

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, September 24, 2023



Faith Statement by Abby G.

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

Adagio and Allegro from Sonata in G

Antonio Lotti

Michael Sutton, violin; Beth Rapier, cello; Joseph Trucano, piano

Our Life in Christ

The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Moment for Peace and Global Witness Offering

Marna Anderson

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 145:3, 8)

One: Great is God, and greatly to be praised;

All: God's greatness is unsearchable.

One: God is gracious and merciful,

All: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

One: Let us worship God.

***Processional Hymn** No. 305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

The Rev. Margaret O. Fox

God of grace, we confess that we have failed to follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ. We have fallen short of your call to share generously, clinging to our possessions. We have turned away from the needs of our neighbors, seeking our own comfort over the call to love one another as you love us. You claim us as your beloved children, but we forget your steadfast love. Forgive us in your mercy, O God, and renew us in your love.

Silent Prayers of Confession

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

* Please stand as you are able.

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.

Musical Response *Largo* from Sonata in G

Antonio Lotti

Listening to the Word

A Time with Children

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

Hymn No. 399 *God Welcomes All*

Prayer for Illumination

Peter Soulen

Reading from Holy Scripture

Matthew 20:1-16 (NT, p. 19)

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Extravagant Grace*

The Rev. Alexandra Jacob

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** No. 36 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

The Reception of Confirmation Students

Covenant of Membership Questions

Vincent A. Thomas

Welcome of New Members

Olivia King

***Congregational Response**

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to Westminster and to the fellowship of Christ's Church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, to serve that gospel alongside you, and to help you know and follow Christ.

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 Anthem *Os Justi*

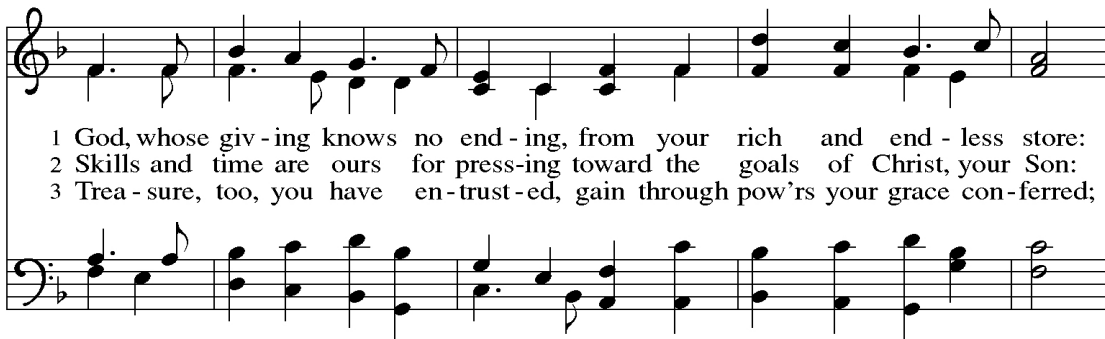
Anton Bruckner

Westminster Choir; Kathy Romey, guest conductor

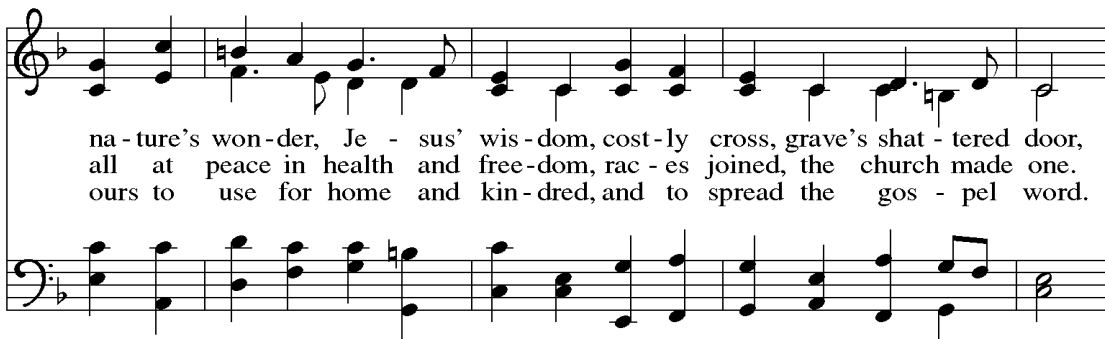
(sung in Latin)

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and their tongue speaks what is just.
The law of God is in their heart: and their feet do not falter. Alleluia.

Hymn *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*(see music on the next page)*



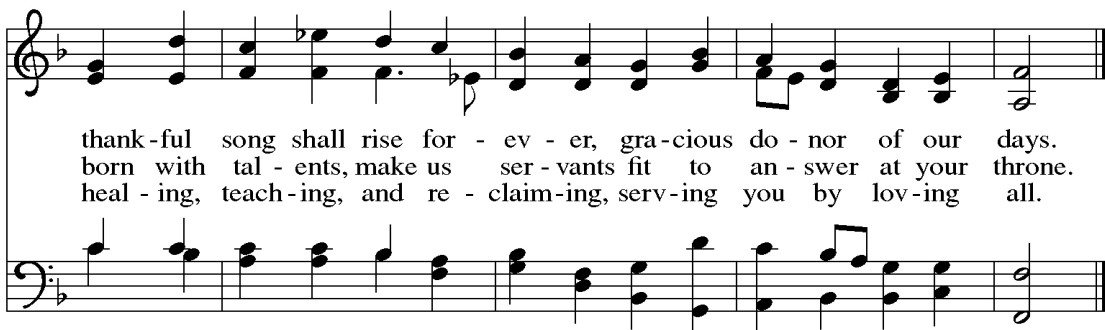
1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

***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 *Vivace* from Sonata in G

Antonio Lotti

Members of the 2022-2023 Confirmation Class

William Henry A., Hazel Mae A., Layla Jeannine B., Logan Tyler D., Carla Abra D., Abigail Clara G., Cecily Grace J., Tullah Winslow K., Mae Francis L., Samuel Davis M., Tyler Andrew R., Jacob Woosung T., Eloise Hazel Reneé V., Elisabeth Mary W.

Westminster welcomes Marna Anderson, the Director of Nonviolent Peaceforce US, to share the Moment for Peace and Global Witness, a PCUSA special offering. Nonviolent Peaceforce has its roots in the former Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church (DAPC), which designated its portion of the Peacemaking Offering in the early 1990's to send DAPC member Mel Duncan to an international peacemaking conference in the Hague, Netherlands, where he connected with other global peacemakers to design the Nonviolent Peaceforce. For more than two decades Nonviolent Peaceforce, working alongside communities, has promoted Unarmed Civilian Protection across generations in areas most impacted by conflict to interrupt and prevent violence.

Today's flowers are in loving memory of
Steve Hunter
by the Hunter Family

In Eternal Rest
Mark Williamson, September 13, 2023
Patricia Johnson, September 18, 2023

Daily Phone Devotions
612.332.7087

September 24Matthew 20:1-16
25Psalm 106
26Romans 16:17-20
27Matthew 18:1-5
28Exodus 17:1-7
29Psalm 25:1-9
30Philippians 2:1-13
October 1Matthew 21:23-32

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, October 8 at 11:45am. 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. 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

Writing Through Change with Artist-in-Residence Wendy Brown-Báez

Beginning Saturday, September 30 | 10-Noon | Bushnell Room

In this 6-session writing workshop, participants will reflect on faith as a guiding light through times of difficulty and consider how gifts and challenges come during times of change. Each session will begin with a mindfulness practice and include inspiration from world-renowned poets and writers. **Learn more and sign up on Realm.**

Global Partners Celebration

Sunday, October 1 | 11:30am | Westminster Hall

Join us for a celebration of our global partnerships and Tim's role with this ministry. The event will include food from our partner countries, music, and a special presentation.

Write Well-wishes for Tim

The Celebrations Committee is creating a book of Westminster memories to present to Senior Pastor Tim Hart-Andersen upon his retirement. There will be a table in Westminster Commons before and after worship on **October 1** for you to contribute to the book by writing a personalized note.

Westminster Performing Arts Series: Charanga Tropical

Friday, October 6 | 7pm | Westminster Hall

The Westminster Performing Arts Series begins its fall schedule with Cuban music ensemble Charanga Tropical. This lively and rhythmic music will have us dancing, with a 7pm performance followed by a reception. **Tickets and more information at westminstermpls.org/WPAS, or by contacting Amanda at aweber@wpc-mpls.org.**

Men's Retreat

The men's ministry will gather for their annual fall retreat at the Presbyterian Clearwater Forest Camp, led by Rev. Jim Cochrane on **October 6-7. Register on Realm or at a sign-up table in Westminster Commons on Sunday mornings. To learn more, contact David Shinn at dshinn@wpc-mpls.org.**

Westminster Town Hall Forum: Steve Inskeep

Saturday, October 7 | 5pm | Westminster Sanctuary and Online

The longtime cohost of NPR's Morning Edition will share insight from his book, *Differ We Must: How Lincoln Succeeded in a Divided America*. **Music by Monroe Crossing will begin at 5pm, followed by a conversation with Tim Hart-Andersen about his tenure as forum moderator. A book signing will follow the forum.**

New Member Class

Sunday, October 8 | 11:45am | Meisel Room

Those interested in membership are invited to join for 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 mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org.**

This Week at Westminster | September 24-October 1

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

Confirmation Sunday, September 24

8am-12:30pm | *The Art of Our Global Partners* exhibition | Westminster Gallery

8:15am-11:30am | Nursery Hours | Nursery

8:30am | Worship: The Rev. Alexandra Jacob preaching | Westminster Hall*

9:15am | Social Justice Forum | Meisel Room*

9:15am | Adult Education: *Exploring The Older Testament* | Recreation Room**

9:15am | FYC Gathering Time & Church School | Chapel

9:15am | Family Matters | Bates Room

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

10:30am | Children's Church | Chapel

5pm | Free Community Meal (F.E.A.S.T.) | Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 25

10am | Tai Chi | Westminster Green

Wednesday, September 27

9am | Women's Bible Study (WOW) | Meisel Room and Zoom

5:15pm-6:45pm | Wednesday Night Supper | Fellowship Hall

5:15-7:15pm | Youth and Children's Choirs

5:30pm | Handbell Choir | Great Hall Balcony

6pm | Wednesday Evening Worship: *Blessings for the Journey* | Westminster Hall*

6:45pm | Adult Education Discussion Groups | Meisel Room and Zoom

7pm | Adult Choir | Adult Choir Room

Saturday, September 30

10am-Noon | Youth Tailgate Party | Westminster Green

10am-Noon | Writing Through Change Workshop with Wendy Brown-Báez | Bushnell Room

World Communion Sunday, October 1

8am-12:30pm | *The Art of Our Global Partners* exhibition | Westminster Gallery

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10:30am | Children's Church | Chapel

11:30am | Global Partners Celebration | Westminster Hall

11:45am | Youth Orchestra Rehearsal | Youth Music Room, Rm. 214

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

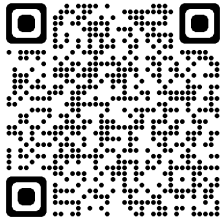
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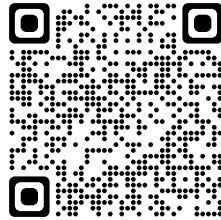
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One-Time Gift



Make a Pledge



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

8:30am Worship (Westminster Hall)

10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

Wednesdays

6pm Worship (Westminster Hall)



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