

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, July 2, 2023

O, let America be America again –
The land that never has been yet –
And yet must be – the land where every man
is free.

The land that's mine – the poor man's,
Indian's, Negro's, ME –
Who made America,
Whose sweat and blood,
whose faith and pain,
Whose hand at the foundry,
whose plow in the rain,
Must bring back our mighty dream again.

Excerpt from *Let America Be America Again*, by Langston Hughes (1936)

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 Meditation on *Finlandia*

Jean Sibelius; arr. Brenda Portman
Joseph Trucano, organ

Our Life in Christ

The Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 100:1-2)

One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

One: Let us worship God.

***Processional Hymn** No. 327 *From All that Dwell Below the Skies* Robert Graham, cantor

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

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.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Susan Sheridan Tucker

Reading from Holy Scripture

Matthew 22:15-22 (NT, p. 21)

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *The Emperor Is Not God*

The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen

*Please stand as you are able.

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** No. 340 *This Is My Song* (vss. 1 and 2)

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 *Goin' Home*

Antonin Dvorak

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Rev. Judith Kim

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

Music during the Distribution

Hymn No. 509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

Hymn No. 498 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

Closing Prayer

***Hymn** No. 341 *O God, Show Mercy to Us*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Postlude *The Stars and Stripes Forever*

John Philip Sousa; arr. T. Vozzella

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 volunteer teams providing support for members through prayer, meals, and visitations; contact the Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn, mgage-finn@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

Moms Group – for stretching your heart

Moms Group is for moms and female-identifying caregivers with children of all ages. Join us on **July 7 at 6:30pm in the Bates Room** and invite a friend! We'll begin with refreshments and fellowship before moving to a time of conversation focused on parenting. We'll discuss Kate Bowler's blessing for stretching your heart. **Register on Realm. Contact Marie with questions at mkruskop@wpc-mpls.org.**

Choose Repair & Reuse: Fix-It Clinic

Saturday, July 8 | Noon–4pm | Westminster Hall

Westminster's Eco-Justice Ministry Team invites you to participate in Hennepin County's Fix-It Clinic. Learn how to extend the life of household appliances or clothing, while saving money and keeping useful items out of the landfill. Show up with items and request repair assistance. No reservations are needed. Lamps, hairdryers, sewing machines, and clothing are examples of items successfully repaired at past clinics. Invite your neighbors. All are welcome.

Community Sing

Sunday, July 9 | 9am | Sanctuary

All are welcome to join this choir, which rehearses at 9am, and sings in worship at 10:30am.

FYC Family Fellowship

Sunday, July 9 | 5:30pm | Lake Harriet Bandshell

Join us for a summer concert by the Minneapolis Pops Orchestra. Bring a blanket, a picnic dinner, and meet us near the playground for an evening of music and fellowship. **Learn more and register on Realm.**

St. David's Harman Center Fifth Anniversary Celebration

Tuesday, July 11 | 5-7pm | Westminster Hall

St. David's Harman Center and Westminster will gather for a special anniversary event in Westminster Hall, with guided tours through the Center. Please mark your calendars and join us to celebrate what we have accomplished together!

Westminster at the Loring Park Art Festival

July 29-30

Westminster hosts a booth at the annual Loring Park Art Festival and we are looking for people to serve! Please consider spending two hours at the Westminster booth, greeting visitors, giving out blessing stones, and sharing about our church. Optional orientation and a free T-shirt are included. **Contact Director of Communications Suzanne McInroy (smcinroy@wpc-mpls.org).**

This Week at Westminster | July 2-9

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

Sunday, July 2

8am-12:30pm | *It's a Wonderful Life* exhibition | Westminster Gallery

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

10:30am | Worship: The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen preaching | Sanctuary*

Monday, July 3

Westminster building and offices closed in observance of Independence Day.

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Wednesday, July 5

5:45pm | Bluegrass Evening Prayer | Lower Plaza*

6:30pm | Wednesday Night Supper | Upper Plaza

Thursday, July 6

10am | Magnet: Cooking Matters Class | Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 7

6:30pm | Moms Group | Bates Room

Saturday, July 8

Noon-4pm | Fix-It Clinic | Westminster Hall

Sunday, July 9

8am-12:30pm | *It's a Wonderful Life* exhibition | Westminster Gallery

9am | Community Sing Rehearsal | Sanctuary

9:15am | Sr. High Service-Learning Trip Meeting | Meisel Room

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

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

5:30pm | Family Fellowship: Pops Orchestra Concert | Lake Harriet Bandshell

*** May also be viewed via Livestream westminstermpls.online.church**

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In Eternal Rest
Rollie Baldwin, June 21, 2023

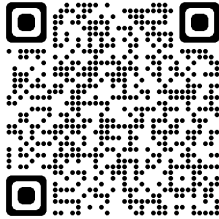
Daily Phone Devotions
612.332.7087

July 2 Matthew 10:40-42
3..... Psalm 119:161-168
4..... 1 John 4:1-6
5..... Matthew 11:20-24
6..... Genesis 22:1-14
7..... Jeremiah 28:5-9
8..... Romans 6:12-23
9..... Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

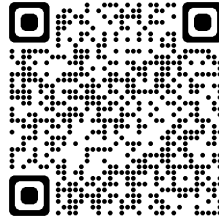
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One-Time Gift



Make a Pledge



**Join us for worship in-person,
via livestream at westminsternpls.online.church,
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Sundays

10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

Wednesdays

5:45pm Bluegrass Evening Prayer (Lower Plaza)



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