



Welcome
TO
Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021 • 9:00AM

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PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Speaker 1: In the Second week of Advent we sing Zechariah's Song of hope for peace in the Christ Child.

Speaker 2: We ask, "Am I working for peace in this world? Where do I find hope?" We wonder if the world can hear the song we're asked to sing of light that shines in darkness and peace that guides our feet.

People: God of hope, Prince of Peace, You speak peace into the world in the Way of the Christ child. Help us embody your peace and live as peacemakers that we may called children of God. God of hope, God of peace, into our darkness come.

INTROIT: SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Lift up your hearts, people of God, for the Lord has looked favorably upon us and is sending us his beloved son.

People: He is raising up for us a mighty savior in the house of his servant David.

Leader: God is showing the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our ancestors Abraham and Sarah, that we might serve him without fear.

People: We go before the Lord, following John the Baptist, to prepare the way of the Lord.

Leader: Come, let us worship God and listen to the voice crying out in the wilderness.

*HYMN #105 PEOPLE, LOOK EAST

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

People: Refining God, it is not easy for us to admit we are not a blameless people. We trust the promises of politicians, but have trouble believing the ones you have made. We find ourselves captive to emotions and lusts which stun us, but doubt you can save us. We prefer the shadowy streets of the world, rather than walking in your Light.

Forgive us, Faithful One. May the Light of Christ show us your way; may the Love of Christ overflow from our lives to others; may the Life of Christ be our model as we seek to be your people.

*SILENT REFLECTION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Do you feel it? God's tender mercy rests on you, heals you, transforms you. Do you see it? God's Light breaks into our lives, and shows us the way.

People: Renewed and made whole, we see the path God has prepared for us—the way of peace, the way of hope, the way of grace, the way of service. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*THE GLORY TO GOD #581 Gloria Patri

*PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #121 O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HEARING THE WORD

WORD THROUGH MUSIC

I Wonder As I Wander, arr by John Rutter
The Westminster Chorale with soloist Taylor Perez

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

People: O God of wisdom, you delight in deep truth. Let these words of scripture teach our hearts, that we may hear your joy and gladness, for the sake of Christ, your wisdom for us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Baruch 5:1-9 (NRSV) • Luke 1:67-79 (CEB)

SERMON: REVEREND QUINCY WORTHINGTON

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Give thanks to God for the Lord is good.

People: God's love is everlasting

Leader: We come to this meal of Jesus, yearning to be fed - eager to be loved.

People: We come from many diverse and unique places, but our center is here - our center is in Christ.

ALL: In God's love we find our center.

Leader: Let us pray.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

PRAYER AFTER SUPPER

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY CAROL: HYMN #124, STILL, STILL, STILL

*DOXOLOGY #606

*THE OFFERING PRAYER

People: Gracious God, some people give large amounts of money, some people, like Mary and Joseph, give smaller amounts, but sacrifice equally, if not more. We give you thanks for offerings of all amounts, and ask that you bless them equally that they may do the work of your Son. Amen.

*HYMN #123 IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR (VERSES 1, 2, 4 & 5)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: JOHN MAGROU, PIANIST

PRAYER LIST

Baker, George (father of Sarah Baker Kerrick)	Karlen, Kim
Berzinis and Lively families (in loss of Frank's sister Kay)	Kirk, Elaine (mom of Ann Williams)
Boender, Jim (husband of Linda, Sam)	Largus, Carol
Bolitho, Albert (Austin's Grandfather)	LeMonnier, Shari
Borbely, Buddy	McDaniel, Joe
Borbely-Orrick, Morgan	Morgan and Kopper families (in loss of Heidi's brother Hilmar)
Boyd, Richard (Rhonda Reynold's brother)	Morrow, Adelia (Paige Stephan's daughter)
Brown, Tom	Mullins, Kay (friend of Shirley Golden)
Cook, Barbie (grandson Logan, friends, Kevin, Becky, Michelle, and Jean)	Myer, Family
Dickman-Lopez Family, (Matthew Beechler, Ginny's cousin, Kelda Lopez, Rob's Sister-in Law)	Orr, Denny
Feege Mike & Terri & Family	Pedrick Family
Fehring Family (Nancy Echterling's family)	Poerio, Kelly (Sue Cook's sister-in-law)
Henderson, Cathy (sister-in-law of Cheryl Anderson)	Rogala, Cheri (Aunt of Heater Bognar)
Golden, Bob	Ross, Natalie (Sonja's daughter)
Hill, Don	Saculla, Sally
Holden, Karen (in loss of her father Arnold Handlon)	Scahill, Caryl
Hudson, Ann	Siergey, Karen and family (sister-in-law of Cindy Siergey)
Hughes, Beverly	Trent, John & Sally
Iwachiw, Myrna (mother of Jerry Iwachiw)	Troeger, Christine (Glenn Rhodes' sister)
Johnson, Carolyn	Truhlar, Kathy (friend of Shirley Golden)
Jones Family	VanSenus, Matthew
	Weier, Chuck, (friend Sheila)
	Yackel, Erna

If you have a prayer request, please contact Mary Lomey.

Upcoming Events

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

Join us for a Congregational Meeting between services to elect auditors for the upcoming year.

LIVING NATIVITY & BETHLEHEM MARKET

We are thrilled to announce that our Living Nativity play will return to WPC on Sunday, December 12 from 4-7PM. This year we will have two performances of the Living Nativity at 5pm and 6 pm.



LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP

Join us for the longest night of the year remembering loved ones lost on Tuesday, December 21 at 7pm. Together we will have a service of light in the midst of darkness.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

Contemporary Worship: 7pm

Traditional Worship: 10pm

DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE

Visit us on Sunday, December 26 at 10am. Wear your comfiest PJs & come sing carols.



Saturday Worship Calendar

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AT 6:30PM EVERY SATURDAY
IN DECEMBER (EXCLUDING CHRISTMAS DAY).



A CHRISTMAS MOVIE AND POPCORN

During Worship Service this Saturday, we will enjoy popcorn, lemonade and a Christmas movie. *Hint: The main character's name is Buddy!*



CHRISTMAS COFFEEHOUSE

Listen to our Worship Band during this service while enjoying coffee, a hot cocoa bar and homemade cookies from all of you! *Bring your favorite Christmas cookie to share.*

A close-up photograph of a lit candle. The candle is the central focus, with a bright, yellow-orange flame rising from its wick. The wax is a warm, golden-brown color, and the background is dark and textured, possibly a piece of aged paper or parchment, with some faint, circular patterns. The overall mood is warm and intimate.

God Bless
AND
Happy Holidays

FROM YOUR FAMILY AT
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