

# WESTMINSTER

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A TELLING PRESENCE IN THE CITY



Three Wise Men, Italian, plaster, 1940s  
(The entire crèche is on the Communion Table in the Sanctuary)

# CHRISTMAS

## DECEMBER 25, 2011

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 & 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 in the Chapel, 9:00AM.

## 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.

DECEMBER 25, 2011

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

Annika Lister Stroope

### Prelude

*Julfrid och glädje (Christmas Peace and Joy)*

tune by Åsa Jinder

*Julottan (Christmas Morning)*

polska by Mats Wallman

*Jul, jul strålande jul (Christmas, Christmas, Shining Christmas)*

music by Gustaf Nordqvist, text by Edvards Evers

Marya Hart, piano; Cheryl Paschke, fiddle, nyckelharpa;

Ross Sutter, guitar, accordion

### 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.*

### Introit *Julvisa från Älvdalen (Christmas Carol from Älvdalen)*

Tomos Hedvig Persson

### \*Call to Worship

One: O come, let us adore him

**All: whose coming was announced by the prophets.**

One: O come, let us adore him

**All: whose message was proclaimed by the angels.**

One: O come, let us adore him

**All: whose glory was hailed by the shepherds.**

One: O come, let us adore him! Let us worship God.

### \*Carol Sing

**Candle** Hailey Scott    **Bible** Robbie Mitchell

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to  
Bethlehem! Come, and behold Him, Born the King of angels!

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!

*What Child Is This*

GREENSLEEVES

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?

*Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste,  
haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christians fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. *Refrain.*

### *The Snow Lay on the Ground*

VENITE ADOREMUS

The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright, when Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night. Venite adoremus, Dominum. Venite adoremus, Dominum. *Refrain: Venite adoremus, Dominum. Venite adoremus, Dominum.*

And thus the manger poor became a throne; for He whom Mary bore was God the Son. O come, then, let us join the heavenly host: to praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Refrain*

### *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; Ye, who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth; Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!

### **Prayer of Adoration** (Unison)

Douglas Mitchell

Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill toward those whom God favors. For unto us is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. We praise you, O God. We bless you. We glorify you. We give thanks for this great gift of your mercy. Grant that we might share the divine life of Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity. May the angels sing again to us of peace for body and soul. May the star set our course once more in a firm direction. May the manger call us again to expressions of love and devotion. May the wise ones show us your spirit of giving. And may your Holy Spirit linger in our hearts, and be born anew in our lives this Christmas. Amen.

### **\*Sung Response** Hymn No. 23 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Barbara Mauk

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

### **Reading from Holy Scripture** Luke 2:1-7 (NT p. 50)

### **Hymn** *Nu tändas tusen juleljus* (*A Thousand Christmas Candles Now Are Lit*)

Emmy Köhler

Nu tändas tusen juleljus på jordens mörka rund  
Och tusen, tusen stråla ock på himlens djupblå grund.

*The congregation is invited to sing the verses below.*

A thousand Christmas candles now, are lit upon the earth.  
A thousand more in heaven glow to honor Jesus' birth.  
And over town and field tonight the Christmas message flies  
That Christ our Savior and our God in humble manger lies.  
O star that shown in Bethlehem so radiant and mild,  
Shine in tonight with hope and peace for every home and child.

(English translation by Noel Wirén and Else Sevig)

**Reading from Holy Scripture** Matthew 2:1-12 (NT p. 1)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *A Fitting Gift*

Stephen Robertson

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*Hymn** No. 66 *We Three Kings* (vss. 1 and 5)

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

Meghan K. Gage-Finn

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.

**Offering Sentences**

**Offertory** *Bereden en väg (Prepare the Way)*

F. M. Franzén

*Text can be found at Hymn No. 13*

**\*Sung Response**

GOD REST YOU MERRY

Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place.  
To share Christ's peace and show your love,  
Each other now embrace.  
This welcome word of God's good news,  
Brings us redeeming grace.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn** No. 28 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

IN DULCI JUBILO

**\*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** *Ett barn är fött på denna dag/ Eit barn er født i Betlehem*

*(A Child is Born On This Day/A Child is Born in Bethlehem)*

## 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

**Westminster Gallery** *Follow the Star*

## 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**

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](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 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](mailto:mdavis@wpc-mpls.org) or 612.332.3421.

## 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.

**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

**TGOF: 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.

## NEW MEMBERS

If you have visited Westminster and think you have found your new church home, please contact us to sign up for the next new member classes series, which begins January 22. Contact Rev. Annika Lister Stroope [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** Saturdays, 9:30AM, Hennepin Ave. UMC, 511 Groveland, 612.871.5303; [mplsgriefsupport.com](http://mplsgriefsupport.com). **Dec.**

### 31, Open Sharing

#### **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, mquiel@comcast.net.

#### **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.

**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.



### **Stewardship 2012**

**What a wonder!  
What a blessing.  
Thanks be to God.**

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

### **Greetings and Welcome to Westminster!**

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

Everyone – members and visitors alike – is invited to participate in church activities. If you are interested in learning more about Westminster programs and ministries, please speak with a minister, visit our website, or call the church.

***Please join us again!***

**Tim Hart-Andersen, Pastor**

Regular Sunday programming resumes on Sunday, January 8

**8:30am** Chapel Worship

**9:15am** Education Hour for all ages

**9:45am** Chapel Communion Service

**10:30am** Sanctuary Worship

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# Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church

## WEEKDAY CALENDAR

### Monday, December 26, 2010

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

### Sunday, January 1, 2012

9:15am .....Virtues & Values

10:15am .....Childcare available

10:30am .....Worship

### Monday, January 2

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

## DAILY PHONE DEVOTIONS

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

26 .....Isa. 62:6-12

27 .....Ps. 97

28 .....Titus 3:4-7

29 .....Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20

30 .....John 1:1-14

31 .....Ps. 148

January 1 .....Luke 2: 22-40

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 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, 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