

WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Christmas Art, Mae Niebuhr, age 11

CHRISTMAS EVE 4PM
DECEMBER 24, 2011

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in worship, mission, and programs at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

During Today's Worship

Large-Print Bulletins, Bibles, Hymnals, hearing assistance devices available from ushers.

Child Care in the Nursery (8:15AM-11:30AM) is for infants & toddlers (through age 3).

Children are welcome in worship at Westminster! 'Pew bags' with quiet activities are available from ushers for older children.

Closed-circuit TVs broadcast the worship service in the Great Hall.

Please turn off cell phones and pagers when in worship.

Out of respect to those with allergies, please avoid wearing scented products to church.

For your security, please do not leave valuables unattended, or in coat pockets in our closet areas. Remember to lock your car and put valuables out of sight.

Church School & Adult Education

Church School & Children's Church resume January 8, 2012.

Adult Education Course information is available in the *Education for Faith & Life* catalog.

If You Are New to Westminster

Free Sunday morning parking at Orchestra Hall Ramp, 11th St. & Marquette. 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.

Join us for fair trade coffee and refreshments after the service.

Red Rovers (wear red carnations) and **Ushers** (wearing white carnations) are happy to answer your questions.

Church Tours begin in the sanctuary at 11:45AM on the fourth Sunday of the month.

The Next New Member Class Series begins January 22, 2012

For more information about becoming a member of Westminster, visit ewestminster.org/membership or contact Rev. Annika Lister Stroope, 612.332.3421 or astroope@wpc-mpls.org.

If You Seek to Deepen Your Involvement with Westminster

Faith in Action Get involved in serving and seeking justice. Contact Dan Franklin, dfranklin@wpc-mpls.org or Rev. Douglas Mitchell, dmitchell@wpc-mpls.org.

Fellowship Enjoy fellowship with other members and friends of the church.

Contact Melanie McCall at mmccall@wpc-mpls.org.

Other Worship and Prayer Opportunities at Westminster

Visit www.ewestminster.org for current information about Westminster.

Daily Devotion Line with scripture & prayer read by the pastors, 612.332.7087.

Summer Wednesday Evening Worship June & July, 6:15PM.

Communion & Prayer Service Sundays in the Chapel at 9:30AM.

Celtic Worship Service Second Thursday of the month, 7:00PM, *during the program year.*

Quiet Worship Fourth Saturday of the month, 9:00AM in the Chapel.

Westminster Cares

Births, Adoptions, and Baptisms Contact Kathy Fisher, kfisher@wpc-mpls.org or 612.332.3421.

For Pastoral Care please notify Claudia Kapitan or the clergy of hospitalization, illness, death, or prayer requests, 612.332.3421 or ckapitan@wpc-mpls.org.

Health & Healing Ministry offers blood pressure screenings the 2nd Sunday of the month.

The Westminster Counseling Center offers pastoral counseling for individuals, couples, families, & children. Call 612.332.7743 or visit westminstercounseling.org.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ❖ 4:00PM

THE PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude

John McCreary, Dylan McCreary, Jim Christiansen

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and the Christ Candle

Anne & Jason Spaeth, Jonah, Sam, Joshua

Call to Worship (from Psalm 96)

Katie Lindahl

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Sing to the Lord, bless God's holy name.

One: Tell of God's salvation from day to day. Let the heavens be glad,
and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it.

**All: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the Lord who comes.**

One: Let us worship God!

***Processional Hymn** No. 41 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Michaela Tucker

One: Listen to the angels singing from on high. Come with the shepherds to the manger in Bethlehem. Travel with the Magi to bring gifts to the child.

Rejoice that God's gift is given for all. Come, let us celebrate Jesus' birth.

All: God of grace, as we gather to worship the newborn King, forgive us when we fail to approach you with awe and wonder, when we fail to reach out to help another, when we fail to meet the needs we see around us. In this holy moment we know you are near. Open the door of the Bethlehem stable and lead us to your light. In the name of Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

Welcome and Christmas Greeting

The Rev. Meghan K. Gage-Finn, Cole Johnson

Scripture Readings Isaiah 9:2

Sam Christianson

Isaiah 7:14

Emily Christiansen

* Please stand, if you are able.

Anthem *Night of Silence*

Daniel Kantor

Cold are the people, winter of life. We tremble in shadows this cold endless night. Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping, flowers that will echo the sunrise. Fire of hope is our only warmth. Weary, its flame will be dying soon.

Voice in the distance, call in the night. On wind you enfold us, you speak of the light. Gentle on the ear, you whisper, softly, rumors of a dawn so embracing. Breathless love awaits darkened souls. Soon we will know of the morning.

Spirit among us, shine like the star, your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar. Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely, rising in the warmth of your Son's love. Star unknowing of night and day, Spirit we wait for your loving Son.

Choristers, Brad Ollmann, director
Youth Choir, Shekela Wanyama, director

THE CHRISTMAS STORY*Told in Narration, Scripture, and Song***Scripture Readings** Luke 1:26
Luke 1:38

Genevieve Lund

Anthem *Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming*

16th century German;

trans. Theodore Baker; arr. Joel Raney

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung, of Jesse's lineage coming as saints of old have sung. It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright she bore to us a Savior when half-spent was the night.

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-5

Mary Thomas

Hymn No. 44 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-10
Luke 2:11

Julia Brooks

Kate Hall

Anthem *The Savior of the World Is Born*

Gustav Holst

Shepherds and Angels**Anthem** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Traditional French carol

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria. In excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

Seraphim Choir, Brad Ollmann, director

Anthem *Go Tell It On The Mountain*

Trad. African American Spiritual

Seraphim Choir, Brad Ollmann, director

Scripture Reading Luke 2:6

Anna Futterer

The Birth of Jesus

Scripture Reading Luke 2:7

Hymn No. 56 *The First Noël*

THE FIRST NOWELL

The Star

Anthem *Star Light, Star Bright*

Wise Men, Wise Men

Cherub and Recorder Choirs, Brad Ollmann, director

The Magi

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1b-2

Matthew 2:6

Isaiah 9:6a

Kate Smith

Sarah Christensen

Lauren Caugh

The Holy Family

Anthem *Infant Holy*

arr. Carolyn Jennings

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;

Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Swift are winging angels singing, nowells ringing, tidings bringing,
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new;

Saw the glory, heard the story, tiding of a gospel true.

Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow,
Christ the Babe was born for you.

Hymn No. 25 *Away in a Manger*

MUELLER

Anthem *Calypso Lullaby*

Jester Hairston

On a clear and starry night, on a hillside far away, shepherds saw a golden light
and the heard the angels say: "Alleluia, shout for joy." Sweet music fills the sky.
The heavens ring while angels sing a Christmas lullaby. Sleep, little one, rest
your head. Dream of peace on earth in your manger bed.

Angels filled the evening sky and with joy began to sing: "Glory be to God on
high! Let the bells of heaven ring!" It came upon the midnight clear, that glori-
ous song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold.

Hymn No. 60 *Silent Night* (vss. 1 & 3)

STILLE NACHT

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:6b

Isaiah 11:6

Helen Strom

Henry Brooks

Angels, Shepherds, Magi

Hymn No. 53 *What Child is This*

GREENSLEEVES

Anthem *O Harken Ye*

Alfred Burt

O harken ye who would believe the gracious tidings now receive: The mighty Lord of heaven and earth today is come to human birth. *Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

O harken ye who long for peace, your troubled searching now may cease. For at his cradle you shall find God's healing grace for all mankind. *Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

O harken ye who long for love and turn your hearts to God above. The angel's song the wonder tells: Now Love Incarnate with us dwells! *Gloria in excelsis Deo.* (words by Wihla Hutson)

Scripture Reading Isaiah 60:1-3
Isaiah 60:4-5

Obiori Obikwelu
David Rasmussen

***Hymn** No. 31 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

Offertory Sentences

The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen

Offertory Solo *O Holy Night*

Adolphe Adam

John Wasiluk, baritone

***Benediction**

***Closing Hymn** No. 40 *Joy to the World!*

ANTIOCH

The Congregation is invited to view the Christ Child at the front of the sanctuary and enjoy fellowship and hot chocolate in the Great Hall.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 8:00pm & 10:00pm in the Sanctuary



The Nativity by Caroline Hardy, age 9

CHERUB CHOIR

Henry Alcorn-Webb	George McIntyre
Amelia Anderson	Kate Moore
Hazel Anderson	Sam Moore
William Anderson	Charlotte Nelson
Maura Bosacker-Kass	Jonas Nelson
Kira Gallenbeck	Tyler Robinson
Logan Gallenbeck	Michaela Sabah
Emma Gaulk	Lila Shaver
Thomas Halverson	Vianne Stroope-West
Thomas Kovarik	Owen Tourtelotte
Isabelle Luhmann	

SERAPHIM CHOIR

Jack Alexander	Aidan Luhmann
Charlotte Bosacker-Kass	Jack McIntyre
Liam Bosacker-Kass	Jack Moore
Patrick Caugh	Alexa Owens
Joseph Cornormia	Carlie Owens
Joshua Cornormia	Caden Robinson
Catherine Hardy	Christina Sabah
Clara Halverson	Hayden Tourtelotte
Victor Heinze	Ella Williamson
Gretchen Huebsch	Henry Williamson

CHORISTERS CHOIR

Henry Brooks	Maia King-Cayere
Lauren Caugh	Kelly Myers
Sam Christianson	Elle Niebuhr
Sarah Christiansen	Mae Niebuhr
Bethany Heefner Dart	Eleonore Sabah
Libby Hall	Makena Scott
Caroline Hardy	Helen Strom
Amelia Huebsch	Michael Thomas

ACTORS, NARRATORS, READERS

Star Child Cole Johnson

Angels Lauren Letnes, Kate Smith, Olivia Smith, Sylvia Taylor, Berit Wicker, Cece Wilde

Shepherds Kyle Digman, Andrew Lund, Jack Smith, Jonah Spaeth, Matt Stearley

Sheep & Camels Jack Kloboucher, Sam Spaeth, Easton Scott, Jace Wilde

Innkeepers Jack Johnson, Anna Northenscold

Three Kings Sam Hunt, Sam Hunt, Nate Stearley

The Holy Family Katie McCreary, Jason Fotso, Silje Wicker (Jesus)

Herod Landon Araya; **High Priest** Evan Digman; **Scholar** David Giles

Narrators Sarah Croteau, Mariel Jones, Lauren Smith

Spotlight Kayla Heinze

Costume Assistance Sandy Cochrane

And thank you to all the parents who have helped and are helping tonight!

RECORDER CHOIR

Joseph Cornormia
Amelia Huebsch
Lillian Hyland
Lauren Letnes
Elle Niebuhr
Mae Niebuhr
Emma Schabo Grabowski
Nate Stearley

YOUTH CHOIR

Morgan Christianson
Erin Cochrane
Clay Conover
Ella Conover
Will Donaldson
Ned Hall
Isabella King
Anna Kruskop
Jane Kruskop
Alicia Larson
Marissa Moss
Paige Murphy
Obi Obikwelu
Harper Svee
Anne Wasiluk
John Wasiluk

STAFF

The Rev. Meghan K. Gage-Finn

Assoc. Pastor, Children, Youth & Families

Mary Alette Davis

Dir. Children's Ministries

Brad Ollmann

Dir. Early/Middle Childhood Music

Shekela Wanyama

Dir. Youth Music

Dr. Melanie Ohnstad

Organist and pianist

If you are visiting Westminster today, we welcome you into the worship and life of this congregation! There are education, fellowship, and service opportunities for children, youth, and adults.

Regular Sunday programming resumes on Sunday, January 8. You do not need to be a member to participate in Church School.

*Please join us again,
and Merry Christmas!*

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 25

10:15am Nursery/Toddler care, Nursery
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
11:30am Church Tour, Sanctuary
11:30am Fellowship Hour
5:00pm FEAST

Monday, December 26, 2009

Church offices closed. Pastor on call can be reached at 612.332.3421, ext. 700.

Tuesday, December 27

7:30pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, December 28

No activities scheduled

Thursday, December 29

No activities scheduled

Friday, December 30

No activities scheduled.

Saturday, December 30

No activities scheduled.

Seminarian Sunday, January 1, 2012

9:15am Virtues & Values
9:30am Chapel Communion Service
10:15am Nursery/Toddler care, Nursery
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
11:30am Fellowship Hour

Monday, January 2

Church offices closed. Pastor on call can be reached at 612.332.3421, ext. 700.



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CLERGY & STAFF

WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Timothy Hart-Andersen, *Senior Pastor and Head of Staff*

Mary Hess, *Director of Legacy Giving*
Kathy Fisher, *Executive Assistant*

ADULT ED & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Rev. Katherine S. Michael, *Associate Pastor*
Kathy Fisher, *Leadership Development Admin. Assistant*
Claudia Kapitan, *Adult Education Admin. Assistant*
Barbara Mauk, *Librarian*

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

The Rev. Meghan K. Gage-Finn, *Associate Pastor*
Mary Alette Davis, *Director of Children's Ministries*
Marie Kruskop, *Coord. of Early Childhood Ministries*
Barbara Prince, *Administrative Assistant*

EVANGELISM & FELLOWSHIP

The Rev. Annika Lister Stroope, *Associate Pastor*
Melanie McCall, *Coord. of Fellowship & Special Events*
Claudia Kapitan, *Evangelism Administrative Assistant*
Kristin Kieft, *Publications Coordinator*

FAITH IN ACTION

The Rev. Douglas Mitchell, *Associate Pastor*
Dan Franklin, *Coordinator of Discipleship Ministries*

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Dr. Melanie Ohnstad, *Minister of Music and the Arts and Organist*

Dr. Jere Lantz, *Westminster Choir Director*
Dr. Rodney Allen Schwartz, *Director, Westminster Gallery and Archive*

Barbara Prince, *Program Assistant*
Nancy Carter, *Handbell Choir Director*
Brad Ollmann, *Dir. Early/Middle Childhood Music*
Shekela Wanyama, *Dir. Youth Music*

PASTORAL CARE

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Robertson, *Associate Pastor*
Claudia Kapitan, *Administrative Assistant*

ADMINISTRATION

Samuel G. Cooke, *Director of Administration*
Sandy Wilson, *Office Manager*
Jennifer Zenanko, *Accountant*
Mary Dolan; J D. Shaffer, *Accounting Assistants*
Debbie Anderson; Sarah Kantrud *Receptionists*
Amy Riesenber, *Wedding Coordinator*

FACILITIES

Neale Holleschau, *Facilities Manager*
Todd Bushy, Brian Coyoc, Christopher Glenn, Ree Johnson, Richard Wilder, *Facilities Staff*

EMERITA

The Rev. Elizabeth D. Heller, *Associate Pastor Emerita*

WESTMINSTER CAMP AJAWAH

Dave Moore, *Director*
Sarah Kantrud, *Registrar*

WESTMINSTER COUNSELING CENTER

The Rev. Dr. Margaret McCray, LMFT, *Exec. Director*
The Rev. Ross A. Aalgaard, MSW, LGSW
The Rev. Dr. Leta J. Herrington, LPC
The Rev. Mary Keen, LMFT
Lori Churchill, *Business Manager*

WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL FORUM

Susan McKenna, *Director*

PARISH ASSOCIATES (Volunteer Clergy)

Rev. Denise Dunbar-Perkins, Rev. Margaret McCray,
Rev. Dean J. Seal