

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

*A Telling Presence in the City*

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Sunday, July 7, 2024



*Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee*, by Rembrandt van Rijn, oil on canvas, 1633, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

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



# Preparing for the Word

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

**Prelude** *My Lord, what a Morning!*

Emma Lou Diemer  
Joseph Trucano, organ

## **Our Life in Christ**

The Rev. Margaret Fox

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## **\*Call to Worship** (Psalm 107, Mark 4:35-41)

One: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

**All: God's mercy endures forever.**

One: When the storms of life arise

**All: and the waves threaten to overturn the boat of our faith,**

One: remember the power of our Savior

**All: to calm, to still, to establish peace.**

One: Let us worship God!

## **\*Processional Hymn** No. 463 *How Firm a Foundation*

Deborah Carbaugh, cantor

## **Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Holy God, we so often doubt you and are people of little faith. When the circumstances of our lives overwhelm, and the tragedy of the news leaves us lamenting the state of our world, we wonder where you are or if you even exist. Where is your protection and presence? Does the universe really bend toward justice? Does this justice include us and those we love? Forgive our lack of faith, O God, amidst the storms of life and unjust systems that stir up our fears. Claim us and guide us in working toward the Beloved Community you so desire for us, where all your children live in peace.

## **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.

# Listening for the Word

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**Sung Prayer for Illumination** Hymn No. 184 *Calm to the Waves*, sung twice

## Readings from Holy Scripture

Jonah 1:1-10 (OT, p. 813)

Mark 4:35-41 (NT, pp. 33-34)

One: This is the Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Susan Sheridan Tucker

**Sermon** *The Journey We're On: When Things Look Scary*

The Rev. Dr. Jeff Japinga

# Responding to the Word

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**\*Hymn** No. 819 *Be Still My Soul*

## Offertory 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 Music** *Give Me Jesus*

Trad. Spiritual; arr. Moses Hogan

## The Sacrament of Communion

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler

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**

The Rev. Dr. David Tsai Shinn

*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** Hymn No. 525 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

## **Closing Prayer**

**\*Hymn** No. 772 *Live into Hope*

*Musical Note: This hymn was the theme hymn for the 226th General Assembly, a gathering of Presbyterian leaders, which just completed its work on July 4.*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Postlude** *Toccata for a Joyful Day*

Emma Lou Diemer



## Daily Phone Devotions

612.332.7087

July 7 ..... Mark 6:1-13  
8..... 2 Corinthians 11:16-33  
9..... James 5:7-12  
10 ..... John 7:1-9  
11 ..... Amos 7:7-15  
12 ..... Psalm 85:8-13  
13 ..... Ephesians 1:3-14  
14 ..... Mark 6:14-29

# Welcome to Westminster

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*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 on the Upper Plaza 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](mailto:mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org) or Janice Teliczan at [jteliczan@wpc-mpls.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:aweber@wpc-mpls.org).

## Westminster Cares

**Births, Adoptions, and Baptisms.** Contact Janice Teliczan, [jteliczan@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:jteliczan@wpc-mpls.org).

**Pastoral Care.** Contact Deb Wagner about hospitalization, illness, death, or prayer requests, 612.332.3421 or [dwagner@wpc-mpls.org](mailto: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

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## **Men's Ministry: Coming Together Mondays**

### **Monday, July 8 | 5pm | Arbeiter Brewing**

Join the men of Westminster at Arbeiter Brewing for an informal outing of food, beverages, and conversation. A variety of food and beverage options will be available for purchase. **Questions? Contact Brent Hall at 612-889-7208.**

## **Summer Community Sings**

Join the choir on **Sunday, July 14 and August 11** to sing for 10:30am worship. Both days, we will gather in the Sanctuary at 9am to learn music for that morning. All ages and levels of experience are welcome. **Contact Amanda ([aweber@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:aweber@wpc-mpls.org)) for more information.**

## **Bluegrass Evening Prayer**

### **Wednesdays, through July 31 | 5:45pm | Lower Plaza and Livestream**

This casual outdoor gathering starts with a Hymn Sing at 5:45pm, followed by worship at 6pm. We will use David Ostenso Moore's liturgy, *Joyous Light*, composed in 2021, specifically for this service. **Worship will be followed by dinner and fellowship, with a recommended cost of \$12 per person and \$25 per family.**

## **Adult Education: Between the Testaments**

### **Sunday, July 14 | 9:15am | Recreation Room and Livestream**

Don't miss the last Adult Education class of the summer series! Between the Testaments examines what happens between the Older Testament and the Newer Testament. It is an engaging introduction to writings such as the Apocrypha, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and Jewish apocalyptic literature.

## **Volunteer at Loring Park Art Festival**

Westminster will again host a booth at the Loring Park Art Festival on **Saturday, July 27, from 10am to 6pm and Sunday, July 30, from 10am to 5pm.** This year Westminster's booth will feature poetry, dance, music, art, and story time for kids. If you would like to serve or get involved with this ministry, please **contact Suzanne McInroy at [smcinroy@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:smcinroy@wpc-mpls.org).**

## **This Week at Westminster | July 7-14**

*Visit [westminstermpls.org/events](http://westminstermpls.org/events) for more details about events.*

### **Sunday, July 7**

8am-12:30pm | *Hopes and Dreams: Art Created by Westminster Members* exhibition | Westminster Gallery

9:15am | Adult Education: Between the Testaments | Recreation Room\*\*

10:15-11:30am | Nursery Hours | Nursery

10:30am | Worship: The Rev. Dr. Jeff Japinga preaching | Sanctuary\*

11:30am | Prayer Companions | Chapel

### **Monday, July 8**

10am | Tai Chi | Westminster Green

5pm | Men's Ministry: Coming Together Monday | Arbeiter Brewing

### **Wednesday, July 10**

11am | Summer Ringers: Westminster Handbell Choir Rehearsal | Great Hall Balcony

5:45pm | Hymn Sing and Bluegrass Evening Prayer | Lower Plaza\*

6:30pm | Supper | Upper Plaza

### **Saturday, July 13**

10am | Grief Support Group | First Christian Church

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**\* May also be viewed via Livestream [westminstermpls.online.church](http://westminstermpls.online.church)**

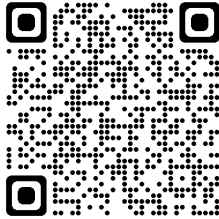
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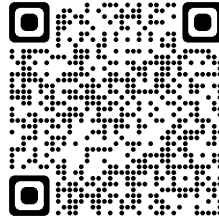
## Giving to Westminster

You can sustain the church's ministry and mission by making a donation to the church online! To support Westminster, point your smartphone camera at the QR codes below or visit: [onrealm.org/westminstermpls/give](https://onrealm.org/westminstermpls/give).

### One-Time Gift



### Make a Pledge



**Join us for worship in-person,  
via livestream at [westminstermpls.online.church](https://westminstermpls.online.church),  
or [facebook.com/westminstermpls](https://facebook.com/westminstermpls)**

### Sundays

8:30am Worship (Westminster Hall) *returning September 8*

10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

### Wednesdays *Through July 31*

6pm Bluegrass Evening Prayer (Westminster Lower Plaza)

(5:45pm Hymn Sing)



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