



The Order of Worship December 19, 2021
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

Welcome to Westminster. Please share your contact information with us so we may be in touch. When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.

PRELUDE Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BuxWV 211 Dieterich Buxtehude
Come, Thou Savior of the Nations

Chorale text: Come now, Savior of the nations, known to be the child of the virgin. All the world marvels that God would prepare such a birth for him.

God's word is become human, not by the flesh and blood of a man, but alone by the Holy Ghost, and blooms as a fruit of woman's flesh.

Martin Luther
literal trans. Mark Bighley

(11:00) Ave Maria Jehan Alain
Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum, benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Holy Mary, mother of God, intercede on our behalf for our sins, now and at the time of our death. Amen.

Luke 1:28,42 and Pope Pius V
Meredith Mackay, Soprano

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

(9:00) Bill and Susan West
(11:00) The Pritchett Family

CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Luke 1:76-79

Leader: Let us prepare the way for the Child who shall be called the prophet of the Most High, who shall bring salvation to the people by the forgiveness of sins.

People: **He shall give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and guide our feet into the way of peace.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 28 (blue hymnal) Good Christian Friends, Rejoice In dulci jubilo

*CALL TO CONFESSION
Who are we, Lord God, that you should come to us? Who are we that you should love us so? The eyes of our hearts are not open to see you in our midst. Our ears do not hear what you have to say to us. Our minds are a jumble of fears, worries and to-do lists. Our hearts are heavy with unfulfilled longing. We do not deserve your gifts of grace, compassion, hope, peace, joy and healing. And yet – you pour out these gifts on us again and again. Forgive us, Holy God of Love, and save us from ourselves. Prepare us for the celebration of Christ's birth. Prepare us to welcome our Savior. Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON Healey Willan

Women

Men

All

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 Micah 5:2-5

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Linda Judge-McRae
Children age 3 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 8:22-25

SERMON "The Storm" Rev. Gradye Parsons

*HYMN NO. 341 (blue hymnal) Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine! Assurance

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) adapted, Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord's Prayer
During the Prayers of the People there will be a time of silence. You are invited to use this time for personal reflection, confession, thanksgiving, and prayer.

THE OFFERING
Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. Though many of us contribute online 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 ANTHEM

(9:00) Magnificat primi toni Johann Pachelbel
Brass Choir

(11:00) Magnificat (*Mount St. Alban*) David Hogan
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 shown strength with his arm, He hath scatter'd 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 fill'd 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 forever. 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

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 34 (blue hymnal) (11:00) In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born Discovery

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Veni Emmanuel*
 O come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one heart and mind; Bid envy,
 strife and quarrels cease; Fill the whole world with heaven’s peace. 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

Chorale text: Glory be to God alone on high and thanks for his mercy, for harm
 cannot touch us now or in the future. God has goodwill toward
 us. Now there is great peace without pause; all quarrels now have
 an end.

Nikolaus Decius
 literal trans. Mark Bighley

*Indicates standing.

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NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Janet Drumm and Jack Carley
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the
 ushers.

PLEASE place your bulletin into a blue recycling bin located at the Narthex door if
 you do not care to take it home.

SERVING TODAY

- ACOLYTES:** (11:00) Cooper Kringen and James Gilbert
GREETERS: (11:00) Kaye Davis and Linda Judge-McRae
LITURGIST: Daniel Lewis
MINISTRY OF MUSIC:
 (9:00) Brass Choir
 (11:00) Chancel Choir
SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Rick Rawe
SENIOR USHER: Bill Wiesehuegel
USHERS:
 (9:00) Bonny and Doug Naugher
 (11:00) Scott Rutherford, Tim and Joyce Ryan, John Salsbery, Jay Schmid, Brenda
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OUR THANKS to Meredith Mackay for her enrichment of our worship this morning
 at the 11:00 service.

DAVID HOGAN (1949-1996), composer, conductor, concert tenor, and music
 educator, was commissioned to write this morning’s offertory anthem at the 11:00
 service for the Festival Evensong of Thanksgiving at Washington National Cathedral,
 September 28, 1990, in celebration of the completion and consecrating of the building.
STOP BY WESTMINSTER CAFÉ for a coffee or a chat. Enjoy time in the Schilling
 Gallery or take your drink to a Sunday School class.

GIFT GIVING OPPORTUNITIES: We have Olive Branch Olive Oil \$15/bottle, FISH
 cards \$5/each and Heifer International cards available for you to purchase. Stop by
 the Schilling Gallery this morning during the Sunday School hour or anytime during
 the upcoming week during church office hours.

CHILDREN’S OFFERINGS ON SUNDAYS: There are so many ways for children to
 be involved on Sunday mornings!

- **9:00 Worship:** Children 0-5 are welcome in the Nursery.
 Children 6+ remain in Worship
- **10:00 Hour:** Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery. Children 4-10 are
 invited to Fellowship Time downstairs.
- **11:00 Worship:** Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery.
 Children age 3-4th grade remain in Worship until Time with the Children,
 then are walked downstairs for Primary and Intermediate Sunday school.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (10:00 am)

Wired Word
 Meets in the library, discussion around current event topics with an
 eye and ear toward scripture

Feasting on the Word
 This lectionary-based class meets in the fellowship hall.

Bible Study
 The Adult Bible Study class chooses a book of the bible to study in
 depth. Meets in the McKinnon Room with a Zoom option.

Congregational Chat Zoom with John & Ibbie Muntz
 Will meet Mondays at 7:00 pm, the link can be found in E-news.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE: Longest Night is a worship service offered during
 Advent. It acknowledges that, for many people, Christmas is a time of loneliness,
 sorrow, alienation, or sadness. This service offers a way for people to claim those
 feelings while still feeling surrounded by the compassionate love of God.
 Westminster will offer a Longest Night service on Tuesday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m.
 Please join us in the sanctuary for this quiet service of music and contemplation
FINAL 2021 CONTRIBUTIONS as well as any 2022 prepaid offerings need to be in
 the church office by December 27. All offerings received by December 31 will be
 included in your 2021 contribution statement. If you have any questions regarding
 your contributions, please contact Renee Wiesehuegel. The church office will be open
 Dec. 27, 9:00-2:00; and Dec. 31, 9:00-12:00.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER RELIEF: Six presbyteries were hit by deadly storms.
 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding. In the face of devastating loss, First
 Presbyterian Church of Mayfield, Kentucky invoked Scripture: “The bricks have
 fallen down, But we will rebuild with smooth stones; The sycamores have been cut
 down, But we will replace with cedars.” (Isaiah 9:10) If you would like to contribute,
 please note on your check DR-000015.

ADVENT FLORAL DONATIONS are being accepted. 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:

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In memory of/honor of (circle one):

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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
 December 24, 2021
5:00pm Service
 Nursery available for babies 0-2 years
 Children 3-6 are invited to come downstairs after the Children's Sermon for an
 Advent lesson, followed by a candlelight service on the playground.
11:00pm Service
 No childcare available
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December 26:
 ONLINE WORSHIP ONLY
 Provided by the Presbytery of East Tennessee
January 2:
 11:00 am Sanctuary and Online Worship

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE: We have received 135 out of our 274
 family unit pledges with a total of \$668,694. Last year we received 175 pledges for
 \$791,373. Thank you to everyone who has turned in a pledge. Everyone’s pledges
 and time and talents combined will help Westminster Presbyterian Church continue
 its present ministry as well as discover new paths to spread the love of our
 wonderful Lord and Savior! If you haven’t had the opportunity yet to turn in your
 pledge, there are extra cards in the narthex. You are needed and appreciated!

THE SESSION		
Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Bob Albiston	Jaclyn Beeler	Josh Birdwell
Janet Drumm	Jack Carley	Gloria Borum
Colleen Manrod	William Milam	Melanie Lewis
Charlie Mercer	Penny Tschantz	Lisa Oros
Leslie Versen	Bill Wiesehuegel	Chris Van Beke
Youth Elder: Sophia Manrod	Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap	

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