



Welcome
TO
Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021 - 9:00AM

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PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Speaker 1: In the Fourth Week of Advent, we sing the Angel's song of praise to God and the coming of peace.

Speaker 2: We ask, "Where in my life have I struggled and yet still said yes to what God asks?" We think back to times where we remember God filling us and our world with Blessing. If we have been, and still are so blessed, how do we become a blessing to others? Where can we sing our songs of praise and peace to this world?

People: Advent God, you enter time and lives and transform both to the glory of your name and the benefit of all people. On this particular day we praise your name for Angel voices and obedient hearts. Amen

INTROIT: RAISE A SONG OF GLADNESS, PEOPLES OF THE EARTH

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We count it in mere hours now. Soon the first pains of labor will be felt.

People: Soon the Light will shine in the darkness, soon the baby will be born.

Leader: Soon God will once again break into our lives,

People: Coming in a way that is expected yet unusual, challenging our expectations and calling us to see life differently.

***CAROL #140 ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

People: We confess we are not the people you hope us to be, Advent God. The very ones you favor, we too often ignore or ridicule. The ones you knock off their pedestals, we admire and emulate. We are so focused on having more and more, we risk being sent away empty.

Forgive us, Mighty God, and look with grace upon us. We would live secure in your love; we would be the ones of peace for our world, we would seek to do your will, as did Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray.

***SILENT REFLECTION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Even now—yes, even in this very moment, God comes to us, bringing hope, bringing forgiveness, bringing grace as freely offered gifts to us.

People: May we open our hearts to the God who is with us, and receive the gifts which have been offered to us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***THE GLORY TO GOD #581 Gloria Patri**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

***CAROL #147 THE FIRST NOWELL**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HEARING THE WORD

WORD THROUGH MUSIC

Sing, Angels, Kings & Folk by Ben Alloway

The Westminster Chorale

What did the angels see when they looked down upon this ordinary town? What could a humble village have in store, with heavenly legions winging o'er? What did the star reveal in the night? A woman in her plight, a husband searching for an open door.

What did the oxen hear that bade them low? It wasn't time to plough or tow. Who were these strangers huddling from the cold, a mother young, the father old? What simple comfort could they hope to find to ease her in her time, a manger's warmth, a sleeping lamb to hold. What glorious voices woke the shepherds then in joys cascading 'cross the heaven?

What message brought them running to the town to join the welcome gathering round? "Sing alleluia to this King newborn to save the meek and worn, lamb to the lost, the found." How the angels still sing the song 'cross world both wide and long, the star-anointed path is bright ahead for those who seek the manger bed. Sing angels, kings, and folk, from town and hill your alleluias still, believe and let the Spirit song be fed. Alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

People: Divine Spirit, surround us with the wisdom of your word that we might dance in your love and be messengers of your truth in this world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2-7 • Luke 2: 8-15

SERMON: REV. AUSTIN WICKS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR (VERSES 1, 2 & 5)

*DOXOLOGY #606

*THE OFFERING PRAYER

People: Jesus, Son of the Most High God, you have done great things for us. Let these offerings show your mercy to all people and proclaim all that you have done for us, O Lord. Amen.

*CAROL #113 ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: BRING A TORCH BY JEANETTE ISABELLA & KETH CHAPMAN
BRASS TRIO: STEVE STRAINS, BOB DONALDSON & DAVE DAWES

PRAYER LIST

Baker, George (father of Sarah Baker Kerrick)
Boender, Jim (husband of Linda, Sam. Center)
Bolitho, Albert (Austin's Grandfather)
Borbely, Buddy
Borbely-Orrick, Morgan
Boyd, Richard (Rhonda Reynold's brother)
Brown, Tom
Cook, Barbie (grandson Logan, friends, Kevin, Becky, Michelle, Janet, Katherine and Jean)
Dickman-Lopez Family, (Matthew Beechler, Ginny's cousin, Kelda Lopez, Robs Sister-in Law)
Feege Mike & Terri & Family
Fiegle, Carol
Fehring Family (Nancy Echterling's family)
Henderson, Cathy (sister-in-law of Cheryl Anderson)
Golden, Bob
Hill, Don
Holden, Karen (in loss of her father Arnold Handlon)
Hudson, Ann
Hughes, Beverly
Iwachiw, Myrna (mother of Jerry Iwachiw)
Johnson, Carolyn
Jones Family (one of our Adopt-a-Familys)

Karlen, Kim
Kirk, Elaine (mom of Ann Williams)
Largus, Carol
LeMonnier, Shari
McDaniel, Joe
Morrow, Adelia (Paige Stephan's daughter)
Mullins, Kay (friend of Shirley Golden)
Myer, Family
Orr, Denny & Sharon
Pedrick Family
Poerio, Kelly (Sue Cook's sister-in-law)
Rogala, Cheri (Aunt of Heater Bognar)
Ross, Natalie (Sonja's daughter)
Saculla, Sally
Scahill, Caryl
Siergey, Karen and family (sister-in-law of Cindy Siergey)
Trent, John & Sally
Troeger, Christine (Glenn Rhodes' sister)
Truhlar, Kathy (friend of Shirley Golden)
VanSenus, Matthew
Weier, Chuck
Wright, Donna (friend of Wendy Borbely)
Yackel, Erna
If you have a prayer request, please contact Mary Lomey.

Upcoming Events

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 SERVICES

Contemporary Worship at 7pm: A service of scripture, lots of music and candle lighting.

Traditional Worship at 10pm: A service of scripture, carols and candle lighting.



THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Visit us on Sunday, December 26 at 10am. Wear your comfiest PJs and come sign Christmas carols during worship.



ADULT EDUCATION - 9AM IN THE RESOURCE ROOM

Greg Stephan will be our speaker and discussing Dust, a Rob Bell Nooma video.

WESTMINSTER FORUM - 10:30AM IN ROOM 209

Listen to our speaker Fred Niedner discuss the topic: Wrestling with God - Seeking Blessing in Difficult Biblical Texts

THANK YOU!

Thank you to our WPC decorating teams for making our church look beautiful! And a big thank you to all of our awesome volunteers.

News & Updates

2021 CHECK REQUESTS

All Check Requests for 2021 must be dated and submitted to the Financial Secretary by Sunday, December 26, 2021. The Financial Secretary's mailbox is located on the bottom left side of the mailboxes in the workroom (102A), next to Austin's office.

2021 GIVING STATEMENTS

All contributions to Westminster Presbyterian Church that are to be included on your 2021 giving statement must be received by 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 30.