

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, April 30, 2023

That God alone is Lord of the conscience,
and hath left it free from the doctrines
and commandments of people
which are in anything contrary to God's Word,
or beside it, in matters of faith or worship.

Therefore we consider the rights of private
judgment, in all matters that respect religion,
as universal and unalienable:

We do not even wish to see
any religious constitution aided by
the civil power, further than may be necessary
for protection and security,
and at the same time,
be equal and common to all others.

-(PCUSA Book of Order, G-1.0301: Historic Principles)

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 *Allegro* from *Concerto No. 23 in G*

Giovanni Battista Viotti
Amelia Wagner, violin; Kenneth Vigne, piano

Our Life in Christ

The Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Call to Worship** (Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Leviticus 19:18)

One: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

All: You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbor as yourself.

One: Let us worship God!

***Processional Hymn** No. 2 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

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 Hymn No. 814 *In God Alone*

First time through, cantor only; congregation is invited to join as directed.

*Please stand as you are able.

Listening for the Word

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

Prayer for Illumination

Anne Englert

Reading from Holy Scripture

I Corinthians 10:23-32 (NT, pp. 151-152)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Presbyterian Principles: God alone is Lord of the conscience*

The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** No. 696 *O God, You Are My God Alone*

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.

Offertory Invitation

You are invited to give online via Realm or by placing your offering in the plate near the doors. 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 *Tambourines to Glory*

Undine Smith Moore; Text by Langston Hughes
Westminster Choir; Shekela Wanyama, conductor

Tambourines! Tambourines! Tambourines to the glory of God!

Tambourines! Tambourines! Tambourines to glory!

A gospel shout and a gospel song:

Life is short but God is long!

Tambourines! Tambourines! Tambourines to the glory of God!

Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received

***Hymn** No. 720 *Jesus Calls Us*

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Gigue* from *Sonata in e*

Francesco Veracini

***Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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. The next New Member class will take place on Sunday, May 7, following 10:30am worship. 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, 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.

Congregational Care. Join dedicated volunteer teams providing support for members through prayer, meals, and visitations; contact the Rev. Dr. David Tsai Shinn, dshinn@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

Westminster Town Hall Forum: Pooja Lakshmin

Tuesday, May 2 | Noon | Sanctuary and Online

Dr. Pooja Lakshmin, a board-certified physician psychiatrist and the CEO of Gemma, the first digital education platform dedicated exclusively to women's mental health, will discuss how mental health is understood and cared for in communities outside the United States. A live musical performance will begin at 11:30am. A free "Breads & Spreads" reception will follow. **Afterwards, we'll host a "Continuing the Conversation" event in the Recreation Room with the Rev. Drs. Meghan Gage-Finn and Matt Skinner. Details at westminsterforum.org.**

Eco-Justice Film Series: *Before the Flood*

Saturday, May 6 | 3pm | Westminster Hall

The film *Before the Flood* is a collaboration between Leonardo DiCaprio and National Geographic, highlighting how different stakeholders are affected by climate change. A discussion following the film will include refreshments.

Chapel Re-dedication

Sunday, May 7 | 11:30am | Chapel

Join us in the newly renovated chapel to hear a Prayer of Re-Dedication, Benediction, and a Postlude duet played on the chapel organ by Dr. Melanie Ohnstad, Minister of Music & the Arts Emerita, and Joseph Trucano, Organist and Ensemble Director.

New Member Class

Sunday, May 7 | 11:30am | Recreation Room

Following worship and the Chapel Re-dedication, those interested in membership will share in lunch and conversation in a gathering led by the Rev. Drs. Meghan Gage-Finn and Tim Hart-Andersen. We will share stories of our journeys of faith, discuss what it means to be Presbyterian, and explore the ministries of Westminster, specifically. To learn more, please connect with Meghan at mgagefinn@wpc-mpls.org.

Legacy Circle Luncheon

Sunday, May 7 | 11:45am | Meisel Room

Legacy Circle members are invited to share a meal together. The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen will speak about the legacies of Westminster's Senior Pastors and share reflections on his own ministry. If you would like to **RSVP for this lunch, please contact Kelsey Crouch-Dodson, Director of Stewardship at kcrouchedodson@wpc-mpls.org.**

Third Age: Enrichment Through Drumming

Wednesday, May 10 | 11am-12:30pm | Westminster Hall and Livestream

Come learn about the benefits of drumming with *The Smiling Drum Ensemble*, led by Marisa Cuneo-Linsly. This program will include an ensemble performance and the opportunity to try an instrument.

The Gospel of Mark: *Live!*

Friday, May 12 | 7pm | Westminster Hall

Come enjoy a staged retelling of the Gospel of Mark by Artist-in-Residence Sam Bardwell. If you have been inspired by any of Sam's work over the past year, this 70-minute performance will have something for you. Free and open to the public.

This Week at Westminster | April 30-May 7

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

Sunday, April 30

8:30am | Worship: The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen preaching | Westminster Hall*
9:15am | Family Matters attends Adult Education Hour | Recreation Room
9:15am | Gathering Time and Church School
9:15am | Social Justice Forum: Tim Nixon and Jessica Hellmann | Meisel Room*
9:15am | Adult Education Hour: Ties That Bind | Recreation Room**
10:30am | Worship: The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen preaching | Sanctuary*
11:45am | Information Session | Westminster Hall
11:45am | Youth Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room

Monday, May 1

10am | Tai Chi | Heller Commons

Tuesday, May 2

Noon | Town Hall Forum: Pooja Lakshmin | Sanctuary and Online
1:15pm | Continuing the Conversation | Recreation Room
6:30pm | Dads Group | Meet at Reception

Wednesday, May 3

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

Friday, May 5

6:30pm | Moms Group | Bates Room

Saturday, May 6

3pm | Eco-Justice Film Series: *Before the Flood* | Westminster Hall

Legacy Sunday, May 7

8:30am | Worship: The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen preaching | Westminster Hall*
9am | Community Sing, led by Shekela Wanyama | Sanctuary
9:15am | Information Session | Westminster Hall
9:15am | Family Matters attends Adult Education Hour | Recreation Room
9:15am | Gathering Time and Church School
9:15am | Social Justice Forum: Copper/Nickel Mining near the Boundary Waters | Meisel Room*
9:15am | Adult Education Hour: Friendship and Community | Recreation Room**
10:30am | Worship: The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen preaching | Sanctuary*
11:30am | Chapel Re-dedication | Chapel*
11:30am | New Member Class | Recreation Room
11:45am | Legacy Circle Luncheon | Meisel Room
11:45am | Junior High Service-Learning Trip Information Meeting | Westminster Hall

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

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In Eternal Rest

Ken Fagerlie, April 11, 2023

Daily Phone Devotions

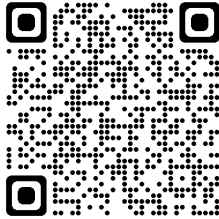
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April 30 John 10:1-10
May 1 Ezekiel 34:17-23
2 Ezekiel 34:23-31
3 Matthew 20:17-28
4 Acts 7:55-60
5 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
6 1 Peter 2:2-10
7 John 14:1-14

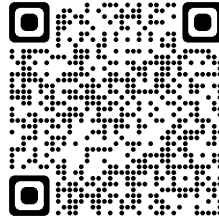
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One-Time Gift



Make a Pledge



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via livestream at westminstermpls.online.church,
or facebook.com/westminstermpls**

Sundays

8:30am Worship (Westminster Hall)

10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

Wednesdays

6pm Wednesday Evening Worship (Westminster Hall)



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