



righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Leader: Comfort, O Comfort my people...the glory of the LORD shall be revealed.

People: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for God will speak peace to God's people.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 6 (blue hymnal) Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending Helmsley

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, make this Advent season a time of holy growth. Forgive us when we assume that our faith can survive without the nourishment of study and reflection and prayer. Forgive us when we stifle our capacity for wonder. Forgive us when we forget that the Christ comes as the bearer of peace and as one who challenges all powers that rule unjustly. Forgive us when we cannot find peace in our lives because of the pace of our lives. Strengthen and enlighten us this Advent season. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON Healey Willan

(Congregation singing—music is found on the inside cover of the red hymnal)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

(First part: women; second: men; third: all)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE Gloria Patri No. 579 (blue hymnal) Henry W. Greatorex

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 35:1-10

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Deborah Phillips

Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 3:1-6

CANTICLE Magnificat Scott Perkins

My soul doth magnify the Lord And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath magnified me And holy is His name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with His arm, He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat And hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He hath sent empty away. He, remembering his mercy, hath holpen His servant Israel As He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. 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.

Luke 1:46-55

Chancel Choir

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

Adapted, Luke 1:67-79. The Prophecy of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for the Lord has looked favorably on

His people and blessed them. God has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, and he will be called the prophet of the Most High; and he will give knowledge of salvation to all people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*HYMN NO. 10 (blue hymnal) On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry Winchester New

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The 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.

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.

Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY CAROLS He Whom Joyous Shepherds Praised Gerald Near

He whom joyous shepherds praised, When the angel's song was raised Bidding them be not amazed, Heav'n's all-glorious King is born.

He whom sages, westward faring, Myrrh and gold and incense bearing, Worshipped bowing low before him Reigns as King this happy morn.

Now rejoice with Jesus' mother; Praise her newborn Son, our brother; Angels vie with one another Praising him beyond the sky.

Sing to Christ, the King who reigneth, Yet of Mary manhood gaineth, Born our God; let us adore him: Glory be to God on high.

trans. Winfred Douglas

Westminster Choristers

Joys Seven English carol arr. Stephen Cleobury

The first good joy that Mary had, It was the joy of one; To see the blessed Jesus Christ When he was first her son: *When he was first her son, good man: And blessed may he be, Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, To all eternity.*

The next good joy that Mary had, It was the joy of two; To see her own son, Jesus Christ, To make the lame to go: *To make the lame to go, good man: And blessed may he be, Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, To all eternity.*

The next good joy that Mary had, It was the joy of three; To see her own son, Jesus Christ, To make the blind to see: *To make the blind to see, good man: And blessed may he be, Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, To all eternity.*

The next good joy that Mary had, It was the joy of four; To see her own son, Jesus Christ, To read the bible o'er: *To read the bible o'er, good man: And blessed may he be, Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, To all eternity.*

The next good joy that Mary had, It was the joy of five; To see her own son, Jesus Christ, To bring the dead alive: *To bring the dead alive, good man: And*

The Order of Worship

December 9, 2018

11:00 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshiping here with the goal of connecting faith and life. If you are a visitor, we pray you will feel welcome and blessed by our worship. We invite you to consider making Westminster your church home. Please let us have your contact information so we may be in touch. Children are welcome in worship here. A nursery is available during the entire service.

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.

PRELUDE Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599 J. S. Bach

Come, Thou Savior of the Nations
(from the *Orgelbüchlein*)

Rorate caeli Jeanne Demessieux
(from *Twelve Chorale Preludes on Gregorian Chant Themes for Organ*)

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Pat Guthrie, Kenny, Ashley, Ella and James Baker

INTROIT Comfort, Comfort You My People Psalm 42

Comfort, comfort you my people, Tell of peace, thus says our God; Comfort those who sit in darkness Bowed beneath oppression's load. Speak you to Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them; Tell them that their sins I cover, And their warfare now is over.

Johannes Olearius

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted, Psalm 85 and Isaiah 40

Leader: A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD... lift up your voice, herald of good tidings...lift it up and do not fear."

People: In God's future, steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

blessed may he be, Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, To all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, It was the joy of six; To see her own son,
Jesus Christ, Upon the crucifix: *Upon the crucifix, good man: And blessed may he
be, Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, To all eternity.*

The next good joy that Mary had, It was the joy of sev'n; To see her own son,
Jesus Christ, To wear the crown of heav'n: *To wear the crown of heav'n, good
man: And blessed may he be, Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, To all eternity.*

Traditional

Meredith Mackay, Soprano
Chancel Choir

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal) *Tallis' Canon*
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

MOTET Nunc dimittis Halsey Stevens

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, According to Thy word.
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, Which Thou hast prepared before
the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory
of Thy people Israel. 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.

Luke 2:29-32

Chancel Choir

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Veni Emmanuel*

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things, far and nigh; To
us the path of knowledge show, And cause us in her ways to go. Rejoice!

Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

***POSTLUDE** Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr Andreas Armsdorff

All Glory Be to God on High

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Shawn Owens and Dan Collins

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR DEC 1-15: Bill and Bonnie Rogers

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR DEC 16-30: Susan McKeehan

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: Lucy Gordon and Gracie Kringen

GREETERS: Bud and Carolyn Cunningham

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir and Westminster Choristers

SAFETY TEAM: Bryan and Rachel Powell

SENIOR USHER: Bill Wiesehuegel

USHERS: Scott Rutherford, John Salsbery, Jay Schmid, John and Kathy Shilling

OUR THANKS to the members of the Chancel Choir and Westminster Choristers for
their enrichment of our worship this morning.

CONGRATULATIONS WESTMINSTER! You took ALL the Angel Tree wishes for
our 40 Angel Tree children in Northeastern Tennessee. And the presents are due
TODAY!! If you would like to help organize these more than 200 gifts, join us
tomorrow night for the Adult Angel Tree Distribution Project.

ADULT ANGEL TREE DISTRIBUTION PROJECT will be at here at WPC this year!
We'll gather at 5 PM (come later if you need to), and we'll organize them in the
Fellowship Hall. After we finish our work, we'll all go to dinner!!! Adults and High
School students are welcome to do this service project! We hope you can come!!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS

Bible Study, Revelation Chapter 3	Library
Feasting on the Word (Lectionary-based Bible study)	McKinnon Room
Wired Word	Prayer Room

After this Sunday, classes will resume on January 6.

JUSTICE KNOX Annual Assembly in November was attended by over 250 from the
20 congregations. The group committed to continue working in the areas of: mental
health, education and affordable housing. People are needed to work on research in
these 3 areas. If you are interested, please contact: Jackie at peacefully35@ gmail.com.
On December 2nd, Keith Hickman from the International Institute for Restorative
Practices outlined this program for reducing school suspensions through building
community, home and school relationships. Mr. Hickman had a full day training on
December 3rd with education and community leaders.

FISH DELIVERY needs big HELP for December delivery people!! With children
being home the last 2 weeks of December the need for extra groceries, will be
GREAT! If you could give a couple hours to the Fish Program on December 13, you
would be giving a helping hand to many families in need. Please sign up and help
Westminster reach those in need this holiday season. Contact Sue McSween if you
would like to help,

WESTMINSTER MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: The last
meeting of 2018 will be Thursday December 13th at 7:30 am in the McKinnon Room.
The lesson will be presented by Bob Daverman and will be on the subject "Are We
(Un)Happy?" Supplementary material will be an Opinion piece from the New York
Times written by Columnist David Brooks, entitled 'It's Not the Economy, Stupid' He
ends the piece with the sentence: 'It's not jobs, jobs, jobs anymore. It's relationships,
relationships, relationships.' Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Bill Rogers. All
men of the church are welcome. No reservation is required.

ADVENT FLOWER DONATIONS are being accepted for the Advent floral
decorations. There is no set amount for each dedication. A list of donations will be
included in the Christmas Eve bulletins as well as the *Abbey*. Donations can be placed
in the offering plate or brought to the office.



I would like to contribute to the Flower Guild for Advent:

\$ _____

In memory of/honor of (circle one):

Given by: _____

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CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE SUPPORT is being collected. At the request of the Red
Cross, PDA has deployed four disaster spiritual care providers from our national
response team to work directly with survivors in shelters and the affected
communities. We are deploying additional PDA teams to support the presbyteries in
their assessment and response as they help their neighbors begin recovery.
Additional grants for ongoing emergency support for survivors and long-term
recovery will be forthcoming. You can give financial support by sending WPC a
check with the code DR000165 on the memo line. We will forward the monies to the
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Your donation will be included in your annual
Contribution statement from Westminster.

HABITAT HOUSE DEDICATION is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, December 16,
at the build site, 2517 Washington Avenue. Gloria Davis, the new homeowner, and
her family, along with the folks who helped build Gloria's house will be there to
celebrate. All are welcome to participate in this great event, which will get underway
at 2:00 pm.

★ Westminster Players presents ★

Angels and Other Strangers

A Christmas play based on the stories of Katherine Paterson
Adapted by Daniel Lewis

★ December 9 @ 6:00 p.m. ★

Westminster Presbyterian Church
6500 Northshore Dr.




COLLEGE MONTREAT: Montreat is presenting a College Montreat Conference once again this year. The College Montreat will be from January 2-5, 2019. This year, the theme of the conference is Compassionate Community. One of the keynote speakers is the well-known interfaith teacher and activist, Eboo Patel! The conference preacher is Aisha Brooks-Lytle (who inspired us at Montreat last summer.) The cost for college-aged participants is \$100. There are scholarships for anyone who needs them. If you are interested in attending, contact Barbara Adamcik. Thanks to Sandra and Gary Rowcliffe for chaperoning this great event!!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT: Join us December 12, for this annual event. We will meet in the Schilling Gallery for a potluck dinner at 5:30, (bring a side) then rotate through craft tables in the McKinnon Room. The Knox Youth Jazz Orchestra will perform in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00. A night of food, crafts, and holiday music- what fun!

CHRISTMAS POT-LUCK AND SING-A-LONG will be on December 23. Connect Team is providing meat and everyone else is invited to bring a salad, veggie, dessert, or bread. We will enjoy singing carols together, and hearing special holiday music played by our WPC Brass Choir! The event will begin at noon (after the 11:00 service.) We hope you can “raise your voice” with us!!!

KIDS CORNER

Nursery- Our nursery is available for children 0-5 years old during the 9:00 service, and children 0-3 years old during the 11:00 service.

Children’s Fellowship (10:00)- All children 4th grade and younger meet downstairs for an opportunity to spend time together completing crafts, service projects, and seasonal activities.

Sunday School (11:15):- Kids 4 years old - 4th grade are invited to join us downstairs for Sunday School after the children’s sermon. We’ll divide into two age groups and work our way through the “Holy Moly” curriculum.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE: We have received 141 pledges with a total of \$610,412. Thank you to everyone who has turned in a pledge. For the 2018 Budget year, we have 187 pledges for a total of \$807,226. As you can see - we have a ways to go to meet next year's budget. Everyone's pledges and time and talents combined will help Westminster Presbyterian Church continue it's present ministry as well as discover new paths to spread the love of our wonderful Lord and Savior! You are needed and appreciated!

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER HOLIDAY STORE is a program through which recipients of VMC services earn gift items for their loved ones with points accrued through community service. Individuals redeem their points to purchase items they select at the Holiday Store. We have the opportunity to help stock the VMC Holiday Store with items such as: basketballs and footballs, dolls, infant toys, craft sets for children and adults, cosmetic sets, hair care sets, fragrance sets for men and women, tool kits, small kitchen appliances, or other similar things that would be nice gifts. Donations are being collected in the large decorated box in the Schilling Gallery.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING: Jesus was sent to lead his people, pointing to God through love and justice, peace and compassion, forgiveness and humility. We can never match God’s perfect gift in Jesus, but through the Christmas Joy Offering, we can testify to who we have known God to be. Our gifts reflect our generous God. Our gifts support leaders in our church and world – past, present and future. “Every generous act of giving is from above.” James 1:17

ADVENT CALENDARS are available on the table in the narthex. Please help yourself.