

The First Sunday of Advent

FROM GENERATION
TO GENERATION...

There's room for every story



GENEALOGY OF CHRIST by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman | Inspired by Matthew 1:1-17

Westminster

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 27, 2022

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Sunday, November 27, 2022 - 9 a.m. Service

Please stand in body or spirit.* • **BOLD text is sung or spoken in unison.

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Wait for the Lord

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - The Kauffman Family

Reader One: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'"
(Psalm 122:1)

Reader Two: We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

Reader One: "Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths'" (Isaiah 2:3).

Reader Two: We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God's people for the promise to be fulfilled.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We believe in a God who promised to Abraham,

who wrestled with Jacob,

who walked with Ruth,

who spoke with Moses,

who grieved with Bathsheba,

who danced with David,

who dreamed with Joseph,

and who hoped like Mary.

We believe in a God who has been loving, inviting, transforming, and challenging us from generation to generation.

And we believe that same God is here with us now, saying, "Come on in; there's room for you here." Amen.

*HYMN #85

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

*CALL TO CONFESSION

In God's house, everyone is welcome—those who seem like they have it all together, and those who feel like their world is falling apart. No matter who we are, there's room for us here. With that confidence, we turn to God in prayer, speaking the truth of our lives. Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession*

God of today and God of tomorrow, you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here."

But we say, "Our lives are too messy!"

You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here."

But we say, "It's too risky to hope."

You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here."

But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."

**Prayer of Confession Continued*

God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.

Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you. Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.

Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

There's room for every story. Amen.

**Silent Prayer*

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Family of faith, we who feel scattered are held together. We who have lost our way are forgiven and found. And we who are lonely are brought into the fold and are told, "There's room for you here."

From generation to generation, this is the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found, and welcomed. Thanks be to God! Amen.

**Response*

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

HYMN #97

Watchman, Tell Us of The Night

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH IN ACTION

Amy Carter on Adopt-a-Family

WORD THROUGH MUSIC

Advent Processional

Westminster Chorale

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER

Lord of all we have and all we are, we offer you now all we can. May you bless others with what we bring that they too may know that you are Lord of all they have and all they are. In Jesus name. Amen.

Offertory

Advent Canticle

Westminster Chorale with Mike Pennanen on the flute.

(During this time, children K-5th grade are invited to join us for Sunday School. Parents may pick them up at 10:30a.m.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of the ages, in scripture we hear stories of people like us—ordinary people. Just as you walked with them, help us to hear and remember all the ways that you walk with us. We are listening. We are grateful. We are yours. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:1-17

SERMON

There's Room for Every Story
Rev. Angela Ryo

*HYMN #83

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying
Phillip Nicolai

(The Advent liturgy has been adapted from A Sanctified Art.)

WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

New Concerns

Family of Dan Fieldhouse
(friend of Shirley Golden)

Surgeries or Procedures in December

Ray Anna— stent
Kim Karlen— stent
Laura Shields— surgery
Jim Siergey— surgery

Weekly Concerns

Prayers for relief/healing/other
Mario Bravo-92 years old, brain bleed
(friend of Barbie Cook)
Jessica Cook, (friends of Daun DePaul)
Rachel Cook-macular degeneration and
abdominal surgery (family/Barbie Cook)
Betty Curvey— recovering/shoulder surgery
(at Hartfield Rehab)
Taddy Ferguson (Gene Estill's sister)
Peggy Knight-Daughter Patty passed away
(friend of Chuck Weier)
Koenes, Leonard— nerve pain/Shingles
Med Family (friends of Karen Comstock)
Hunter Mitchell— return of brain cancer
(friend of Diane Hart-Coons)
Kim Piekarski— breast cancer
(sister-in-law of Patty Yackanich)
Nancy & Terry Quinn
Jim Siergey— back surgery end of month
Susan Geri Snider (Zora Ludwig/sister)
Sally VanBokkelen— chemo
Robin Webber— health concerns

Continuing Care

Ron Allen
Jean Armstrong
Buddy Borbely
Morgan Borbely Orrick
Tom Brown
Jennifer Dye Foreit
(friend of Michelle Pedrick)
Jack Estill (father of Gene)
Mike & Terri Feege/Fehring
Fiegle Family (passing of Carol)
Mary Lou Feist
(Family of Cheryl Anderson)
Ed Harrison
Don Hill
Elaine Kirk (mother of Ann Williams)
Eden & Eliana Les
(friends of Wendy Borbely)
Joe McDaniel
Heidi Medd (friend of Karen Comstock)
Tracy Mitrano (niece of Art Morgan)
Adelia Morrow (Paige Stephan/daughter)
Denny Orr
Pedrick family
Abigail Poerio (Niece of Sue Cook)
Eugene Pidzarko
Barb & Ron Robbins
Jeff Rothstein (friend of Sandy Baker)
Richard Simkins
Family of John Trent
Sally Trent
Yackel Family
Natalie & Jeff Ziemendorf
(daughter & son-in-law/Sonja Ross)



Contemporary Service

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022 - 10:45AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Thompson Family

PRAISE & WORSHIP

My Soul Magnifies the Lord

Chris Tomlin

For Unto Us/Open the Eyes of My Heart

Paul Baloche

FAITH IN ACTION

Amy Carter on Adopt-a-Family

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:1-17

MESSAGE

There's Room for Every Story

Rev. Angela Ryo

REFLECTION

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Jason Waller

CLOSING SONGS

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Red Mountain Music

BLESSING

Today's Events



Disciples & Donuts - 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Join us for donuts and a devotion.

Middle School - Room 401 • High School - Room 305



Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

K-5th Grade will attend Sunday School. Parents may pick up their child(ren) at 10:30 a.m.



Westminster Forum at 10:30 a.m. in Room 209

Join us for this week's Westminster Forum with Rabbi Len Zukrow.



Adopt-a-Family - Now through December 11

Through the generosity of our members, we will be supporting 8 families (35 individuals) this year. We are seeking donations of household consumables as well as new items for children ages newborn to 19. Warm clothes (socks, PJs, long-sleeve shirts, coats, hoodies, etc.) are also needed. Consumable items needed include toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, tissues, hand soap, shampoo, dish soap, laundry detergent, feminine products, diapers, etc.

Monetary donations can be placed in the Adopt-A-Family "gift" box in Fellowship Hall. Non-monetary donations may be dropped off in the collection box near the church office by Dec. 11. Please contact Amy Carter with any questions: amy@pegboardchicago.com or 773-376-0344.



2022 Giving Tree - Now through Dec. 19

You're invited to participate by making a donation to an organization of your choice now through December 19th either between services on Sunday or online at www.wpcmunster.org. As a gift of thanks, Missions has handmade ornaments and thank you cards available. Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Events



Living Nativity & Bethlehem Market - December 11 from 4-7 p.m.

Join us for two beautiful outdoor Living Nativity shows, at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. with live animals and our annual Bethlehem Market. You will have a chance to shop at local vendor tables, listen to Christmas music from our very own worship band and purchase some yummy food from our concession stand!



Suppers of Eight - Sign up dates: Nov. 27 & Dec. 4 & 11

What is Suppers of Eight? Suppers of Eight is an opportunity to get to know members and friends of our WPC family better, while sharing a meal. Sign up between services on November 20, 27, December 4, and 11 or by visiting www.wpcmunster.org. Questions? Contact Stephanie Smith at (847) 287-7854.



Longest Night - December 21 at 7 p.m.

This service honors people that have lost loved ones and are experiencing grief. Join us for a beautiful and comforting service in remembrance of our loved ones.



Christmas Eve Services at 4 p.m., 7 p.m. & 10 p.m.

Our annual Children's Christmas pageant will be a part of 4 p.m. worship service. The Contemporary Service will be at 7 p.m. and our Traditional Service at 10 p.m, both will be candlelit services.



Christmas Morning Service at 10 a.m.

Come in your pajamas for Christmas Carols and devotion.