

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, August 6, 2023



Feeding the Multitudes, by Cara B. Hochhalter, linocut print
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 *Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams
Kenneth Vigne, organ

Our Life in Christ

The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 34, Psalm 118)

One: Taste and see that God is good;

All: Happy are those who take refuge in God.

One: O, give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: Let us worship God.

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

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession (unison)

The Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, 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.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Greta Wicker

Readings from Holy Scripture

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 (OT, p. 544)

Matthew 14:13-21 (NT, p. 12)

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Bread for the Journey*

The Rev. Alexandra Jacob

*Please stand as you are able.

Responding to the Word

*Hymn No. 536 *Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*

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 *Praise His Holy Name*

Keith Hampton
Community Sing, led by Dr. Amanda Weber

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Rev. Dr. Matthew Skinner

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

All are invited to come forward by exiting the pew to the right to receive the bread and cup, returning to pews on the opposite side. Communion is served by intinction, dipping bread into the cup. Communion will be served in the pews for those who are unable to come forward. A gluten-free alternative for bread is available at the center aisle.

Music during the Distribution Hymn No. 520 *Taste and See*

Closing Prayer

*Hymn No. 515 *I Come with Joy*

*Charge and Benediction

*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Postlude *Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*

arr. Kenneth Vigne

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

Congregational Listening Sessions

Today, August 6 | 11:45am-12:45pm | Westminster Hall

Sunday, August 13 | 9:15-10:15am | Meisel Room

Sunday, August 20 | 11:45am-12:45pm | Zoom

Sunday, August 27 | 9:15-10:15am | Zoom

The Ministry and Mission Study Committee is sponsoring congregational listening sessions in August. These sessions are part of a self-study process to help us reflect on where we are as a congregation and prepare us to follow where God is leading, following the retirement of the Rev. Dr Tim Hart-Andersen. We want to hear from you! **Please register on Realm or at a table in Westminster Commons before or after worship.** Watch for other opportunities to share your thoughts throughout the month of August.

Notice: Two-Day Traffic Change

Saturday August 12-Sunday, August 13

Access to and from the Westminster parking garage will be modified to accommodate the Minneapolis Mile Automotive Festival. Alice Rainville Place will be accessible one-way from Marquette Avenue. Plan to enter the garage from Marquette and exit the garage driving towards Nicollet Avenue.

Palestinian Partner Team Trip Update

Sunday, August 20 | 9:15am | Meisel Room

Westminster members traveled to Palestine in March 2023 to join with our Palestinian partners at Christmas Church and Dar al-Kalima University. Please join us to hear our stories, see our photographs, and envision with us new ways to connect with and support these two extraordinary communities who will not give up hope.

Fall Choral Opportunity

On Sunday, October 8, the Westminster Choir will sing Carol Barnett's Bluegrass Mass (*The World Beloved*) in the 10:30am worship service, accompanied by renowned bluegrass band, Monroe Crossing. **Rehearsals begin Sep 6; to join the choir for this special fall project, email Amanda (aweber@wpc-mpls.org).**

This Week at Westminster | August 6-13

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

Sunday, August 6

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

9am | Community Sing led by Dr. Amanda Weber | Sanctuary

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

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

11:30am | Special Coffee Hour: *It's a Wonderful Life* artist reception | Heller Commons

11:45am | Congregational Listening Session | Westminster Hall

Monday, August 7

Source Song Festival begins

10am | Tai Chi | Westminster Hall

10:15am | Magnet: Monday Morning Walk

Tuesday, August 8

3pm | FYC Youth Tasty Tuesdays | Midtown Global Market

Wednesday, August 9

1pm | Magnet: Kites and Kitemaking, Pt. 1 | Meisel Room

Friday, August 11

Source Song Festival ends

Sunday, August 13

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

**Today's flowers are In loving memory of
Ron Hemstad**
from Betty Hemstad

In Eternal Rest
Ogden Confer, July 28, 2023

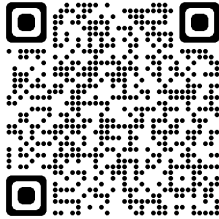
Daily Phone Devotions
612.332.7087

August 6..... Matthew 14:13-21
7..... Deuteronomy 8:1-10
8..... Acts 2:37-47
9..... Matthew 15:32-39
10 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
11 1 Kings 19:9-18
12 Romans 10:5-15
13 Matthew 14:22-33

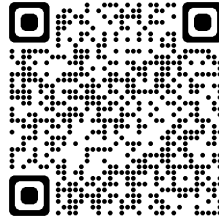
Giving to Westminster

You can make a one-time gift or pledge online. To support 2023 Stewardship and the *Enduring Hope* Campaign, point your smartphone camera at the QR codes below or visit: onrealm.org/westminstermpls/give

One-Time Gift



Make a Pledge



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

Sundays

10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

Wednesdays (beginning September 13)

6:30pm Worship (Westminster Hall)



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