

WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A TELLING PRESENCE IN THE CITY



AUGUST 21, 2011
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 (9:45AM-11:00AM) is for infants and toddlers (through age 3).

Children are welcome in worship at Westminster! Parents with young children may use the Tower Rooms during the worship service. Puzzles and art supplies are provided. '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

Children's Church & Church School resume September 11.

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 the fourth Sunday of the month at 11:45AM.

The Next New Member Class Series begins October 16

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 The next Quiet Worship is September 24, 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.

AUGUST 21, 2011

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ❖ 10:00AM

THE PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Our service begins with the Prelude.

The chimes will sound, inviting us to prepare our hearts for worship.

Welcome

Stephen Robertson

Prelude *Adagio* from *Sonata, Op. 81a*,

Ludwig van Beethoven

Annelise Sundberg, piano

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 Psalm 124)

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: who made heaven and earth.

One: We offer our praise and our prayers;

All: we offer our songs and our silence.

One: We embrace this Sabbath,

All: we give thanks to the Lord.

One: Let us worship God.

***Processional Hymn** No. 470 *O Day of Radiant Gladness*

Candle/Bible Senior High Students

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Prayer of Confession

Douglas Mitchell

The congregation confesses its need for forgiveness in unison prayer.

We remember, O Lord, that there is no condemnation for those who are in Jesus Christ. We have heard your good news, but have not trusted it to be good enough for our lives. We misuse the resources you have given us and shy away from your light to lead what we say and do. Loving God, have mercy on us and help us to turn away from those dark places in our lives which are contrary to how you would have us be in the world. Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us to be your faithful disciples.

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

***Sung Prayer for Illumination** No. 327 *O Word of God Incarnate* MUNICH

Reading from Holy Scripture

Peter Soulen

Matthew 16:13-20 (NT, pg. 15)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Make a Decision*

Annika Lister Stroope

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Choral Response *Thou Shalt Know Him*

Mark Sirett

Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by any din of drums, nor his manners, nor his airs, nor by anything he wears. Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by his crown or by his gown, but his coming known shall be by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee. Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen, amen. (Text anonymous)

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Meghan K. Gage-Finn

*Hymn *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* (vss. 1-2)

BEACH SPRING

Stanzas 1, 4, Robert L. Edwards, 1961; Stanzas 2-3, Annika Lister Stroope, 2008

1. God, whose giving knows no ending, From Your rich and
endless store, Nature's wonder, Je-sus' wisdom,
Castly cross, grave's shattered door: Gift-ed by You, we turn
to You. Of-fering up our-selves in praise: Thankful
song shall rise for ever, Gri-mous do-not of our days.

2. To the font of grace and mercy, Now we come in gratitude. Water poured out; gift of heaven, We respond now to God's word. Generations of the faithful Seek to serve and celebrate. This a sacrament of love and faith; Lord accept our prayers and praise.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Presentation of the Baptisands

Elder Carol Frisch

Questions to the Parents and Congregation

*Affirmation of Faith (from the United Church of Canada)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayer over the Water

*Congregational Response

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to Westminster and to the fellowship of Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, to serve that gospel alongside you, and to help you know and follow Christ.

***Hymn** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* (vss. 3, 4)

3. Here begins each one's vocation, Called as God's daughters and sons.

Here we stand, as congregation, All commit to show God's love.

We will guide and we will nurture; We will live as Christ commands.

That each child of God grows fully; That the kingdom might be known.

4. Treasure too You have entrusted, Gain through powers Your grace conferred;

Ours to use for home and kindred, And to spread the gospel Word.

Open wide our hands, in sharing, As we heed Christ's ageless call,

Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, Serving You by loving all.

Offertory Sentences

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

Offertory Anthem *Jesu, Jesu*

Ghana Melody, arr. Jane Marshall

(Text may be found at Hymn No. 367)

***Doxology** *The people sing an ancient trinitarian hymn of praise to God.*

(The traditional words may be found in Hymn No. 592.)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn** No. 483 *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

*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 *Hornpipe*

G. F. Handel

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The baptism of children initiates a partnership between parents and the congregation in nurturing the faith of a child.

ELEANOR LEANN ALCORN-WEBB

Daughter of Julie & Dustin Alcorn-Webb

GENEVIEVE STEVENS WINTON

*Daughter of Emily Pryor Winton
& Cam Winton*

TODAY AT WESTMINSTER

8:45AM Virtues & Values

9:30AM Communion Service, Chapel

9:45-11:00AM Nursery/Toddler care available, Nursery

10:00AM Worship

Annika Lister Stroope preaching

11:00AM Fellowship Time Courtyard

11:15AM WestConnection Brunch,
Loring Kitchen

11:15AM Nursery Families Informal Picnic, Loring Greenway Play Area

Westminster Gallery

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

8:45AM Virtues & Values

9:30AM Communion Service, Chapel

9:45-11:00AM Nursery/Toddler care available, Nursery

10:00AM Worship Katherine S. Michael preaching, *How Is God Calling You?*

11:00AM Fellowship Time Courtyard

11:15AM Nursery Families Informal Picnic, Loring Greenway Play Area

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COMING UP

ADULT EDUCATION

The 2011-2012 Education for Faith & Life catalog will be mailed with the August 26 issue of the *News*.

Virtues, Values, Ethics, & Character meets Sundays, 8:45AM, Founders Rm.

Traveling Seminar Turkey Adventure: Journey in the Footsteps of Paul Join this traveling seminar April 20-May 2, 2012. Contact Rev. Kathy Michael for info, kmichael@wpc-mpls.org.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

All children are welcome and encouraged to take part in worship services at WPC.

Nursery care is available for infants through 3-year-olds. Because there is no Children's Church (ages 4-6) until September 11, families with young children may choose to sit in the balcony where supplies for quiet activities are provided in the adjacent Tower Rms.

Church School Teachers Needed!

Teachers are still needed for the fall for Westminster's Church School. Contact Mary Alette Davis, 612.332.3421 or mdavis@wpc-mpls.org.

High School Trip to the Fair, Sunday, August 28

We'll leave after worship, return at 6:00PM. Parents can pick their students up at the Dunwoody bus stop. State Fair admission is \$12/\$5 for the bus, plus spending money.

Fall is almost here! Be sure to come to Ed. Hour on Sept. 11 to hear about Church School, House Groups, and other youth fellowship events!

Church School Info Meeting, Sunday, August 28, 9:15-9:45AM, Bushnell Rm. A

A welcome informational coffee time for parents of children who are entering Westminster church school for the first time, or transitioning from nursery to children's church. Contact Mary Alette Davis, 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.

FEAST is August 28 Volunteers needed to help serve a meal to the hungry. Sign up at the Reception Desk, or contact Dan Franklin.

Go Green Westminster! Next Sunday, August 28, Plan to walk, bike, or use mass transit to come to church.

Sponsored by the Eco-Justice Committee.

School Supplies Collection Help Kids Get Ready to Learn! Families In

Transition is collecting school supplies **through Sept. 11.** A list of suggested supplies can be found on the information table outside the Great Hall and on the FIA web page. Donation box near the Reception Desk.

The Search for Home: Housing & Homelessness Challenge your assumptions about the homeless, learn about the history of homelessness, affordable housing solutions, and how to get involved. Free and open to all. Dates and times: **Aug. 23,** 6:00-8:00PM; **Oct. 18,** 6:00-8:00PM. All sessions held at Habitat for Humanity, 3001 4th St. SE, Mpls.

FELLOWSHIP

Ramadan Dinner Tomorrow Night!

All are invited to join a group from WestConnection at an Iftar tomorrow, August 22, 7:00pm. An Iftar is the breaking of the daily fast during Ramadan. Twin Cities area mosques are encouraging non-Muslims to take part in this tradition to learn more about our Muslim neighbors. Sign up online TODAY at mchurches.org or call Melanie McCall, 612.332.3421.

WestConnection is WPC's fellowship group for those in their 20s & 30s, but ALL are invited to this event!

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, Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given
in loving memory of
John A. Cuthbertson
by *Judy & Paul Swiderski*
in loving memory of
Phyllis Sutton
by *Vern Sutton*

Nicollet Ave. S., Mpls., 612.871.7499;
mplsgriefsupport.com. **August 27,** Liz
Levang on *Creating a Place for your
Loved One.*

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

The final summer WOW day trip on September 7, 9:30AM-3:30PM will take us to two historic churches. First we will visit Pilgrim Baptist Church in St. Paul which was established in 1863 by a group of African-American migrants from Missouri. After a buffet lunch at Becketwood, we will journey to Christ Church Lutheran in Minneapolis. This church holds national significance as one of the most celebrated works by Finnish architect Eliel Saarinen. Cost is \$21.00. Make reservations in the Heller Commons today or August 28, or contact Sharon Achor, sachor@comcast.net or 952.847.9117.

SUMMER WORSHIP

• **Sundays** •

10:00AM Sanctuary Service

9:30AM Chapel

Communion Service

COMING TOGETHER

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 11

8:30 & 10:30AM worship

9:30 Communion

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

Monday, August 22, 2011

No activities scheduled in building

Tuesday, August 23

11:30am-1:30pmOpen Door
7:30pmAA Meeting

Wednesday, August 24

11:30am-1:30pmOpen Door

Thursday, August 25

11:30am-1:30pmOpen Door

Friday, August 26

No activities scheduled in building

Saturday, August 27

10:00amPrayer Group

DAILY PHONE DEVOTIONS

August 21.....Matt. 16:13-20
22Exod. 1:1-7
23Rom. 11:33-36
24Matt. 26:6-13
25Exod. 3:1-15
26Ps. 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
27Rom. 12:9-21
28Matt. 16:21-28

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*
Dan Commerford, *Dir. of Middle & H.S. Ministries*
Marie Kruskop, *Coordinator of Early Childhood*
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, *Early Childhood 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, 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