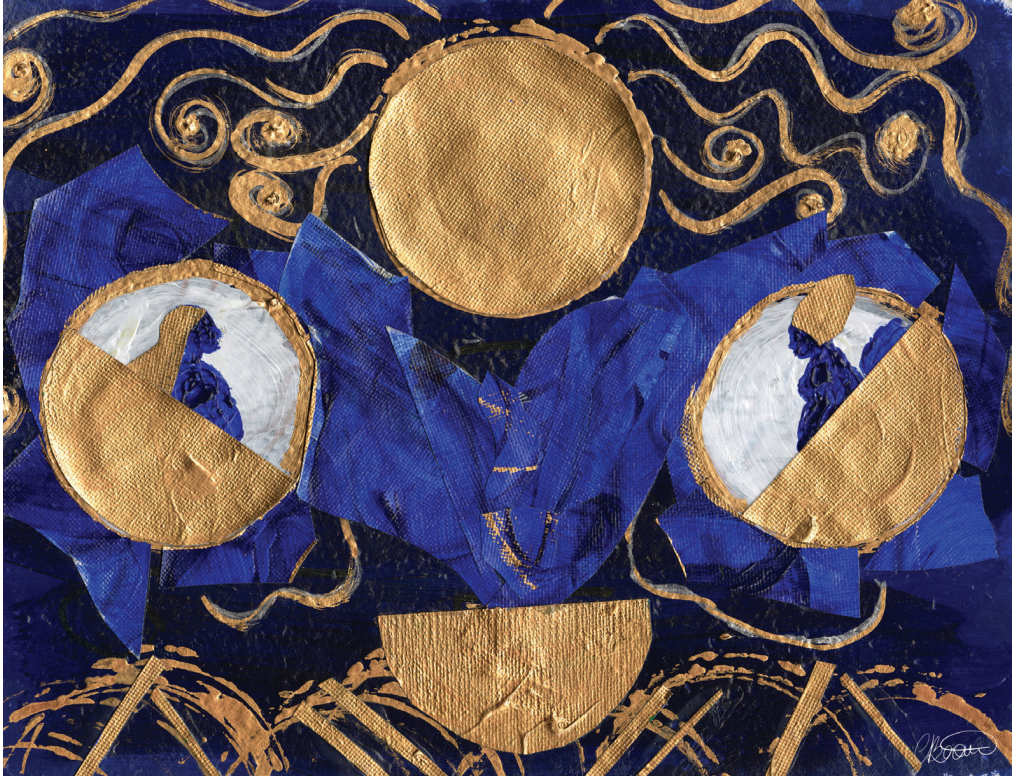


The Third Sunday of Advent

FROM GENERATION  
TO GENERATION...

*We see God in each other*



THE GOLDEN CRADLE by Carmelle Beaugelin | Inspired by Luke 1:39-45: 56-58

# *Westminster*

## **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: Tom Reynolds

### **WHO WE ARE:**

*Westminster is a community where people of all ages are transformed by God's love to serve and grow as disciples of Jesus.*

Sunday, December 11 2022 - 9 a.m. Service

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

## PRELUDE

*Mary Did You Know*

Steve Strains & John Magrou

## INTROIT

*Prepare a Way for the Lord*

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - The Chamberlain Family

**Reader One:** "The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus. . . And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." (Isaiah 35:1-2, 8, 10).

**Reader Two:** The prophet Isaiah tells us about the joy of ascending to God's house. The prophet tells us to imagine being set free, being unburdened, being released to live, to fully live in the grace and wonder of life itself, surrounded by those who love us like no one else. And then he tells us that the journey to get there is just as much a joy.

**Reader One:** The Psalmist says "Happy are these whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord . . . who made heaven and earth . . . who keeps faith . . . who executes justice . . . gives food . . . sets prisoners free . . . opens eyes . . . lifts up . . . watches over . . . upholds . . . The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!" (Psalm 146)

**Reader Two:** We light these candles, the candle of joyous hope, of proclaimed peace, and of deep and everlasting joy, as a sign that we are those who walk with a skip in our step because we can see the destination, and it is pure joy. We are ascending to God's promise.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today because we believe that creation is inextricably linked. We belong to one another in an undeniable way.

**We gather today because we believe that God invites us to live into that truth—**

to love without abandon, to see the good in one another, to trust that all belong to God.

**As we worship today, may we see God in each other.**

## \*HYMN #110

*Love Has Come*

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

One of the greatest gifts and challenges of faith is that we cannot be Christian alone. We need one another. We need one another to love. And we need one another to see God more clearly. So together, let us lift our voices in unison. Let us lean into the ties that bind and pray to our merciful God.

## *\*Prayer of Confession*

**God of today and tomorrow, when Mary was pregnant and afraid, she ran to her cousin Elizabeth's house. Elizabeth threw open the door with joy and showered blessings upon her. How often do we have that same opportunity? How often do we leave the door locked, the curtains drawn, and the lights off? How often do we shower critique or judgment instead of blessings and joy? Gracious God, forgive us for our wrongs. We want to see you when we see our neighbor. Amen.**

## *\*Silent Prayer*

### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, this is what I know—God delights in us. God throws open the door, just like Elizabeth, and says, “Come on home. There is room for you here!”

**And in that moment, we are blessed. In that moment, we are forgiven. In that moment, we are seen, healed, and welcomed home. So we rest in this good news: we are saved by grace. 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 #142**

*'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*

Handbell Choir will perform an arrangement after the hymn is sung.

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **WORD THROUGH MUSIC**

*I Wonder as I Wander*

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**

O Lord, you bring hope to the despairing and healing to the sick. Direct our gifts to fulfill your purpose as we await the time when all creation is one in your love, by the grace of Jesus Christ and the community of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### *Offertory*

*I Wonder as I Wander*

The Handbell Choir

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

### *\*Doxology #606*

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

God of all, we are a mixed bag of distracted and forlorn, eager and anxious. So won't you make yourself at home among us, pull us close and tell us your story of unbelievable good news. We are listening. We are grateful. Amen.

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 1:39-58

## SERMON

*We See God in Each Other*

Rev. Angela Ryo

## \*HYMN #145

*What Child Is This*

## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Steve Strains & John Magrou

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



## DANCE OF THE SOUL

by Hannah Garrity

## WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

*Our deepest sympathies...*  
*to the family of Sally Trent*

*Sally passed away on November 30, just a few weeks after her husband John. She was a long time member of WPC. We join our hearts in prayers for the Trent family. A celebration of John & Sally's life will be determined at a later time. In life and in death we belong to God.*

### New Concerns

Denny Orr– hospitalized

### **Surgeries or Procedures in December**

Ray Anna– stent

Kim Karlen– stent

Laura Shields– surgery

Jim Siergey– surgery

### Weekly Concerns

*Prayers for relief /healing/other*

Lou Anselmo– recovering, shoulder surgery

Mario Bravo-92 years old, brain bleed  
(friend/Barbie Cook)

Rachel Cook-macular degeneration and  
abdominal surgery (family/Barbie Cook)

Betty Curvey– recovering/shoulder surgery

Family of Dan Fieldhouse  
(friend/Shirley Golden)

Donna Gross– surgery (friend of Pam Yttri)

Koenes, Leonard– nerve pain/Shingles

Medd Family (friend/Karen Comstock)

Kim Piekarski– breast cancer

(sister-in-law of Patty Yackanich)

### Continuing Care & prayers

Ron Allen

Jean Armstrong

Buddy Borbely

Morgan Borbely Orrick

Tom Brown

Jessica Cook, (friend/Daun DePaul)

Jennifer Dye Foreit (friend/Michelle Pedrick)

Jack Estill (father of Gene Estill)

Mike & Terri Feege/Fehring

Taddy Ferguson (sister of Gene Estill)

Fiegle Family (passing of Carol)

Mary Lou Feist (Family/Cheryl Anderson)

Ed Harrison

Don Hill

Elaine Kirk (mother of Ann Williams)

Eden & Eliana Les (friends/Wendy Borbely)

Joe McDaniel

Hunter Mitchell– return of brain cancer

(friend/Diane Hart-Coons)

Tracy Mitrano (niece of Art Morgan)

Adelia Morrow (Paige Stephan/daughter)

Pedrick family

Abigail Poerio (Niece of Sue Cook)

Eugene Pidzarko

Nancy & Terry Quinn

Robbins Family

Jeff Rothstein (friend of Sandy Baker)

Richard Simkins

Susan Geri Snider (Zora Ludwig/sister)

Trent Family (passing of John & Sally)

Sally VanBokkelen

Robin Webber– health concerns

Yackel Family (passing of Erna)

Natalie & Jeff Ziemendorf

(daughter & son-in-law/Sonja Ross)

DECEMBER 11, 2022



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN

# Contemporary Service

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022 - 10:45AM**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Sonja & Doug Redmond

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

*Just a Girl*

Brandon Heath

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven*

Paul Baloche

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 1:39-58

**MESSAGE**

*We See God in Each Other*

Rev. Angela Ryo

**REFLECTION**

*We Have a Savior*

Hillsong United

**CLOSING SONGS**

*Go Tell It On the Mountain*

Tenth Avenue North

**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 - 10:00-10:30 a.m.**

K-5th Grade will attend Sunday School.



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

Join us for this week's Westminster Forum with Fred Niedner from Valparaiso University. He will be discussing "When Theologies Fail and Worlds Crumble!"



## **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. 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 food from our concession stand!



## **Adopt-a-Family - Now through December 11**

We are seeking donations of household consumables as well as new items for children ages newborn to 19. Warm clothes are also needed. Household items are also in need.

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](http://www.wpcmunster.org). As a gift of thanks, Missions has handmade ornaments and thank you cards available.

# Upcoming Events



## **Suppers of Eight**

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 December 4 & 11 or by visiting [www.wpcmunster.org](http://www.wpcmunster.org).



## **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.

\*\*\*If you have a loved one lost during 2022, we will announce their name during this service. Please submit the names to Gina at [gnida@wpcmunster.org](mailto:gnida@wpcmunster.org)



## **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.