..... Matthew 8:14-17, 28-34  
15 .....Isaiah 7:10-16  
16 ..... Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
17 .....Romans 1:1-7  
18 .....Matthew 1:18-25

# Welcome to Westminster

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*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](mailto:mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org) or Janice Teliczan at [jteliczan@wpc-mpls.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:aweber@wpc-mpls.org).

## Westminster Cares

**Births, Adoptions, and Baptisms.** Contact Janice Teliczan, [jteliczan@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:jteliczan@wpc-mpls.org).

**Pastoral Care.** Contact Deb Wagner about hospitalization, illness, death, or prayer requests, 612.332.3421 or [dwagner@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:dwagner@wpc-mpls.org).

**Free parking is available on Sundays**  
in the Orchestra Hall Ramp,  
at 11th St. & Marquette Ave  
**from 7 am-2 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

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## **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 through 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 is collecting 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 **December 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 Holiday 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](mailto:ajacob@wpc-mpls.org).**

## **College Group Event: *Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, and Worship!***

**Wednesday, December 21 | 4:15 pm | Meet in Fellowship Hall**

Come and help Laura Lee prepare dinner for our last Wednesday night supper of the calendar year, or just come and enjoy this favorite comfort food with the regular crew! We can all attend Wednesday worship together at 6 pm. Let Meghan Gage-Finn at [mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org) know you are coming!

## **Free Parking on Christmas Eve**

**A special parking voucher (valid only on Christmas Eve)** is available for the Orchestra Hall ramp at 11th St. & Marquette Ave. At Orchestra Hall, take a ticket when you enter the ramp & **pick up the special voucher** at Westminster. Use both your ticket and the voucher to exit the ramp. Free parking is also available for those who need it in the Westminster parking garage at Alice Rainville Place.

## **This Week at Westminster | December 11-18**

Visit [westminstermpls.org/events](http://westminstermpls.org/events) for more details about events.

### **Sunday, December 11**

8:15 am-Noon | *The Wonder of Christmas* exhibition | Westminster Gallery  
8:30 am | Sunday Worship: The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen | Westminster Hall \*  
9:15 am | Gathering Time and Church School | meet in Chapel (last of the calendar year)  
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 and Sanctuary  
11:40 am | Youth String Ensemble Rehearsal | Sanctuary  
6 pm | Jr. High Christmas Party | Recreation Room

### **Monday, December 12**

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

### **Tuesday, December 13**

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

### **Wednesday, December 14**

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 | Meisel Room  
6:30 pm | Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **Saturday, December 17**

10 am | Downtown Coalition for Grief | Plymouth Congregational Church  
7 pm | Sr. High and College Christmas Party | Hardy Home

### **Christmas Festival Sunday, December 18**

8:15 am-Noon | *The Wonder of Christmas* exhibition | Westminster Gallery  
8:45-10 am | Modified Nursery Hours | Nursery  
9 am | Worship: Lessons & Carols with Christmas Pageant | Sanctuary \*  
10:45 am-Noon | Modified Nursery Hours | Nursery Hours  
11 am | Worship: Lessons & Carols | Sanctuary \*

\* **May also be viewed via Livestream [westminstermpls.online.church](http://westminstermpls.online.church)**

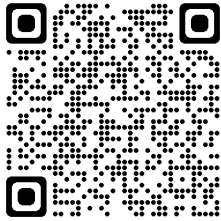
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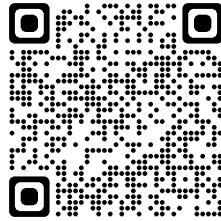
## Giving to Westminster

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](https://onrealm.org/westminstempls/give)

### One-Time Gift



### Make a Pledge



**Join us for worship in-person,  
via livestream at [westminstempls.online.church](https://westminstempls.online.church),  
or [facebook.com/westminstempls](https://facebook.com/westminstempls)**

### Sundays

8:30 am Worship (Westminster Hall) returns January 8

10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary) returns December 25

### Wednesdays

6 pm Wednesday Evening Worship (Westminster Hall)



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