

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

World Communion Sunday
October 1, 2023



Westminster's Green Paraments (detail), by Phyllis Lehmborg,
silk applique and embroidery

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

Para Que No Hables (cha cha cha)

Angoa (danzón)

Roberto Fonseca

Félix Reina & Carlos Reyes

Charanga Tropical

Our Life in Christ

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler

***Call to Worship**

One: God summons us from all the world,

All: And so we come to this place and this time;

One: From the nations of Africa, we come to worship the God whose image we bear, and who created us to be one community, united in love.

Joseph Mukete (Cameroon, *Lifo*)

One: From the islands of the Caribbean, we come to worship the God whose image we bear, and who created us to be one community, united in love.

Reinerio Miguel Arce (Cuba, *Spanish*)

One: From the ancient land of Palestine, we come to worship the God whose image we bear, and who created us to be one community, united in love.

Rihab Fitzgerald (Lebanon, *Arabic*)

All: From every country and culture, we come.

One: At the invitation of the one God, we come.

All: In the name of Jesus, we come!

One: Let us worship God.

***Processional Hymn** *Bend Low*

Trad. Cameroonian

CamChoir, Branden Ntung, director

The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain.

Refrain: Bend low... and see what the Lord can do.

Call to Confession

The Rev. Dr. David Tsai Shinn (*Taiwanese*)

* Please stand as you are able.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

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.

***Sung Response** *Bend Low*

Listening to the Word

A Time with Children

The Rev. Alexandra Jacob

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

Hymn No. 399 *God Welcomes All*

Prayer for Illumination

Emily Timm

Reading from Holy Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20 (NT, p. 29)

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *We Are the Church: Go Forth into the World in Peace*

The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** No. 526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Kenneth Vigne, organ

Offering Invitation

Today we receive the PC(USA) Peace & Global Witness Offering. You are invited to give online via Realm. We have returned to passing the offertory plates in the pews. Please assist the ushers 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 *Ghanu Lil Hayat (A Hymn for Life)*

Marwan Abado

Text by Rev. Mitri Raheb

Community Sing, led by Dr. Amanda Weber

(Sung in Arabic)

He is not here: stop whining. The spring of life is risen.

He is not here: sing with joyful voice, for life, not for death.

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Rev. Dora Arce Valentín (*Spanish*)

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Rev. Margaret O. Fox

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 *Santo, santo, santo, santo*

Guillermo Cuéllar

(Sung in Spanish)

Holy... holy is our God. God, the Lord of earth and heaven. Holy, holy is our God.

Holy... holy is our God. God, the Lord of all of history. Holy, holy is our God.

Who accompanies our people, who lives within our struggles, of all the earth and heaven the one and only Lord. Blessed are they who in the Lord's name announce the holy gospel, Proclaiming the good news that our liberation comes.

***Hymn** No. 765 *May the God of Hope Go with Us (Canto de esperanza)*

***Charge and Benediction**

The people respond with "Amen."

Postlude *A Gozar Con Mi Combo (son)*

Orestes 'Cachao' López

***Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

All are invited to a celebration of our church's three global partnerships (Cuba, Cameroon, and Palestine) in Westminster Hall following worship. Coffee and snacks from our global partners will be served.

Thank you to our Global Partners

Rev. Dora Arce Valentín, General Secretary of the Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba; **Dr. Reinerio Arce**, Executive Secretary of the Cuban Council of Churches; **Maryanne Mukete**, member and former Moderator of the Congregation of the Kumba Town Presbyterian Church in Kimba, Cameroon
Rihab Fitzgerald, Westminster member (and choir member) originally from Lebanon

Members of Charanga Tropical

Doug Little, flute	Joe Strachan, piano
Ana Frómata, violin	Damian Rodriguez, güiro / maracas
Lynn Stonehocker, violin	Frank Rivery, congas
Kirsti Petraborg, viola	Mariano Flores, timbales
Graydon Peterson, bass	

Members of CamChoir

Brendan Banteh, Director	Finara Fang
Elian Mambo	Pamela Kigham
Dr. Evelyn Mba	Calemba Magha

Birth

Kira Golda Ozou, August 7, 2023

Daily Phone Devotions

612.332.7087

October 1	Matthew 21:23-32
2.....	Philippians 1:3-14
3.....	Philippians 1:15-21
4.....	Judges 16:23-31
5.....	Isaiah 5:1-7
6.....	Psalms 80:7-15
7.....	Philippians 3:4b-14
8.....	Matthew 21:33-46

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

Status of the Cuban Church

Monday, October 2 | 6:30pm | Meisel Room

The Rev. Dora Arce Valentín, General Secretary of the Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba, and Dr. Reinerio Arce, Executive Secretary of the Cuban Council of Churches, will lead a discussion on the status of the Cuban church. They will also talk about plans to add a Havana campus at the Seminario Evangélico de Teología, which has received a funding commitment through the mission component of Westminster's *Enduring Hope* campaign.

Spiritual Memoir Group with Westminster Artist-in-Residence Wendy Brown-Báez

This group will explore spiritual practices, self-reflection, and creative expression.

The group will meet on the first Wednesday of each month, beginning on October 4th, 2023 and ending on May 1st, 2024. Each month will focus on a specific topic.

Registration on Realm is encouraged but all are welcome, including drop-in attendees.

Moms Group

Friday, October 6 | 6:30pm | Bates Room

Moms and female caregivers are welcome to a time of conversation and fellowship.

This month we'll discuss Kate Bowler's blessing "for feeling it all". **Register on Realm.**

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.**

Westminster Town Hall Forum: Steve Inskip

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

The longtime cohort 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.**

Worship featuring Monroe Crossing, offering *The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass* by Carol Barnett

Join us for worship on **Sunday, October 8 at 10:30am**, when the Westminster Choir will join bluegrass band Monroe Crossing to present Carol Barnett's *The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass*.

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. **To learn more, please connect with Meghan at mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org.**

Scout Troop 33 Wreath Sale

Troop 33 will be selling wreaths this fall to support their activities and events. If you are interested in ordering, please **visit the scout tables on October 8, 15, 22 or 29th.**

Wreaths will be available to pick up on November 12 and 19. You may pay when you order, or when you pick up.

This Week at Westminster | October 1-8

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

World Communion Sunday, October 1

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

8:30am | Worship: The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen preaching | Westminster Hall*

9am | Community Sing rehearsal | Sanctuary

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. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen preaching | Sanctuary*

10:30am | Children's Church | Chapel

11:30am | Global Partners Celebration | Westminster Hall

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

Monday, October 2

10am | Tai Chi | Westminster Green

6:30pm | Status of the Cuban Church | Meisel Room

Wednesday, October 4

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

4-5:30pm | Spiritual Memoir: Grief, Loss, and Calling in Our Ancestors | Library

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*

6:30pm | Adult Choir | Adult Choir Room

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

Friday, October 6

Men's Retreat (returning Saturday, October 7) | Clearwater Forest

6:30pm | Moms Group | Bates Room

7pm | Westminster Performing Arts Series: Charanga Tropical | Westminster Hall

Saturday, October 7

5pm | Westminster Town Hall Forum: Steve Inskeep | Sanctuary

Sunday, October 8

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

10:30am | Small Hands, Big Hearts | Garden Room

11:45am | New Member Class | Meisel Room

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

6:30-8pm | Youth Sr. High Bonfire | Weller Home

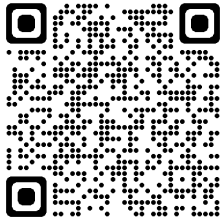
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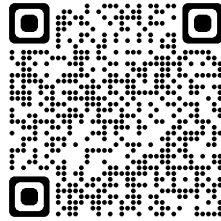
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One-Time Gift



Make a Pledge



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

Sundays

8:30am Worship (Westminster Hall)

10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

Wednesdays

6pm Worship (Westminster Hall)



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