

# WESTMINSTER

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A TELLING PRESENCE IN THE CITY



*Simeon and the Christ Child,*  
by Jim McLean, woodcut print, 1959

JANUARY 1, 2012  
SEMINARIAN SUNDAY

WE ENTER THIS CHURCH NOT AS STRANGERS, BUT AS CHILDREN OF GOD

# 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 and 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 and 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](http://ewestminster.org/membership) or contact Rev. Annika Lister Stroope, 612.332.3421 or [astroope@wpc-mpls.org](mailto: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](mailto:dfranklin@wpc-mpls.org) or Rev. Douglas Mitchell, [dmitchell@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:dmitchell@wpc-mpls.org).

**Fellowship** Enjoy fellowship with other members and friends of the church. Contact Melanie McCall at [mmccall@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:mmccall@wpc-mpls.org).

## Other Worship and Prayer Opportunities at Westminster

**Visit [www.ewestminster.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 for appointments.

JANUARY 1, 2012

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ❖ 10:30AM

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## PREPARING FOR THE WORD

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

**Welcome**

Stephen Robertson

**Prelude** *Votre bonté grand dieu*

Claude Balbastre

### **Our Life in Christ**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*As the morning greeting is offered,  
please complete the friendship folder found in your pew and pass it to your neighbor.*

### **\*Call to Worship** (from Isaiah 60)

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

**All: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

One: Nations shall come to your light

**All: and rulers to the brightness of your rising.**

One: Let us worship God.

### **\*Processional Hymn** No. 67 *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*

**10:30 Candle** Peter Psychos

**Bible** Rory McCabe

MORNING STAR

### **Prayer of Confession**

*The congregation confesses its need for forgiveness in prayer.*

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

### **Silent Prayer**

*Worshippers seek God's forgiveness in their own lives.*

### **Assurance of God's Forgiveness** (from Romans 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17)

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

### Prayer for Illumination

Ama Sabah

*Before the reading of scripture we pray that God will illumine our understanding.*

### Reading from Holy Scripture

Isaiah 62:1-3 (OT p. 652)  
Luke 2:22-40 (NT p. 51)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Choral Prayer

*Song of Simeon* Orlando Gibbons, arr. R. Vaughan Williams

*Text may be found at Hymn No. 604.*

### Sermon

*Shaking the Tree*

Daniel Franklin

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\***Hymn** No. 411 *Arise, Your Light is Come!*

FESTAL SONG

### Offertory Sentences

*The people respond to God by the giving of tithes and offerings.*

### Offertory Anthem

*A Little Child on the Earth Has Been Born*

Flemish Carol, arr. John Rutter

A little child on the earth has been born; He came to earth for the sake of us all. He came to earth but no home did he find; He came to earth and its cross did he bear. He came to earth for the sake of us all, and wishes us all a happy New Year. (Text trans. R. C. Trevelyan)

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

#### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Katherine S. Michael

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 Words over the Table

### The Distribution of Bread and Cup

*A gluten-free alternative for the bread is offered in the center of trays.*

*Communion is served by intinction, dipping bread into the cup.*

*Those who are unable to come forward for communion will be served in their pews.*

### Music During the Distribution *A New Year Carol* Benjamin Britten

Here we bring new water from the well so clear, For to worship God with,  
this happy New Year.

*Refrain: Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine; The seven bright gold  
wires and the bugles that do shine.*

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe, Open you the West Door,  
and turn the Old Year go. *Refrain.*

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin, Open you the East Door,  
and let the New Year in. *Refrain.* (Text anonymous)

### Closing Prayer

**\*Hymn** No. 69 *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

### \*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.**

*Since the earliest days of the Christian Church, worshippers have greeted each other with a  
sign of peace. All are invited to offer a verbal greeting, such as: "Peace be with you."*

**Postlude** *A minuit fut fait un Reveil* Jean-Francois Dandrieu

## SEMINARIAN SUNDAY, JAN. 1

**9:15 Virtues & Values**, Founders Rm.

**10:15AM** Childcare available for children up to age 3, Nursery

**10:30 Worship**

Dan Franklin preaching, *Shaking the Tree*

**11:30 Fellowship Time**,

Heller Commons

**Westminster Gallery** *Follow the Star*

## NEXT SUNDAY, JAN. 8

**8:15-11:30AM** Childcare available, up to age 3, Nursery

**8:30 (Chapel) & 10:30 (Sanctuary) Worship**

Tim Hart-Andersen preaching,

*How Do We Get Started as Christians?*

**9:15AM Education Hour**

- **2nd & 3rd Grade Parent Meeting**,

Refectory

- **Blood Pressure Screening**, Counseling Center

- **Church School**

- **All-Church Book Read**, various rms.

- **Social Justice Forum**, Meisel Rm.

- **Early Childhood Family Fellowship**, Bushnell Rm.

- **Virtues & Values**, Founders Rm.

**9:45AM Brief Communion Service**,

Chapel

**11:30 Meisel Scholar Reception**, Meisel Rm.

**11:30 Fellowship Time**, Great Hall & Heller Commons

**11:45 WestConnect After Hour**,

Bushnell Rm.

**Westminster Gallery** *Follow the Star*

## COMING UP

### ADULT EDUCATION

**Wednesday Adult Ed: Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25,**

**6:30PM, Meisel Rm.** Dr. Arland

Hultgren, Professor of New Testament, Luther Seminary, will teach on *Paul and His Letter to the Romans*.

**Sunday Adult Ed All Church Book-**

**Read, Room**, by Emma Donoghue. Join

small group discussions on Jan. 8 & 15,

9:15am. Groups meet in Great Hall, Bates

Room, Refectory. No sign ups, just show

up, and join in the lively reflection.

**Adult Ed Saturday Seminar, Jan. 28,**

**8:30AM-2:30PM** Dr. Richard Rohrbaugh speaking on *The New Testament in Cross-*

*Cultural Perspective*. \$25, includes lunch.

RSVP by Jan. 23 to Claudia, 612.332.3421

or ckapitan@wpc-mpls.org. More info

online: [ewestminster.org/adult\\_education](http://ewestminster.org/adult_education).

### CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

**Early Childhood Family Fellowship**

resumes January 8.

**Epiphany Party, Wed., Jan. 4, 5:30PM**

Enjoy a "light" supper, activities for all ages, and a procession with the Magi to

find our way in Christ's Light and

Love. Please bring gifts of food for the

Groveland Food Shelf. Contact Mary

Alette Davis, [mdavis@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:mdavis@wpc-mpls.org) or

612.332.3421.

**Arts Month is in February this year.** If

you have ever thought about teaching, this is a great way to be engaged with

our children and our education pro-

gram. Lead classes in art activities or be

an assistant. We'll provide materials

and teachers and volunteers will be

present to help. Contact Mary Alette

Davis, [mdavis@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:mdavis@wpc-mpls.org) or

612.332.3421.

**Youth and Parent Listening Session**

All Middle and High School youth and parents are invited to a time of sharing

and conversation with Tim Hart-

Andersen and Meghan Gage-Finn on

**Saturday, January 7, 2:00 – 4:00PM,**

Meisel Rm. We will discuss staff transi-

tions in the youth program and future

plans. Please join us!

### FAITH IN ACTION

*Unless noted, contact Dan Franklin for info*

*on FIA activities, 612.332.3421 or*

*[dfranklin@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:dfranklin@wpc-mpls.org).*

**Social Service** meets **Wednesdays,**

**9:00AM** (Social Service Rm.) or **6:00PM**

(2nd floor lounge) to knit or crochet

warm scarves, caps, mittens for those in

need. Patterns, materials, instruction

provided. Questions, contact Lee Zopff,

612.371.9616, or Sandra Berthene,

952.929.8044.

## FELLOWSHIP

**TGOE: The Great Over Fifties** is kicking off the new year on **Sunday, January 16** with Rev. Steve Robertson, Westminster's newest pastor. Join us at Noon in the Meisel Room for lunch and program. \$14 fee covers lunch. Register at the church on January 1 & 8, or use the online calendar at [ewestminster.org](http://ewestminster.org). Questions? Contact Kathy Miller, 612.308.1882.

## MEISEL SCHOLAR RECEPTION

There will be a special Meisel program reception in the Meisel Room following 10:30 worship on Jan. 8. Learn more about the Meisel Grant program and hear from last summer's award recipients. If you are interested in applying for a 2012 Meisel Grant, or supporting this program, this is a great chance to connect and get more information. Join us for refreshments and conversation!

## NEW MEMBERS

If you are visiting Westminster and think you have found your church home, contact us to sign up for the next new member classes series, starting Jan. 22. Contact Rev. Annika Lister Stroope, 612.332.3421 or [astroope@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:astroope@wpc-mpls.org)

## PASTORAL CARE

**Prayer Ministry** If you have a prayer request, please fill out a Prayer Request card (in the Friendship Folder) or call the church, 612.332.3421.

**Caregiver Support** group meets at Westminster the 3rd Sat. of each month, 1:00-2:30PM. Contact Claudia Kapitan, 612.332.3421 or [ckapitan@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:ckapitan@wpc-mpls.org).

**Grief Support Group** Meets Saturdays, 9:30AM at Westminster, [mplsgriefsupport.com](http://mplsgriefsupport.com). **Jan. 7**, Mary Christopherson, *New Year, New You*

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

### WOW Westminster on Wednesday

Men and women of all ages meet on Wednesdays, 9:00AM, Meisel Rm. for coffee, men's & women's Bible studies, program. Upcoming programs include: **Jan, 4, 2012** David Cummings from Gaytee Stained Glass; **Jan, 11** Ann Carlson

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of  
Marjorie G. McNally  
Miles W. McNally  
Carolyn Linner  
*by their family*

from The Dignity Center. For info on WOW programs, call Sharon Achor, 952.847.9117.

**Save the Dates!** Mark your calendars now for the Faith Nixon Symposium on **Saturday, February 18**, when our speaker will be the Rev. Peg Chamberlin, Executive Director of the MN Council of Churches and outgoing President of the National Council of Churches. Also save the weekend of **April 27-29, 2012 and the Women's Spring Retreat**. Watch for more info.

## WORSHIP

**Sunday Communion Service in the Chapel** Beginning Sunday, January 8, the Chapel Communion Service will begin at 9:45AM.

## In Memory of

Dale Miller  
died December 22, 2011

Charles Ungemach  
died December 24, 2011



## MLK Schedule Change

Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, will be at Westminster on January 21-22. His presentation at Kwanzaa will be on Saturday, Jan. 21 and he will preach at Westminster on Sunday the 22nd. Alika Galloway, Co-Pastor of Kwanzaa Community Church will preach at Westminster on Sunday, Jan. 15 at 10:30AM.

## Stewardship 2012



As we welcome the New Year and think of all the ways we are blessed, we are invited to respond generously.

**Learn more and make your 2012 pledge at [CountingOurBlessings.org](http://CountingOurBlessings.org).**

# Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church

## WEEKDAY CALENDAR

### Monday, January 2, 2012

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

### Tuesday, January 3

5:50pm .....Adult Handbell Choir  
7:30pm .....AA Meeting

### Wednesday, January 4

9:00am .....Social Service (Sew, Knit, Crochet)  
9:00am .....WOW  
9:30am .....Men's & Women's Bible Studies  
5:15pm .....Supper (Adult \$7, Children \$3)  
5:30pm .....Adult Ed: *Living the Faith*  
5:30pm .....Epiphany Party  
6:00pm .....Social Service (Sew, Knit, Crochet)  
6:30pm .....Adult Choir; Adult Ed  
6:45pm .....Confirmation

### Thursday, January 5

No activities scheduled

### Friday, January 6

6:30pm .....Troop 100

### Saturday, January 7

2:00pm .....James de Jong Memorial Service

## DAILY PHONE DEVOTIONS

January 1 .....Luke 2:22-40  
2 .....Gen. 28:10-22  
3 .....Exod. 3:1-6  
4 .....Gen. 1:1-5  
5 .....Ps. 29  
6 .....Matt. 2:1-12  
7 .....Acts 19:1-7  
8 .....Mark 1:4-11

Call 612.332.7087  
for the daily lectionary commentary



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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*  
Elsa Kendig, *Interim Dir. Middle/High School 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 Riesenberg, *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, LICSW  
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