

WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Olive Wood Crèche (detail), hand-carved in Bethlehem
On view in the Westminster Gallery*

DECEMBER 18, 2011
CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL SUNDAY

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 & 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 Saturday, Dec. 17, 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 for appointments.

DECEMBER 18, 2011

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ❖ 9:00 & 11:00AM

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

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

Welcome

Katherine S. Michael

Prelude

In dulci jubilo

Eleanor Whitsett

A Christmas Fantasy on Old English Carols

W. T. Best

Advent Greeting

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.*

Bell Introit *In the Bleak Midwinter*

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

Westminster Handbell Choir, Nancy Carter, director

*Call to Worship (from Isaiah 35)

One: The prophet says, "The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,

All: **the desert shall rejoice and blossom;**

One: Like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,

All: **and rejoice with joy and singing."**

One: Let us worship God.

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

ADESTE FIDELES

9:00 Candle Julia Brooks Bible Anthony Psyhos

11:00 Candle Mackenzie Grossman Bible Jack Skagen

*Lighting the Advent Candle

*Sung Response *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,

Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;

We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

O come let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Prayer (Unison)

Douglas Mitchell

Merciful God, you sent prophets to prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their word and change how we live. Fear dominates our thinking; self-centeredness guides our decisions. Forgive us, we pray. Help us receive your mercy and greet with joy the coming of Jesus, born of Mary. Amen.

Anthem *Omnis Mundus Jocundetur (Earth This Glad Day Rejoices)*

Michael Praetorius

Earth this glad day rejoices, praising Christ the newborn King, born of a virgin mother; Let your joyful anthems ring. Sing aloud to his praise on this great day of days; Let us worship and adore him on this day. Christ was born of the Virgin Mary. To his blessed mother mild let us pray. Let us be glad and rejoice as we may. (Sung in Latin)

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

A Time with Children

Meghan K. Gage-Finn

Following A Time with Children, children return to their seats.

There is no Children's Church today.

Hymn No. 16 *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

Solo vs. 1; Congregation rises and sings vss. 2-4

Prayer for Illumination

Stephen Robertson

Before the reading of scripture we ask that God illumine our understanding.

Reading from Holy Scripture Zephaniah 3:14-20 (OT p. 830)

Luke 3:1-5, 10-15 (NT p. 52)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

What Happens When God Takes on Flesh?

Timothy Hart-Andersen

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn** No. 36 *In the Bleak Midwinter*

CRANHAM

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Annika Lister Stroope

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.

Counting Our Blessings: Stewardship 2012

Katherine Youngblood, Jim Carter

Offering Sentences *Christmas Joy Offering Received*

Offertory

Once, As I Remember

Italian Carol, arr. Charles Wood

Once, as I remember, at the time of Yule, after mid-December, when it bloweth cool, I o'erheard a Mother was a-singing "Sweet Jesu,
Refrain: Lalullaylu, lalullaylu, lalullaylu, lullay lulu."

Near as I was able, on my knee fell I, in the Bethlehem stable where the babe did lie, and the Virgin Mother was a-singing "Sweet Jesu, *Refrain.*

Ev'r among and o'er us angel quire 'gan sing antiphons in chorus to the newborn King. Then the Virgin Mother fell a-singing "Sweet Jesu, *Refrain.*

(Text by G. R. Woodward)

Sunny Bank

Peter Hurford

As I sat on a sunny bank on Christmas Day in the morning, I spied three ships come sailing by on Christmas Day in the morning.

Refrain: On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day in the morning.

And who should be with those three ships but Joseph and his fair lady! O he did whistle and she did sing on Christmas Day in the morning. *Refrain*

And all the bells on earth did ring on Christmas Day in the morning. For joy that our Savior he was born on Christmas Day in the morning. *Refrain*

Prayer of Dedication

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

ANTIOCH

***Charge and Benediction**

The people respond with "Amen."

Choral Response *What a Wonder*

Lithuanian Folk Song; arr. Clarence Dickinson

What a wonder, what a marvelous wonder! In the depths of winter blooms a rose, Branch of Jesse's stem and flower of David, With its beauty all the stable glows! What a wonder, what a marvelous wonder! Heaven opens, earth is filled with light. Simple shepherds hear the angels singing, "Christ the lord is born on earth tonight!" What a wonder, what a marvelous wonder! In the sky the guiding Star doth shine; Orient Kings haste to a humble manger, Kneel in homage to the King divine! What a wonder, what a marvelous wonder! All mankind great joy in him may know; Let us hasten gladly to adore him, Laying now our loving hearts before him! (Text by Helen Dickinson)

Mary Monson, mezzo soprano; Michael Hoffman, tenor;

Nathan Petersen-Kindem, baritone

Postlude *In dulci jubilo*

J. S. Bach

TODAY AT WESTMINSTER

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL SUNDAY

8:45-10:00AM and 10:45-Noon Childcare available, up to age 3, Nursery

9:00 & 11:00 Sanctuary Worship

Tim Hart-Andersen preaching

10:00am Church Tour, Sanctuary

10:00AM Virtues & Values, Founders Rm.

Noon WestConnect, Bushnell Rm.

Noon Fellowship Time, Great Hall and Heller Commons

Noon Church Tour, Sanctuary

5:00PM Potluck & Holidazzle Parade

Westminster Gallery *Follow the Star*

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24

4:00 Family Service & Pageant

8:00 & 10:00pm Candlelight Worship

Tim Hart-Andersen preaching,

What Is the Heart of Christmas?

CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 25

9:15 Virtues & Values, Founders Rm.

9:30 Communion Service, Chapel

10:15-11:45AM Childcare available, up to age 3, Nursery

10:30 Worship

Stephen Robertson preaching,

A Fitting Gift

11:30 Fellowship Time,

Heller Commons

11:30am Church Tour, Sanctuary

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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*

COMING UP

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Ed Classes will resume in January with the All-Church Book Read.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Early Childhood Family Fellowship is on break and will resume 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 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 program. 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 or 612.332.3421.

CHRISTMAS EVE POTLUCK

ALL are invited to a Christmas Eve potluck supper in the Refectory after the 4:00PM service. The potluck is sponsored by the Children, Youth & Families Council. Last names A-L, please bring a salad; M-Z a main dish. Desserts and drinks provided. RSVP to Barbara Prince, bprince@wpc-mpls.org.

FAITH IN ACTION

Unless noted, contact Dan Franklin for info on FIA activities, 612.332.3421 or 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.

Families in Transition: Hats, Mittens, Scarf Collection Donate new or gently used mittens, gloves, scarves, hats for children and adults. *Drop donations in the box in the reception area by Dec. 19.*

Questions, contact Barb Person, 952.546.3490, 2persons@comcast.net.

FEAST Gift Drive Donate new/gently used cold weather gear and gifts for Christmas FEAST guests. Please leave donations near the Reception Desk now through Dec 25. Questions? Amy Scott, 952.934.6585.

FELLOWSHIP

WestConnect News

Come to the **After Hour** today in the Bushnell Rm., Noon. Come for coffee & conversation about the day's sermon and for info on upcoming events such as the ongoing **Advent Bible Study**. *WestConnect is a fellowship group for members and friends in their 20s & 30s.*

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.

Grief Support Group Saturdays, 9:30AM, Hennepin Ave. United Methodist Church, 511 Groveland, 612.871.5303; mplsgriefsupport.com. **Dec. 24**, Service of Remembrance

PEW POCKET FILLERS NEEDED

Can you help out a couple hours a month (usually Tuesday or Thursday mornings) to restock Friendship Folders and the pew pockets with pencils, envelopes, etc. Contact Marlyne Quiel for more info and to volunteer, mquiell@comcast.net.

In Memory of

Kathryn Anonsen
died December 12, 2011



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

4:00PM

Family Worship Service & Pageant

8PM & 10PM

Candlelight Worship Services

*Prelude begins 30 minutes
before each service.*

*Free parking in Orchestra Hall
Ramp on Christmas Eve*

CHRISTMAS

December 25, 10:30AM

Stephen Robertson preaching;
Ross Sutter, Marya Hart, Cheryl
Paschke, Scandinavian instruments

9:30AM Communion Service

SEMINARIAN SUNDAY

January 1, 10:30AM

Daniel Franklin preaching

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

Stewardship 2012



Our giving is first and foremost an expression of gratitude to God, from whom all blessings flow. Have you made your 2012 pledge? Do so today at CountingOurBlessings.org.

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

Monday, December 19, 2011

6:00pmTroop 33

Tuesday, December 20

7:30pmAA Meeting

Wednesday, December 21

9:00amSocial Service (Sew, Knit, Crochet)

5:15pmSupper (Adult \$7, Children \$3)

6:00pmSocial Service (Sew, Knit, Crochet)

6:00pmChildcare; Pageant Rehearsal

6:30pmAdult Choir

6:45pmConfirmation

Thursday, December 22

No activities scheduled

Friday, December 23

No activities scheduled

Saturday, December 24

4:00pmFamily Service & Pageant

5:00pmPotluck

8:00 & 10:00pmCandlelight Services

Sunday, December 25

10:15amChildcare (up to age 3)

10:30amWorship Service

Monday, December 26

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

DAILY PHONE DEVOTIONS

December 18Luke 1:26-38

191 Sam. 1:1-18

201 Sam 1:19-28

21Mark 11:1-11

22Isa. 9:2-7

23Ps. 96

24Titus 2:11-14

25Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

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*

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 Riesenberger, *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