

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, February 11, 2024 | 10:30am



The Transfiguration, by Sadao Watanabe, stencil print, Japan, 1971

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



Westminster
Presbyterian Church

Preparing for the Word

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

Prelude

*Exuberant Joy
Timbrel and Dance*

Arnold B. Sherman
Kevin McChesney
Handbell Choir; Joseph Trucano, director

Our Life in Christ

The Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

A Moment for Camping

Connell G.

***Call to Worship** (Mark 9:2, 7; Psalm 99:9)

One: On a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured

All: and God said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

One: At the mountain of the Lord bow down,

All: for the Lord our God is holy.

One: Let us worship God.

***Processional Hymn** No. 386 *Come, Worship God*

Joseph Trucano, organ

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and 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.

Sung Response Hymn No. 587 *Alleluia!*

Amanda Weber, cantor

First time cantor; congregation sings twice through.

* Please stand as you are able.

Listening for the Word

A Time with Children

The Rev. Alexandra M. Jacob

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.

Sung Response *This Little Light of Mine*

Trad. African-American,
arr. Clarence Boyer

Prayer for Illumination

Anne Englert

Readings from Holy Scripture

2 Kings 2:1-12 (OT, p. 308)

Mark 9:2-9 (NT, pp. 38)

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Listen*

The Rev. Margaret O. Fox

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** No. 191 *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Dr. David Tsai Shinn

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.

Moment for SOUPer Bowl of Caring

Isabelle L.

Offering Invitation

You are invited to give online via Realm. Please assist the ushers in passing the offertory plates in the pews. 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 *Celtic Prayer*

Gary Brubaker

Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received

***Hymn** No. 193 *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*

***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 *Fanfare and Chorale*

Calvin Fuller

Call to Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Westminster Presbyterian Church will be held on **Sunday, February 25, 2024, at 11:30am**, in the sanctuary and on livestream, to receive the 2023 financial reports, review the 2024 church budget, receive a report from the Personnel Committee for Staff and Ministers, and hear an update on the Pastor Nomination process.

By Order of the Session, Vincent A. Thomas, Clerk of Session

Deepen your faith this Lent at Westminster

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30am Worship, Westminster Hall and Livestream

10:30am Worship, Sanctuary and Livestream

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

February 14-March 20

Noon Worship with Guest Musicians, Chapel and Livestream

6pm Taizé-style worship, Westminster Hall and Livestream

WEDNESDAY MEALS

Supper

5:15-7pm, Fellowship Hall

Suggested, \$15 per person/\$25 per family

CHURCH IN THE ROUND SMALL GROUPS

February 18-March 20

Sundays, 9:15am

Wednesdays, 12:30pm or 6:30pm

In-person or online. Register on Realm.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET

February 14-March 30

Pick up a copy at church, use the digital version on the website or sign up online to receive a daily email.

You're invited



Lent 2024 | February 18-March 20

Church in the Round is a five-week small group experience that explores the Psalms, a collection of 150 prayers/songs/poems that form the heart of the Older Testament.

Each week will offer a different approach, encountering the Psalms in ways that are by turns historical, prayerful, poetic, musical, and worshipful. Groups meet Sunday mornings, Wednesday midday or evening, in person or online. Sign up on Realm by February 14.

**Today's flowers are in loving memory of
Lena Mae Benson and
Clyde and Irene Moore**
by Vern Sutton

In Eternal Rest
Robert H. Carlson, October 22, 2023

Daily Phone Devotions
612.332.7087

February 11 Mark 9:2-9
12 Psalm 110:1-4
13 1 Timothy 3:14-16
14 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
15 Genesis 9:8-17
16 Psalm 25:1-10
17 1 Peter 3:18-22
18 Mark 1:9-15

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 dedicated 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

Arts Month for Adults

Tuesday, February 13 | 5pm | Radical Joy Open Mic Night with Joe Davis

Friday, February 16 | 2pm | Spirituality and Woodworking with Sam Bardwell

Saturday, February 17 | 10am | Writing Love Letters to the World with Wendy Brown-Báez

Thursday, February 22 | 4:30pm | Make a Little Birdhouse in Your Soul with Kat Parent

Saturday, February 24 | 10am | Percussive Flow with Jeffrey Gram

Join current and former Artists-in-Residence for a variety of workshops this February. Learn more and register on Realm.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14

Lenten worship will begin with two services: **one at noon in the Chapel and the other at 6pm in Westminster Hall**. Both services will be followed by light refreshments and will also be available on livestream. The imposition of ashes will remind us that we have come from dust, and to dust we shall return, as together we begin our Lenten journey.

Poetry Open Mic Night: David Mendez

Friday, February 16 | 7-8:30pm | Recreation Room

Artist-in-Residence Wendy Brown-Báez continues a series of open mic nights at Westminster with featured local poets as well as creative works from the Westminster and local community. February's Open Mic will feature renowned local poet David Mendez. Register on Realm.

Town Hall Forum TownTalks: Black Wealth in Minnesota

Thursday, February 22 | 5pm | Westminster Hall

Tawanna Black, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Economic Inclusion, and Marcus Owens, corporate and nonprofit leader, will discuss the obstacles and inequities affecting Black economic prosperity in our state.

Beyond Sunday Connections: Angelique Kingsbury, Director of the Magnet 55+

Monday, March 18 | 6pm | Westminster Hall

Tickets are now available for the March Beyond Sunday Connections, a dinner event for all Westminster women to come together in fellowship and share personal reflections about their faith, work, and daily life. Register to attend through March 4 on Realm.

Brahms Requiem Tickets Now on Sale

Friday, March 22 | 7pm | Westminster Hall

Saturday, March 23 | 2pm | Westminster Hall

Tickets are now on sale on Realm for *Ein deutsches Requiem* by Johannes Brahms, performed by the Westminster Choir and a chamber orchestra. This choral masterpiece will begin our Holy Week journey with a reflection on death through a lens of comfort.

This Week at Westminster | February 11-18

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

Sunday, February 11

8am-12:30pm | *Heroes In Our Time* exhibition closes | Westminster Gallery

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

8:30am | Worship: The Rev. Margaret O. Fox preaching | Westminster Hall*

8:30am-Noon | Camp Ajawah Bake Sale | Westminster Commons

9:15am | Family Matters | Bates Room

9:15am | FYC Church School | Classrooms | 204-210 and Youth Room

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

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

10:30am | Worship: The Rev. Margaret O. Fox preaching | Sanctuary*

5pm | Youth Group Super Bowl Viewing Party | Youth Room

Monday, February 12

10am | Tai Chi | Westminster Hall

Tuesday, February 13

5pm | Radical Joy Open Mic Night with Joe Davis | Lutunji's Palate

Ash Wednesday, February 14

Noon | Ash Wednesday Worship | Chapel*

1:30pm | Magnet: Love is the Way Valentine's Poetry Open Mic and Cafe | Corner Gallery

5:15-7pm | Wednesday Night Supper | Fellowship Hall

6pm | Ash Wednesday Worship | Westminster Hall*

7:30pm | Adult Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room

Friday, February 16

2pm | Spirituality and Woodworking with Sam Bardwell | Luther Seminary

7pm | Westminster Open Mic Night: David Mendez

Saturday, February 17

9:30-11:30am | Downtown Coalition for Grief Support | Rooms 208-210

10am | Writing Love Letters to the World with Wendy Brown-Báez | Meisel Room

Sunday, February 18

8am-12:30pm | *Lent* exhibition opens | Westminster Gallery

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

8:30am | Worship: The Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn preaching | Westminster Hall*

9am-Noon | Blood Pressure Screening | Bates Room

9:15am | Family Matters | Bushnell Room

9:15am | FYC Church School | Classrooms | 204-210 and Youth Room

9:15am | Adult Learning Hour: Church in the Round

10:30am | Worship: The Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn preaching | Sanctuary*

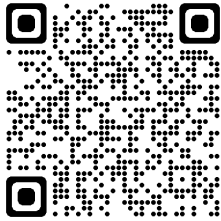
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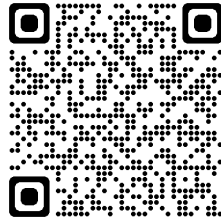
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One-Time Gift



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

Noon Worship (Chapel)

6pm Worship (Westminster Hall)



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