

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday Worship
February 12, 2023 | 10:30am



God in Caring for Others, by Cara B. Hochhalter, linocut, 2000
The Westminster Collection

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

Aria

Craig Phillips

Allein Gott in der Höh Sei Ehr

Joseph Trucano, organ

Our Life in Christ

The Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Moment for Camping

Celeste Acosta

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 27, 46)

One: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

One: Let us worship God.

***Processional Hymn** No. 287 *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to follow you faithfully, clinging to our own desires and straying from your path of love. We have failed to listen to the cries of those who long for justice, turning away from neighbors in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Worshippers seek and reflect on God's forgiveness in their own lives.

* Please stand as you are able.

Sung Confession *Hear My Prayer*

Moses Hogan

Westminster Choir; Dr. Amanda Weber, conductor

O Lord, please hear my prayer; In the morning when I rise. It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer. O Lord, please hear my prayer. Keep me safe within your arms. It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer. When my work on earth is done, And you come to take me home. Just to know I'm bound for glory; And to hear You say, "Well done!" Done with sin and sorrow. Have mercy, mercy. Amen.

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.

Listening to the Word

A Time with Children

The Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler

At this time, children ages 4-1st grade are invited to Children's Church. Children in 2nd-5th grade are invited to join Small Hands, Big Hearts in the Garden Room.

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

Prayer for Illumination

Paul Arbisi

Readings from Holy Scripture

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 (OT, p.151)

Mark 2:23-3:6 (NT, p.32)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Rest for What?*

The Rev. Alexandra Jacob

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** No. 773 *Heaven Shall Not Wait*

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Margaret O. Fox

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.

A Moment for SOUPer Bowl of Caring

Madeleine, Catherine, and Abby

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 *Ella's Song*

Bernice Johnson Reagon

Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received

***Hymn** No. 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

***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 *Toccata Giocosa*

Ian Hunt

Call to Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Westminster Presbyterian Church will be held on **Sunday, February 26, 2023, at 11:30 am**, in the Sanctuary and on livestream, to receive the 2022 financial reports, review the 2023 church budget, receive a report from the Personnel Committee for Staff and Ministers, and hear an update on the *Enduring Hope* capital campaign.

By Order of the Session, Vincent Thomas, Clerk of Session

You're invited



Lent 2023

Church in the Round is a five-week small group experience that explores the Lord's Prayer.

Weekly gatherings include a short video, brief poem or reflection, scripture, and discussion. Sign up on Realm.

**Today's flowers are in loving memory of
Edith Cochrane, Marion McCurry, and
Jack McCurry**

by Katie McCurry

**in loving memory of
Lena Mae Benson and
Clyde and Irene Moore**
by Vern Sutton

Daily Phone Devotions

612.332.7087

February 12Matthew 5:21-37
13Psalm 119:9-16
14 James 2:1-13
15Proverbs 2:1-15
16Exodus 24:12-18
17Psalm 99
182 Peter 1:16-21
19Matthew 17:1-9

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 10:30am worship.

Welcome, Children! Young ones are always welcome in worship at Westminster. We also offer Nursery care for children 3 years old and younger, 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 Sunday morning worship.

Membership. For information about membership, 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, 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 on Sundays
in the Orchestra Hall Ramp,
at 11th St. & Marquette Ave
from 7am-2pm.

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

Special Coffee Hour: Chamber Choir's Cuba Tour

February 19 | 11:30am | Westminster Hall

During a special coffee hour, the Westminster Chamber Choir will share about their trip to Cuba in early February. The trip included joining Westminster member Nachito Herrera at the International Jazz Festival of Havana and singing at First Presbyterian Church in Havana and El Redentor in Matanzas.

Exhibition Closing Reception

February 19 | 2pm | Westminster Gallery

Before the exhibition, *Text as Image: Works by Robyn Awend*, closes, come meet the artist, enjoy refreshments, and watch a demonstration of her printing technique on a portable press.

Ash Wednesday Services

February 22 | Noon and 6pm | Westminster Hall

Join us for an Ash Wednesday worship to mark the beginning of Lent. The imposition of ashes offers a visible reminder of our mortality with a mark on our foreheads. Both services will include music with South African gospel ensemble "29:11" and an opportunity to interact with Artist-in-Residence Sam Bardwell's "Cross of Ash."

Cabaret

February 26 | 4pm | Westminster Hall

Enjoy the Westminster Youth Group's annual fundraiser, Cabaret! The performance will be full of skits, jokes, and talents, created and performed by this year's 6-12th graders and a few special guests. Admission costs and donations all help to cover the costs of our summer service-learning trips, and we invite you to give generously!

Register on Realm.

Arts Month for Adults

Registration is open (on Realm) and space is limited for the following events:

Hidden Art Tours | Sunday, February 12 and Sunday, February 19 | Noon | Meet at Reception Desk

Join a tour with the Director of the Westminster Art Gallery and Archive, Dr. Rodney Allen Schwartz to see unexpected pieces of the Westminster Collection.

Scripture Stories | February 19 | 6:30pm | Meisel Room

Join Westminster Artist-in-Residence Sam Bardwell to explore learning God's Word by heart and telling Scripture stories in a way that lands.

MN Orchestra Concert | February 23 | 10:30am | Meet at Reception Desk

Join Joe Trucano for a trip across the street to listen to the Minnesota Orchestra! **The performance will feature works by Bernstein, Mazzoli, and Dawson.** We will meet at the church at 10:30am, head together to our reserved section, and then walk to lunch afterward to discuss the music!

19th Century Photography | February 23 | 6pm | Hunter Room

Tom Northenscold will show participants how to make handmade archival photographic prints using the cyanotype process. The cyanotype process was invented in 1842, just three years after the invention of photography.

This Week at Westminster | February 12-19

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

Sunday, February 12

8:30am | Worship: The Rev. Alexandra Jacob preaching | Westminster Hall*

8:30-11:30am | SOUPerBowl of Caring

9:15am | Family Matters | Bates Room

9:15am | Church School

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

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

10:30am | Worship: The Rev. Alexandra Jacob preaching | Sanctuary*

10:45am | Small Hands, Big Hearts | Garden Room

10:45am | Children's Church | Corner Gallery

Noon | Arts Month for Adults: Westminster's Hidden Art Tour | Meet at Reception Desk

Monday, February 13

10am | Tai Chi | Heller Commons

Wednesday, February 15

9am | Women's Bible Study (WOW) | Meisel Room and Zoom

Noon | Centering Prayer | Bates Room

5:30-7pm | Children and Youth Choirs

5:15-6:45pm | Wednesday Night Supper | Fellowship Hall

6pm | Wednesday Evening Worship: *Journey With Jesus* | Westminster Hall*

6pm | Young Family Fellowship | Fellowship Hall

6:30pm | Confirmation | Youth Room

7pm | WestConnect | Hunter Room

7pm | Adult Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room

Saturday, February 18

10am | Downtown Coalition for Grief | Basilica of St. Mary Cowley Center

Sunday, February 19

8:30am | Worship: The Rev. Margaret Fox preaching | Westminster Hall*

9am-Noon | Blood Pressure Screening | Bates Room

9:15am | Family Matters | Bushnell Room

9:15am | Church School

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

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

10:30am | Worship: The Rev. Margaret Fox preaching | Sanctuary*

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2pm | Closing Reception: *Text As Image by Robyn Awend* | Westminster Gallery

6:30pm | Arts Month for Adults: Scripture Stories with Sam Bardwell | Meisel Room

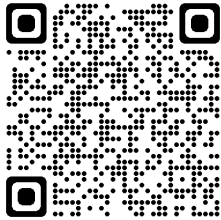
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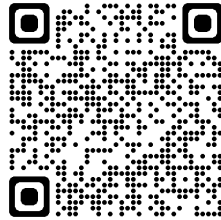
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One-Time Gift



Make a Pledge



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

Sundays

8:30am Worship (Westminster Hall)

10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

Wednesdays

6pm Wednesday Evening Worship (Westminster Hall)



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