

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023



Pentecost, by Sadao Watanabe, katazome stencil print, 1975, Japan
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

Dona Nobis Pacem
Gavotte

Anonymous
Jean Becker
Ellie and Emily Vigne, violin
Kenneth Vigne, piano

Our Life in Christ

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Rev. Margaret O. Fox

Commissioning of the Rev. Dr. David Tsai Shinn for Sabbatical

***Call to Worship** (John 7:37-38, Psalm 104:30)

One: O God, we come before you to offer our praise.

All: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

One: Let us worship God!

***Processional Hymn** No. 280 *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we hoard earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts. We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies. We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit renew our hearts and free us from sin that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation.

Silent Prayers of Confession

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

Musical Reflection *If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis
Westminster Chamber Choir, Robert Graham, director

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.

*Please stand as you are able.

Listening for the Word

A Time with Children

The Rev. Alexandra Jacob

Hymn No. 591 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!* (refrain only)

Prayer for Illumination

Bill Davini

Readings from Holy Scripture

Acts 2:1-2 (NT, pp. 103-104)

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Memory and the Holy Spirit*

The Rev. Dr. David Tsai Shinn

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** No. 282 *Come Down, O Love Divine*

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.

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 *O Lux Beatissima*

Howard Helvey

Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received

***Hymn** No. 731 *Give Thanks to Those Whose Faith Is Firm*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Postlude *Prelude in E♭ Major op. 99 no. 3*

Camille Saint-Saëns

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, 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

Wednesday Evening Worship: In God's Garden

Wednesday, May 31 | 6pm | Chapel and Livestream

Join us for our final Wednesday Evening Worship of the spring season on the theme "In God's Garden." Associate Director of Music Kenneth Vigne has written a set of songs and poems about creation and self-worth. As an extended postlude, Westminster Choir section leaders will help present the complete song cycle.

Celebrating Graduates on Baccalaureate Sunday

Sunday, June 4 | 10:30am Worship | Sanctuary

Next week during worship, Westminster will recognize those graduating this year. We will honor them for their hard work, thank those who have supported them along the way, and bless them for the journey ahead. **Please contact the Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn at mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org for more information.**

Family Fellowship: Sunday Sundaes

Sunday, June 4 | 11:30am | Meet by Trinity Staircase/Reception

Families are welcome to join the FYC ministry team for a trip to Nicollet Diner for sweets and treats! **Learn more and register on Realm.**

Healing and Wholeness Out of Isolation: Healing Through Nature

Sunday, June 4 | Noon | Meisel Room

Betty Heefner and Michelle Lavelle-Henry will facilitate the final presentation of this lunch-time series (\$5 fee). **Learn more and register on Realm.**

Wednesday Worship and Supper: Bluegrass Evening Prayer

Beginning June 7, Wednesday Worship will shift outdoors to the Lower Plaza for **Hymn Sing at 5:45pm and Bluegrass Evening Prayer at 6pm.** Worship will also be livestreamed. **Supper will follow at 6:30pm on the Upper Plaza, with a suggested cost of \$12/person, or \$25 family.** All are welcome to this family-friendly event.

Joint Adult Education and Social Justice Forum: Civil Rights Learning Experience Reflections

Sunday, June 11 | 9:15 am | Westminster Hall and Livestream

At the end of April, thirteen Westminster members and clergy traveled to Alabama to learn about the Civil Rights movement. Come and hear the participants' reflections on this experience.

Heritage Sunday

Sunday, June 18

On Heritage Sunday, Westminster will celebrate those who have been members for over 50 years. **A special luncheon will be served to these members in the Meisel Room following worship. Contact Deb Wagner at dwagner@wpc-mpls.org or 612.332.3421 to register for the luncheon.**

Juneteenth

On **Monday, June 19**, Westminster will be closed in honor of the Juneteenth holiday. Offices and the building will re-open on Tuesday, June 20.

This Week at Westminster | May 28-June 4

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

Pentecost Sunday, May 28

8am-12:30pm | *The Art of the Older Testament* exhibition | Westminster Gallery

10:15-11:30am | Summer Nursery Hours

10:30am | Worship: The Rev. Dr. David Tsai Shinn preaching | Sanctuary*

11:30am | Memorial Celebration | Westminster Plaza and Memorial Garden

5pm | Friends Eating and Sharing Together (Community Meal) | Fellowship Hall

Memorial Day, Monday, May 29

Building and offices closed

Tuesday, May 30

1:30pm | Magnet Gardening: "Let's Talk Herbs" | Courtyard

Wednesday, May 31

Noon | Centering Prayer | Bates Room

6pm | Wednesday Evening Worship | Chapel*

Thursday, June 1

10am | Magnet: Cooking Matters Class | Fellowship Hall

Friday, June 2

6:30pm | Moms Group | Bates Room

Baccalaureate Sunday, June 4

8am-12:30pm | *The Art of the Older Testament* exhibition | Westminster Gallery

9am | Community Sing Rehearsal | Sanctuary

9:30am | Nursery Family Fellowship | Nursery

10:15-11:30am | Summer Nursery Hours

10:30am | Worship: The Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler preaching | Sanctuary*

11:30am | FYC: Sunday Sundaes | Meet by Trinity staircase/Reception

11:45am | Senior High Service Learning Trip Info Session | Westminster Hall

Noon | Healing and Wholeness: Healing Through Nature | Meisel Room

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

Today's flowers are In loving memory of
Mr. Namata Ewanga and
Edwin and Rosalie Nkembe
by Susan Ewanga Nkembe and Langke Nkembe

Birth

Hazel JoAnn Dzurka, May 9, 2023

Daily Phone Devotions

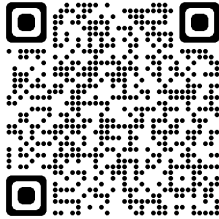
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May 28.....Acts 2:1-21
29 Romans 8:18-24
30Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
31 John 7:37-39
June 1..... Genesis 1:1-2:4a
2..... Psalm 8
3..... 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
4..... Matthew 28:16-20

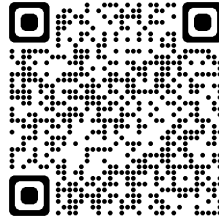
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One-Time Gift



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via livestream at westminsternpls.online.church,
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Sundays

10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

Wednesdays

6pm Wednesday Evening Worship (Chapel)



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