

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, January 21, 2024 | 10:30am



Jesus Calling the Two Fishermen, by Sadao Watanabe, stencil print, 1963,
Japan The Westminster Collection

We enter this church not as strangers, but as children of God.



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Preparing for the Word

Our service begins with the Prelude, inviting us to prepare for worship.

Prelude *Andante* from *Violin Concerto in a*

Johann Sebastian Bach
Violet P., violin; Kenneth Vigne, piano

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 96:1, 2)

One: O sing to the Lord a new song;

All: sing to the Lord, all the earth.

One: Sing, and give praise to God's name;

All: tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

One: Let us worship God.

***Processional Hymn** No. 410 *God Is Calling through the Whisper* Joseph Trucano, organ

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

At this time, children ages 4-1st grade are invited to Children's Church. They will worship in the chapel, have fellowship time in Room 209, and then return to the sanctuary at the end of the service.

* Please stand as you are able.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Psalm 94:12-22 (OT, pp. 512-513)

Mark 1:14-20 (NT, p. 30)

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Follow the Leader*

The Rev. Dr. Matthew Skinner

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** No. 721 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Emma Louise and Georgia Kathryn Pommer,
children of Tim and Ellen Pommer

Presentation of the Children

Jock Donaldson, elder

Questions to the Parents and Congregation

The Rev. Dr. David Tsai Shinn

***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

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.

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 Baptismal Response** Hymn No. 492 *You Belong to Christ*

Choir sings first time through; congregation joins on the second time.

Offering Invitation

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 *Order My Steps (In Your Word)*

Glenn Burleigh
arr. Jack Schrader
Westminster Choir; Dr. Amanda Weber, conductor

Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received

***Hymn** No. 700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

***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 *Allegro* from *Violin Sonata No. 4 in D*, HWV 371

George Frideric Handel

**Today's flowers are in loving memory of
our parents and aunts**

**Mary R. and John D. Gould, Mary Gould,
Patsy Ann and William Stewart Keisling,
Mina S. Grier**

by Sarah Keisling and Henry Gould

Daily Phone Devotions

612.332.7087

January 21..... Mark 1:14-20
22 Psalm 46
23 Acts 5:33-42
24 Mark 3:13-19
25Deuteronomy 18:15-20
26Psalm 111
271 Corinthians 8:1-13
28 Mark 1:21-28

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 Members Class will take place on January 28, 2024. 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

ArtsConnect (Rescheduled): James Nutt Studio

Join us on **Saturday, January 27 from 11am-2pm for a rescheduled visit to the Northrup King building**, to see the studio of Westminster member and artist James Nutt. We will finish with a group lunch nearby. **Register on Realm or contact Joe Trucano at jtrucano@wpc-mpls.org to attend.**

Celebrating Five Years of the Artist-in-Residence Program

All five of Westminster's current and past Artists-in-Residence will participate in worship on **January 28** in celebration of the program's five-year anniversary. Join the artists after 10:30am worship during Coffee Hour in Westminster Hall and during Arts Month events for adults throughout February.

New Member Class

Sunday, January 28 | 11:45am | Meisel Room

Those interested in membership are invited to join for lunch and conversation in a gathering led by the Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn. **To learn more, please connect with Meghan at mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org.**

ArtsConnect: James Sewell Ballet

Thursday, February 1 | 11:30am-2pm | James Sewell Ballet

On Thursday, February 1, we will visit James Sewell Ballet for an open rehearsal and conversation with JSB Executive Director Eve Schulte. Following the open rehearsal, we will enjoy a group lunch nearby. **Register on Realm or by contacting Joe Trucano.**

Westminster Town Hall Forum: Michele Norris

Thursday, February 1 | 6pm | Sanctuary and Online

Peabody Award-winning journalist and Minneapolis native Michele Norris has compiled stories from her work with The Race Card Project in her new book, *Our Hidden Conversations*. A cast of diverse readers bring some of these stories to the stage. Ms. Norris will then sit down for an in-depth conversation. Doors open at 5pm, with a musical prelude by T. Mychael Rambo at 5:30pm, and the talk begins at 6pm. Stay afterwards for a book signing and a Breads and Spreads reception.

Faith Nixon Symposium and Luncheon

Sunday, February 4 | 11:45am-1pm | Westminster Hall and Livestream

All are welcome to attend the Faith Nixon Symposium. Our speaker is Louise Matson, Executive Director of Division of Indian Work, which supports urban American Indian people through culturally-based education, traditional healing approaches, and leadership development. **Register and learn more on Realm.**

Cabaret!

Sunday, February 4 | 4pm | Westminster Hall

Witness the acting, musical, and comedic gifts of Westminster's youth group! Donations (including \$10/person suggested payment for adults) benefit our summer service-learning trips. **Register and give on Realm.**

This Week at Westminster | January 21-28

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

Sunday, January 21

8am-12:30pm | *Heroes In Our Time* exhibition opens | Westminster Gallery
8:15-11:30am | Nursery Hours | Nursery
8:30am | Worship: The Rev. Dr. Matthew Skinner preaching | Westminster Hall*
9am-Noon | Blood Pressure Screening | Bates Room
9:15am | Family Matters | Bushnell Room
9:15am | FYC Gathering Time & Church School | Chapel
9:15am | Social Justice Forum | Meisel Room*
9:15am | Adult Education: *Exploring the Older Testament* | Recreation Room**
10:30am | Worship: The Rev. Dr. Matthew Skinner preaching | Sanctuary*
11:30am | *Heroes In Our Time* Artist Reception | Westminster Gallery
6-8pm | Confirmation | Youth Room

Monday, January 22

10am | Tai Chi | Westminster Hall

Wednesday, January 24

9am | Women of Westminster (WOW) | Meisel Room
5:15-6:45pm | Wednesday Night Supper | Fellowship Hall
5:30pm | Handbell Choir | Great Hall Balcony
6pm | Wednesday Evening Worship: Water Stories | Westminster Hall*
6-7:15pm | Youth and Children's Choirs
6:45pm | Adult Education Discussion Groups | Meisel Room and Zoom
6:30pm | Adult Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room

Saturday, January 27

9:30-11:30am | Downtown Coalition for Grief Support | Rooms 208-210
11am-2pm | ArtsConnect: James Nutt | Northrup King Building
2pm | Memorial Service: Paul Bowlin | Chapel

Sunday, January 28

8am-12:30pm | *Heroes In Our Time* exhibition | Westminster Gallery
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10:30am | Worship: The Rev. Jim Cochrane preaching | Sanctuary*
11:30am | Artist-in-Residence Five Year Celebration | Westminster Hall
11:45am | New Member Class | Meisel Room
5-6:30pm | Free Community Meal (F.E.A.S.T.) | Fellowship Hall

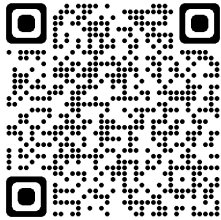
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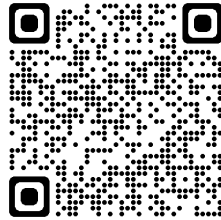
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**Join us for worship in-person,
via livestream at westminstermpls.online.church,
or facebook.com/westminstermpls**

Sundays

8:30am Worship (Westminster Hall)

10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

Wednesdays

6pm Worship (Westminster Hall)



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