

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, July 16, 2023



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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 moderato* from *Flute Sonata in E-flat*

J.S. Bach

Karen Wasiluk, flute; Joseph Trucano, organ

Our Life in Christ

The Rev. Margaret O. Fox

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 119:105)

One: Your word is a lamp to our feet

All: and a light to our path.

One: Let us worship God.

***Processional Hymn** No. 171 *A Sower Came from Ancient Hills*

Robert Graham, cantor

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us the grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ the light of the world.

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.

* Please stand as you are able.

Listening to the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Cathie Fischer

Reading from Holy Scripture

Matthew 13:1-9 (NT, p. 12)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *The Generous Sower*

The Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** No. 367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn

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 *Siciliano* from *Flute Sonata in E-flat*

J.S. Bach

Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received

***Hymn** No. 714 *God of the Fertile Fields*

*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 *Allegro* from *Flute Sonata in E-flat*

J.S. Bach

Birth

Eloise Ava Courneya, November 11, 2022

In Eternal Rest

Lucia Rooney, July 6, 2023

Daily Phone Devotions

612.332.7087

July 16.....Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
17 Psalm 92
18 Ephesians 4:17-5:2
19 Proverbs 11:23-30
20 Genesis 28:10-19a
21 Isaiah 44:6-8
22 Romans 8:12-25
23 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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.

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

PTCA Community-Building for Equity

Saturday, July 22 | 9am-1pm | Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

After more than three years of discernment, study, and reflection, the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area Institutional Race and Equity Self-Assessment Team released their report, **Recalibrating Our Spiritual GPS**, on May 18. Join the self-assessment team on July 22 to discuss the report and learn how congregations can encourage spiritually grounded antiracist competencies within the church. A light breakfast, coffee, and lunch will be provided. **Register at ptca.anti.racism@gmail.com.**

Church School Organization Extravaganza!

Saturday, July 22 | 10am-2pm | Westminster Classrooms

Children's Ministry Team leaders are invited to help sort, plan, toss, and donate supplies in anticipation of the upcoming program year. Lunch will be provided. **Please email Sonja at sonja@wpc-mpls.org to RSVP.**

Westminster at the Loring Park Art Festival

Saturday, July 29 | 10am-6pm

Sunday, July 30 | 10am-5pm

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 16-23

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

Sunday, July 16

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

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

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

Monday, July 17

10am | Tai Chi | Westminster Hall

Wednesday, July 19

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

6:30pm | Wednesday Night Supper | Upper Plaza

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9am-1pm | Community-Building for Equity | Oak Grove Presbyterian

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Sr. High returns from Service-Learning Trip

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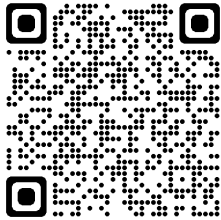
5pm | Free Community Meal (Friends Eating and Sharing Together) | Fellowship Hall

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

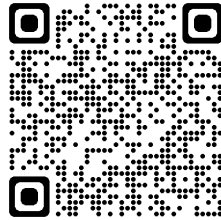
Giving to Westminster

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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

10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

Wednesdays

5:45pm Bluegrass Evening Prayer (Lower Plaza)



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