

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, October 8, 2023



Celtic Cross, Westminster Sanctuary

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.

Bluegrass Hymn Sing

Amanda Weber, vocals; Mike Cramer, guitar;
Bex Gaunt, fiddle

Prelude *Prayer of Good Courage* from *Mountain Vespers*

Kent Gustavson

1st x through: **L** } O God, You have called us— to ven-tures where we can-not see the
2nd x through: **C** } end,— By paths nev-er yet tak-en,— Through per-ils un-known.

Give us good cour-age— Not know-ing where we go,— To

know that your hand is lead-ing us Wher-ev-er we might go.

A — men.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a measure of rest, followed by a melody. The second staff includes a triplet of eighth notes. The third and fourth staves continue the melody with lyrics. The fifth staff concludes with a fermata over the word 'men'.

Our Life in Christ

The Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 95:1-2)

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

One: Let us worship God.

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

The Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler

God of grace, you brought the Church into being long ago. Across the ages people have loved you and followed you. We join them in praising your name, but we confess the Church needs renewal today. We are confused and afraid. We do not trust your Spirit can still stir the Church. Awaken us, we pray. Give us good courage. Summon from us a response that sings your praise and holds fast to the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass

Music: Carol Barnett, Text: Marisha Chamberlain
Monroe Crossing and The Westminster Choir
Dr. Amanda Weber, conductor

I. Ballad: Refrain

They say God loved the world so dear
He set aside His crown
And cloaked Himself in human shape;
They say that He came down,
And dwelt awhile among us here.
He came on down.

II. Kyrie

Mercy!
Oh, Kyrie! Have mercy! Oh, Christe!
Mercy, Oh mercy, eleison, eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison, have mercy on creation!
Christe eleison, have mercy on our souls!

III. Ballad: First Verse

A child walked forth on Eden's way,
A child stretched out her hand.
O, may I taste the apple tree
And take to understand
The fruit of knowledge in my mouth,
And know of God firsthand?

** Please stand as you are able.*

IV. Gloria

Glory be to God on high,
Who launched the sunlight, loosed the rain, Who scattered stars across the sky,
Who piled the mountains, rolled the plains, Who spilled the rivers and the seas.
Oh Glory be, oh Glory be.

Glory be to God below,
For feather, fur, for scale and fin, For vine uptwisting, blossom's fire,
For muscle, sinew, nerve and skin And every feature set aglow
Oh, Glory be to God below.

Oh Glory be for peace on earth,
And prayerful be the human heart That has required a Savior's birth
To make of earth heav'ns counterpart, So strife might stop and warring cease.
Oh, Glory be for peace, oh, be for peace.

Oh, Glory be the generous hand Who left us to our work, and care,
Who gave us only few commands But that we help each other bear Life's burdens.
Pain and suffering ease. Oh, Glory be, oh, Glory be.

Listening to the Word

At this time, children ages 4-1st grade are invited to Children's Church. Children in 2nd-5th grade are invited to join Small Hands, Big Hearts in the Garden Room.

Prayer for Illumination

Jacque DeBuse

Reading from Holy Scripture

Joshua 1:1-9 (OT, p. 179)

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation *We Are the Church: Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good.*

The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** No. 737 *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

Joseph Trucano, piano

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Alexandra Jacob

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 World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass

V. Ballad: Second Verse & Refrain

Adam, he labored, Eve, she toiled, And many children bore,
And sometimes all was fruitfulness And sometimes seasons wore
Them down to dust and emptiness And hunger at the door.

But they said God loved the world so dear He set aside His crown
And cloaked Himself in human shape; They say the He came down,
And dwelt awhile among us here. He came on down.

VI. Credo

Oh, I do believe a place awaits us far across the Jordan
And when we reach those mossy banks we'll cast aside our oars.
Row on, row on, we're crossing River Jordan. Row on, and no one goes alone.

Oh, I do believe a place awaits us high above the mountains
And when we reach that highest peak, we'll spread our wings and soar.
Climb on, climb on, we're climbing Jacob's ladder
Climb on, climb on, and no one goes alone.

Oh, I do believe a resting place awaits us, 'cross the Jordan.
We'll toss our coats, throw off our hats and take the seat of ease.
And it's not the seat of riches and it's not the seat of power,
Row on, row on, and no one goes alone.

VII. Sanctus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus. Dominus Deus Sabaoth;
Pleni sunt coeli et terra Gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

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 *The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass*

VIII. Ballad: Third and Fourth Verses

The skies exploded, towers fell;
The floods came rushing down
And many souls were burned alive
And many souls were drowned
And others set to marching, marching
Far from house and home.
Where are you now, our Savior dear,
When we are all undone?

They said God loved the world so dear
He set aside His crown
And cloaked Himself in human shape;
They say the He came down,
And dwelt awhile among us here.
He came on down.

Oh, I am here among you now
Tho' I must pass unseen,
And cannot show why this must be
Nor how I walk between
Your souls and greater dangers
Than you have ever know,
To laugh with you and weep with you,
My people, oh my own.

It's true, I love the world so dear
I cast aside My crown
And cloak Myself in mystery
So I can come on down
And dwell in and among you now,
I come on down.

IX. Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Dona nobis pacem.

X. Art Thou Weary

Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received

The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass

XI. Benediction

Blessings be upon your heads.
Bless the living, bless the dead.
Blessings be upon you, my people.

Blessing so that you may go Lightly through this world of woe.
Blessing be upon you, my people.

Blessings, and may you embrace God in guise of human grace.
Blessings now and forever.

XII. Conclusion

They say God loved the world so dear
She set aside Her crown And cloaked Herself in human shape;
They say that She came down, And dwelt awhile among us here.
She came on down.

Charge and Benediction

The people respond with "Amen."

Postlude *When the Angels Carry Me Home*

Charlie Monroe

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Call to Congregational Meeting, October 22, 2023

A special meeting of the congregation of Westminster Presbyterian Church has been called by the Moderator of Session. The meeting will be held Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 11:30am, immediately following the 10:30am worship service in person and via the livestream. The purpose of the meeting is to act on the request by the Rev. Dr. Timothy

Hart-Andersen to dissolve his pastoral relationship with the church as he completes his ministry with Westminster as Senior Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church, October 31, 2023.

Signed, Vincent A. Thomas, Clerk of Session

Today's flowers are in loving memory of
Sam Cooke
by Cheri Cooke

(Correction: October 1, 2023)

Today's flowers are in loving memory of
Henry William Andersen,
Mary Esther Dunkin Andersen,
Jack Stanley Hendrix Hart, and
Carolyn Hendrix Hart
by Tim and Beth Hart-Andersen

Daily Phone Devotions
612.332.7087

October 8 Matthew 21:33-46
9 1 Peter 2:4-10
10 Isaiah 27:1-6
11 John 11:45-57
12 Isaiah 25:1-9
13 Matthew 22:1-14
14 Philippians 4:1-9
15 Psalm 23

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. 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

Third Age: Music and Health

Wednesday, October 11 | 11am | Westminster Hall and Livestream

Professor Andrea Leap from MacPhail Center for Music will speak about the connection between music and health. A light lunch will be served afterwards. A \$5 donation is suggested for the lunch. **Register on Realm.**

Scout Troop 33 Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 15 | 9am-Noon | Fellowship Hall

All are welcome to a pancake breakfast, hosted by Scout Troop 33.

Enduring Hope Campaign Celebration

Sunday, October 15 | 11:30am | Westminster Hall

After worship, join us in celebrating the legacy of the *Enduring Hope* campaign with a short program. If you would like to give to the campaign, **please use the giving feature of Realm or discuss your giving directly with Kelsey Crouch-Dodson at kcrouchdodson@wpc-mpls.org.**

Westminster Performing Arts Series (WPAS) and Schubert Club

Friday, October 20 | Noon | Westminster Hall

WPAS is partnering with the Schubert Club to bring four of the concerts from their "Courtroom Concerts" series to Westminster Hall. The first concert will feature MN Opera Residents. **Mark your calendar for this free event!**

College-Aged Ministry Caregiver Potluck

Sunday, October 22 | 5pm | The Heinze Home

Join other parents and caregivers of college-aged young adults for a potluck meal at the Heinze home! **RSVP to Alexandra and bring a dish to share.** Last names A-N bring a side dish; last names O-Z bring a dessert.

Reformation Sunday & Farewell Celebration

Sunday, October 29 | 10:30am | Sanctuary and Westminster Hall

The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen's final Sunday will include a brass quintet in worship and a reception event in Westminster Hall following worship.

Save the Date for the Fall Women's Retreat

Saturday, November 11 | 9am-12:30pm | Westminster and Zoom

Women are invited to a half-day of reflection, connection, learning, and fun. **The Rev. Dr. Amy Marga will be our retreat leader. Register on Realm. Contact the Rev. Margaret Fox at mfox@wpc-mpls.org or Deb Wagner at dwagner@wpc-mpls.org with questions.**

This Week at Westminster | October 8-15

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

Sunday, October 8

8:15am-11:30am | Nursery Hours | Nursery
8:30am | Worship: The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen 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 | Bushnell Room
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 Orchestra Rehearsal | Youth Music Room, Rm. 214
6:30-8pm | Youth Sr. High Bonfire | Weller Home

Monday, October 9

10am | Tai Chi | Westminster Hall

Wednesday, October 11

9am | Women's Bible Study (WOW) | Meisel Room and Zoom
11am | Third Age Forum: Andrea Leap | Westminster Hall*
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 Taizé Worship | Westminster Hall*
6:45pm | Adult Education Discussion Groups | Meisel Room and Zoom
7pm | Adult Choir | Adult Choir Room

Friday, October 13

6:30-9:30pm | Junior High Scary Movie Night | Youth Room

Saturday, October 14

10-Noon | Writing Through Change | Bushnell Room

Sunday, October 15

8:15am-11:30am | Nursery Hours | Nursery
8:30am | Worship: The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen preaching | Westminster Hall*
9-Noon | Blood Pressure Screening | Bates Room
9-Noon | Scout Troop 33 Pancake Breakfast | Fellowship Hall
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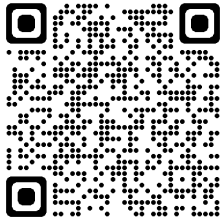
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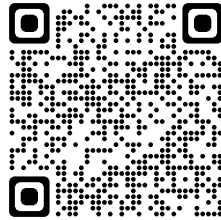
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One-Time Gift



Make a Pledge



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

Sundays

8:30am Worship (Westminster Hall)

10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

Wednesdays

6pm Worship (Westminster Hall)



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