

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, October 15, 2023



Westminster and Bells, by Tom Northenscold

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

This Little Light of Mine

He Knows Just How Much We Can Bear

arr. Calvin Taylor

Phyliss Hall; arr. Henry Sexton

Joseph Trucano, organ

Our Life in Christ

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn

Capital Campaign Celebration: *Enduring Hope*

Pete Cochrane and Joan Dayton

Campaign Co-Chairs

***Call to Worship** (Micah 6:8)

One: What does the Holy One require of us?

All: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

One: Let us worship God.

***Processional Hymn** No. 11 *Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud*

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

The Rev. Alexandra Jacob

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to respond to the cry of those who are in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Sung Response *I Am the Church*

Richard Kinsey Avery and Donald Marsh
Church School Children and Choirs
Brad Ollmann, director

Listening to the Word

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

Hymn No. 399 *God Welcomes All*

Prayer for Illumination

Ken Huskins

Readings from Holy Scripture

Leviticus 19:9-18 (OT, p. 99)

Matthew 7:1-5, 12 (NT p. 6)

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *We Are the Church: Render to no person evil for evil. Strengthen anyone fainthearted. Support anyone weak. Heal anyone afflicted.*

The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** No. 485 *We Know that Christ Is Raised*

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Leland Otto Schneeman,
child of Morgan and Jack Schneeman

Presentation of the Baptisands

Jim DeBuse

Questions to the Parents and Congregation

The Rev. Margaret O. Fox

***Affirmation of Faith (United Church of Canada)**

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayer Over the Water and 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.

Baptism

***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.

***Sung Response** Hymn No. 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*, vs. 1 only
First verse sung by Youth Choir and Choristers; congregation joins on the repeat.

A Moment for Scouting and Stewardship

Troop 100 Senior Patrol Leader Rich Thao

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 Holy Manna

William Moore, arr. Joseph Trucano
Westminster Youth Orchestra

Emily Vigne, Laura Lynch, and Joseph Trucano, leaders

Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received

***Hymn** No. 79 *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

***Charge and Benediction**

The people respond with "Amen."

Choral Benediction *Blessing*

Katie Moran Bart
Westminster Youth Choir and Choristers
Amanda Weber and Joseph Trucano, directors

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields.
Until we meet again, my friends, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.

***Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Postlude *Branles de Champagne*

Anonymous, Susanne van Soldt Manuscript

2024 Stewardship: We Are the Church

As our congregation moves into a season of transition, we remember that together we are the church. Your support in 2024 will help our growing ministries continue to flourish throughout the coming year. Please consider making a financial commitment to the future of Westminster by Stewardship Sunday on **November 19**.

We are the church—thank you for being a part of it.

You can specify your intended giving for 2024 with a pledge card or online
onrealm.org/westminstermpls/AddPledge/stewardship2024

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
favorite uncle Don Weisgerber
Gone 60 years and still missed
by Katie McCurry**

**Birth
Kaia Sofie Koppang, August 23, 2023**

**In Eternal Rest
Phyllis Paul, October 10, 2023**

**Daily Phone Devotions
612.332.7087**

October 15..... Psalm 23
16 Exodus 19:7-20
17 Philippians 3:13-4:1
18 John 6:25-35
19 Isaiah 45:1-7
20 Psalm 96:1-9
21 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
22 Matthew 22:15-22

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. 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 public ramp at 11th St. & Marquette Ave. from 7am-2pm. At the ramp, take a ticket when you enter & 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

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 at ajacob@wpc-mpls.org and bring a dish to share.** Last names A-N bring a side dish; last names O-Z bring a dessert.

Trunk-or-Treat and Groveland Foodshelf Drive

Saturday, October 28 | 1-3pm | Westminster Green

All young ones and their families are invited to join us for our third annual Trunk-or-Treat, led by the WPC youth group. Wear your favorite costume and join us for some fun and games! Park in the garage and head up to Westminster Green. A Groveland Food Shelf donations box will be in the parking garage. **Learn more and sign up on Realm.**

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.

Beyond Sunday Connections

Monday, November 6 | 6pm | Westminster Hall

Women of Westminster are welcome to an evening of faith stories and sacred conversation over a shared meal with guest speaker and Westminster Deacon, Heather Heefner. **Please register on Realm by Monday, October 23.**

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.**

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 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 15-22

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

Sunday, October 15

8am-12:30pm | *The Art of Our Global Partners* exhibition | Westminster Gallery
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
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: The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen preaching | Sanctuary*
11:30am | *Enduring Hope* Campaign Celebration | Westminster Hall
6-8pm | Confirmation Class | Youth Room

Monday, October 16

10am | Tai Chi | Westminster Hall

Wednesday, October 18

9am | Women's Bible Study (WOW) | Meisel Room and Zoom
5:30pm | Handbell Choir | Great Hall Balcony
6pm | Wednesday Evening Taizé Worship: *Blessings for the Journey* | Westminster Hall*
6:45pm | Adult Education Discussion Groups | Meisel Room and Zoom
7pm | Adult Choir | Adult Choir Room
7pm WestConnect | Hunter Room

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11:30am | Congregational Meeting | Sanctuary
5pm | College-Age Ministry Caregivers Potluck | Heinze Home
5pm | Free Community Meal (F.E.A.S.T.) | Fellowship Hall

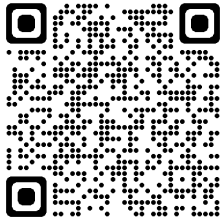
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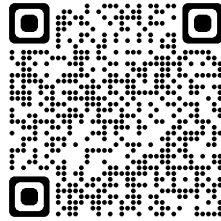
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One-Time Gift



Make a Pledge



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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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