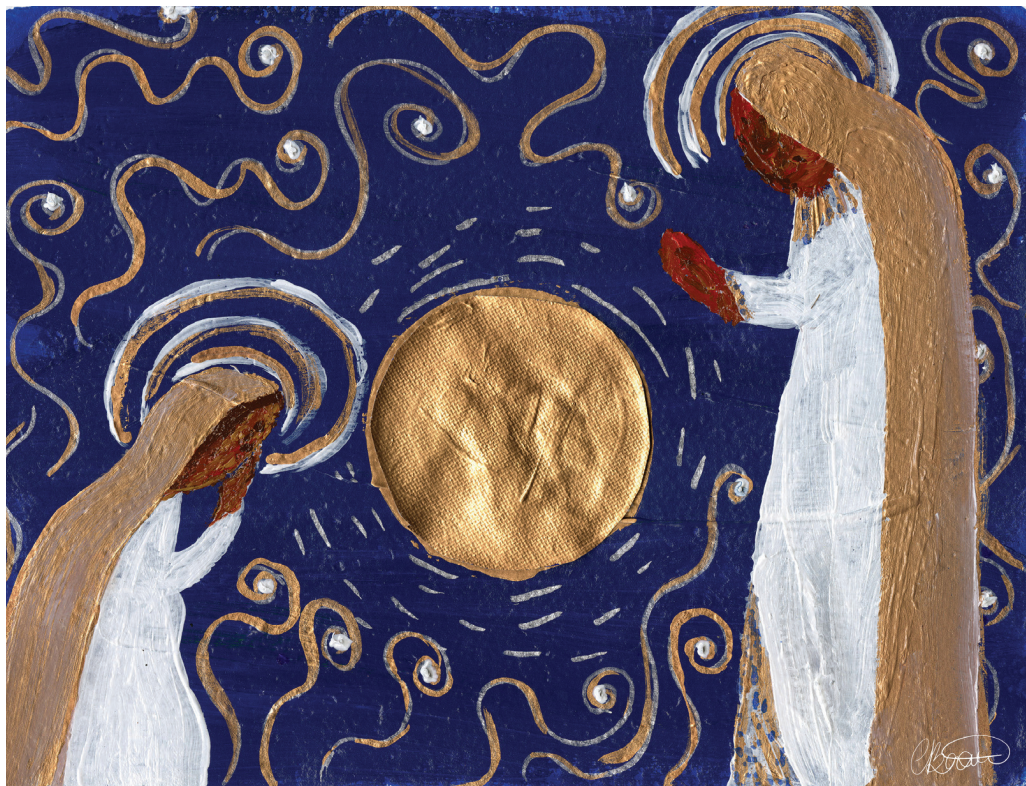


The Second Sunday of Advent

FROM GENERATION
TO GENERATION...

God meets us in our fear



MARY'S GOLDEN ANNUNCIATION by Carmelle Beaugelin | Inspired by Luke 1:26-38

Westminster

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 4, 2022

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Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: Rebecca McCauley

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.

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Sunday, December 4 2022 - 9 a.m. Service

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Prepare the Way of the Lord

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - Russell & Yvonne Loquist

Reader One: "They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious" (Isaiah 11:9-10).

Reader Two: We are the followers of that root of Jesse Isaiah spoke of. We are the ones who are now called to stand as a signal to the world, to all of creation, that peace is the will of the one who created us. Peace is the knowledge of the Lord that we proclaim from sea to shining sea.

Reader One: "In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea proclaiming, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near." And "bear fruit worthy of repentance" (Matthew 3:1,2, 8).

Reader Two: We light these candles, the candle of joyful hope and the candle of proclaimed peace, in part to remind ourselves that we are a people rising toward God's promise. But we also light them as a sign to the world, an announcement there are some who hold on to hope and there are some who work the ways of peace. We stand as a sign that Emmanuel is still our fervent prayer.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We believe in a God who knows our fears.

We believe in a God who says, "Be not afraid."

We believe in a God who hemmed stars into the night sky so that we can find our way home,

and who sends us friends with open doors, so we can find our way to love.

We believe in a God who finds us in our fear and does not leave us alone.

Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

*HYMN #105

People Look East

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Fear can be a good thing. It can alert us to possible accidents. It can motivate us to do our best. However, fear can also be harmful. Today, in confession, we ask for mercy and pray for guidance. As we confess, we come before an entirely merciful and loving God who says to us, "Do not be afraid." Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession*

Patient God, you know just how often we make decisions from a place of fear rather than love. You know just how often we allow fear to take the place of logic, fanning unhealthy fires in our lives. Forgive us for giving fear the microphone. Silence the voices of scarcity, shame, and rejection, which spark and feed so much of our fear, to recenter us in love. With hope we pray. Amen.

**Silent Prayer*

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Family of faith, even when we forget God's words, God does not forget us. Even when we fall short or make mistakes, God forgives and holds onto us.

We are known, forgiven, and loved. 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 #88

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Verses 1, 6 & 7)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH IN ACTION

Michelle Pedrick - Meditation Moments

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER

O Lord our God, You are faithful to your promises, showing steadfast love to your people. Receive this offering of our lives as a sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise. Let our lives show forth to all the world The glory of your holy name. Amen.

Offertory

No Wind at the Window

Westminster Chorale with Holly McCain as the soloist.

(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

Holy God, whether it's through angels or music, friendships or sermons, study or nature—when you speak, we long to hear it. In a world as chaotic and broken as ours, we turn to your words of hope and healing as we do now. With gratitude we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38

SERMON

God Meets Us In Our Fear
Rev. Angela Ryo

ANCESTRAL
by Hannah Garrity



COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Communion Music

The Angel Gabriel

Westminster Chorale

Prayer after Supper

***HYMN #93**

Lift Up Your Heads

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Prepare the Royal Highway

Arranged by Michael Burkhardt

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

Westminster Connection Point

HOW CAN WE HELP?

_____ A PASTOR

_____ A DEACON

_____ NEW MEMBER

_____ STEPHEN MINISTER

_____ PRAYER REQUEST

_____ OTHER

_____ PHONE CALL

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Contemporary Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022 - 10:45AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Solis Family

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Here I Am To Worship / O Come, All Ye Faithful

Tim Hughes

Angels We Have Heard On High

Awaken Worship

FAITH IN ACTION

Michelle Pedrick - Meditation Moments

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MESSAGE

God Meets Us In Our Fear

Rev. Angela Ryo

COMMUNION

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

Unknown

CLOSING SONGS

The First Noel

David Crowder Band

BLESSING

WPC PRAYER REQUESTS



To the Family of Barbara Robbins
OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY
AND
SINCERE CONDOLENCES

to You and your Family

Barb was a charter member of WPC where she served as Sunday School Superintendent, sang in the choir, played handbells, was clerk of session, and chairperson for three pastoral search committees. Her memorial is on Saturday, Dec. 17th at 11am here at WPC, with the visitation beginning at 9am.

New Concerns

Lou Anselmo– recovering, shoulder surgery
Donna Gross– surgery (friend of Pam Yttri)
Chuck Weier– 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
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)
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)
Denny Orr
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 Trent
Sally VanBokkelen
Robin Webber– health concerns
Yackel Family (passing of Erna)
Natalie & Jeff Ziemendorf (daughter & son-in-law/Sonja Ross)

DECEMBER 4, 2022



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