



Key Assimilation Dates

- March 6th** - Trinity's Session will meet to vote on the Assimilation Plan and will call a congregational meeting for March 17.
- March 10th** - Westminster's Session will meet to vote on the Assimilation Plan and will call a congregational meeting for March 17.
- March 17th** - Both Westminster and Trinity will hold congregational meetings with the purpose of voting on the Assimilation Plan.
- March 21st** - Pending approval from both congregations, the plan will be presented to the Vision Team of the Presbytery. If approved, the plan will go be voted on at the next stated meeting of the Presbytery on April 13th.

Worship

- March 3rd** – Communion Sunday
- March 10th** – Stated Session Meeting
- March 17th** – Congregational Meeting – Called Session Meeting
- March 24th** – Palm Sunday and the Baptism of Mia O'Toole
- March 28th** – Maundy Thursday Service – 6:30 pm
- March 31st** – Easter Sunday

Session Meeting Highlights

February 18, 2024

The Session meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Mark Miller, Moderator at 12:38pm

ROLL CALL * Indicates those present. # Indicates those absent with notice.

Adoption of the Agenda (All business not already listed must be introduced at this time). The agenda was approved.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF SESSION

Approval of the Minutes:

Congregation Meeting Minutes, Sunday December 31, 2023 - Approved

Session Meeting Minutes, Sunday January 14, 2024 - Approved with the change of the date for the next meeting.

Rolls and Registers

Request for Baptism - Tom O'Toole and Regina Triplette – Mia Emily O'Toole.

The Session approved the baptism for Sunday March 24, 2024 during worship service.

Correspondences - None

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Statement of Accounts - Approved for Audit.

BUILDING MANAGERS REPORT – reviewed and received.

WORSHIP, MUSIC AND ARTS COMMITTEE

Going Forward:

Black history celebration will be observed in the month of February.

February 4: Adam Rogers is the guest musician and will play the organ if it is playable.

February 14, Ash Wednesday: Trinity has invited Westminster to join them.

February 25: Trinity will worship at Westminster. Trinity Director for Children's Ministries will plan and lead the children's service.

March 28, Maundy Thursday: Service will be at Westminster, possibly joined by Pilgrim Congregational Church.

April 8: Westminster will worship at Trinity. Mark will be on vacation.

April 14: Final service for former members, friends, and surviving former pastors.

April 21: Tentative date for final service by Presbytery action.

April 28: Westminster will worship with Trinity going forward.

Call for Favorite Hymns: Members of the congregation will be asked to list their favorite hymns and anthems.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Wednesday February 21, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

PASTORS REPORT

Items for action: Vacation Request: April 2nd through April 9th – approved by the Session.

The Pastor reported receiving a check from the insurance company for the damaged front sign in the amount of \$5,000. The plan is to resubmit after the contractor(s) provide an estimate for the sign.

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ASSIMILATION PROCESS

Working Timeline

Westminster contacted Trinity about entering the Assimilation Process DONE!

A Joint Session meeting between Westminster and Trinity was held on February 11, 2024 – DONE! a. What did the sessions do at the meeting?

- i. They reviewed the Assimilation Process
- ii. They voted to officially enter the Assimilation Process together
- iii. They created an Assimilation Committee with three representatives from each congregation
 1. Trinity members: Mike Krivonak, Diane O'Brien & Blair Rudert
 2. Westminster members: Lawson Calhoun, Mary Diboll, and Janice Tharp
- iv. A letter from each church was sent to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery letting them know our intent to assimilate.
3. Support from the Presbytery – Feb. 15, 2024 - DONE!
 - a. Through the Vision Team of the Presbytery, Presbytery will appoint two resource people to help the assimilation committee do their work
 - i. From the Administration Team: Chris James
 - ii. From the Committee on Ministry: Bernice Thompson
4. The Assimilation Committee does their work and creates an Assimilation Plan which will include: First meeting of the Assimilation Committee is Sat. Feb. 18
 - a. Plans for the closing worship service of Westminster
 - b. Plans for the property of Westminster
 - c. Creating a list of items to come from Westminster to Trinity
 - d. Plans for a receiving worship service at Trinity
 - e. Plans for how Westminster is going to become a part of every aspect of the life and ministry of Trinity. When the Assimilation Plan is completed:
5. The Assimilation Plan will be sent to the Stated Clerk of our Presbytery for final review.
6. Once approved by the Stated Clerk, the Assimilation Plan will be submitted to both Sessions for approval.
7. Each Session will meet - First Week of March
 - a. To approve the Assimilation Plan
 - b. To call a congregational meeting – both meetings are required to be on the same day, Sunday March 17, 2024.
8. After the Congregations have approved the Assimilation Plan, it will be sent to the Vision Team of Presbytery for approval.
9. Vision Team will meet to vote on the Assimilation Plan - March 21, 2024
10. Vision Team will then submit the Assimilation Plan to the presbytery for approval at the next stated meeting. April 13, 2024
11. Once the Assimilation Plan is approved – it is set in motion!

Minutes from the Joint Session meeting – Session approved the minutes.

Congregation Dinner - decided against a dinner – we will increase the snacks for each fellowship hour.

Inventory Update – the list sent to Trinity for their consideration.

Membership List Update - this is in the process. The current WPC Session will continue until the building is sold.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting closed at 12:51pm with a prayer by Mark Miller, Moderator. The next meeting is Sunday March 17, 2024.

Lawson Calhoun, Clerk of Session

NEWS FROM THE GARDEN

The Lenten Roses (Hellebores) are starting to bloom in the garden alongside the sanctuary, and with these warm temperatures we have daffodil and tulip leaves emerging already, too. Our March work day will be Saturday, March 9 from 9am-12pm. We'll prune the hydrangeas (as long as they haven't leafed out already!) and work on pulling the weeds that have been slowly growing all winter. This should go a long way toward making the gardens look nice for Easter! Thanks for your help!

- Susan Baron



Pink Lenten rose blooming in time for the season

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women will meet for Bible study and business on Tuesday, March 5. We will also deliver a fried chicken dinner for 22 people to Grace and Peace women's shelter on Thursday, February 29.



March 11 - Darion Austell

March 11 - Éva Kozma

March 20 - Goldia Colden

March 21 - Stan McCaslin

March 21 - Gergo Szilágyi

March 24 - Emma Miller

March 30 - Lillian Handy

March Sermons

March 3

Communion Sunday
Baptism of the Lord Sunday
Scripture: John 2:13-22
Title: "Zealous Faith"

March 10

Scripture: John 3:14-21
Title: "The Next Verse"

March 17

Congregational Meeting
Scripture: John 12:20-33
Title: "Gatekeeping for Jesus?"

March 24

Palm Sunday
Scripture: Mark 11:1-11
Title: "Secret Operation"

March 28

Maundy Thursday Service
6:30 p.m.

March 31

Easter Sunday
Scripture: John 20:1-18
Title: "Mourning and Joy"

ADULT STUDY Group

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Library and via Zoom

The Death of Public School

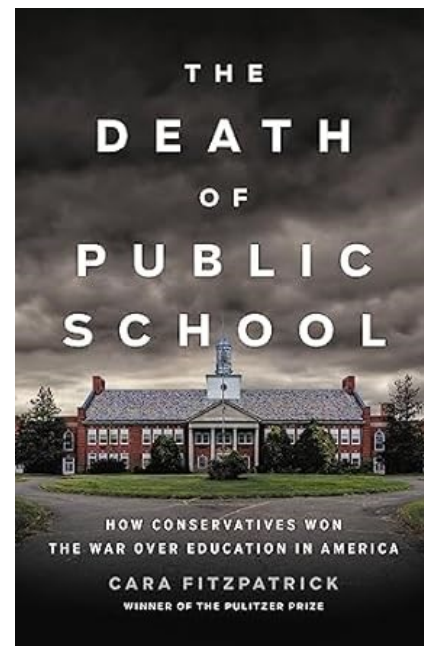
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WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Via Zoom

Wednesdays at 12:00 noon.

The Authentic Letters of Paul
The Book of Romans

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OUR MISSION

*Westminster Presbyterian Church seeks
to know Christ and to make Christ known.
We are a diverse congregation, crossing cultural,
racial, age, and class boundaries.
We support each other in our journey of faith
with joyful worship, engaging education,
and caring fellowship.
We strive to partner with our neighbors
in this urban community
through ministries of justice and compassion.*

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Please contact the office to
make an appointment.

CHURCH CALENDAR

To see the most current information, take a look at the calendar online at our website. Go to www.westminsterstl.org. In the upper right corner, click "More" and then "Our Calendar." You will then be able to scroll to whichever month you choose. For more detailed information on an event, simply click on the calendar entry and the details will appear. This calendar is updated frequently, so it is the best source for current and correct information.

2024 MEMBERS & FRIENDS

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Tony Eckert
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SERMONS

Sermons from Sunday are now online!
<http://goo.gl/FDfYO4>

PASTORAL CARE

If you or a family member goes into the hospital or has other pastoral care concerns, please contact Pastor Mark directly at 314-255-5598. Thank you.

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March 2024 Westminster Happenings

Check the calendar on the church website for the most current information.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 9:00 a.m. - Prayer Time 9:30 a.m. - Adult Study 11:00 a.m. - Worship 12:00 p.m. - Fellowship | 4 1:00 p.m. - Trinity/Westminster Pastors Weekly Check-In | 5 10:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Women 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting | 6 12:00 p.m. - Bible Study | 7 | 8 | 9 9:00 a.m.—Garden Work Day |
| 10 9:00 a.m. - Prayer Time 9:30 a.m. - Adult Study 11:00 a.m. - Worship 12:00 p.m. - Fellowship 1:00 p.m. - Session Mtg | 11 1:00 p.m. - Trinity/Westminster Pastors Weekly Check-In | 12 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting | 13 12:00 p.m. - Bible Study 3:00p.m. - WMA | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 9:00 a.m. - Prayer Time 9:30 a.m. - Adult Study 11:00 a.m. - Worship Congregational Meeting 12:00 p.m. - Fellowship 12:30 p.m. - Session Mtg | 18 1:00 p.m. - Trinity/Westminster Pastors Weekly Check-In | 19 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting | 20 12:00 p.m. - Bible Study | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Palm Sunday 9:00 a.m. - Prayer Time 9:30 a.m. - Adult Study 11:00 a.m. - Worship 12:00 p.m. - Fellowship | 25 1:00 p.m. - Trinity/Westminster Pastors Weekly Check-In | 26 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting | 27 12:00 p.m. - Bible Study | 28 6:30p.m. Maundy Thursday Service | 29 | 30 |
| 31 Easter Sunday 9:00 a.m. - Prayer Time 9:30 a.m. - Adult Study 11:00 a.m. - Worship 12:00 p.m. - Fellowship | | | | | | |



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