



TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 87 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Comfort, Comfort Now My People  
Genevan 42  
Mary Boyd

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

When our faith is rooted deeply in you, O God, our lives reflect your kingdom values of justice and righteousness, but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world, that your values take second place.

Forgive us, O God, and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit, source of power and life.

Merciful God, strip our hearts and minds of all that prevents our lives being firmly rooted in you. May our lives bear fruit worthy of our faith in you, as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more, in the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen

\*KYRIE ELEISON Healey Willan

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) A Declaration of Faith, PCUSA

In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation he has already begun and will surely finish. We do not know when the final day will come. In our time we see only broken and scattered signs that the renewal of all things is under way. We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world, the church, or our own lives. But we see Jesus as Lord. As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end. He will judge all people and nations. Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's good creation. There will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new. The fellowship of human beings with God and each other will be perfected.  
Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

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) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Veni Emmanuel*  
(11:00) Magnificat (*Collegium Regale*) Herbert Howells  
My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. 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 shewn 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 rememb'ring 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 *Old Hundredth*  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

One: The Lord be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
One: Lift up your hearts.  
**All: We lift them to the Lord.**  
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
(Prayer continues)... We join in the ancient song of praise:

SANCTUS NO. 553 (red hymnal) John Merbecke  
**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:**

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11:1-10  
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Kathy Parsons  
*Children age 3 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Sunday School.*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 3:1-12  
SERMON "Who Invited John?" Rev. Dr. Anne McKee

\*HYMN NO. 96 (*Glory to God* hymnal) On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry  
Winchester New

The Order of Worship December 4, 2022  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"As long as there are people, Christ will walk the earth as your neighbor, as the one through whom God calls you, speaks to you, makes demands on you. That is the great seriousness and great blessedness of the Advent message. Christ is standing at the door; he lives in the form of a human being among us."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *God Is in the Manger*

PRELUDE

(9:00) Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BuxWV 211 Dieterich Buxtehude  
*Come, Thou Savior of the Nations*  
(11:00) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Veni Emmanuel*  
arr. Matthew Prins

Members of the Handbell Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) Creator of the Stars of Night *Conditor alme*  
Creator of the stars of night, Thy people's everlasting light, O Christ, thou Savior of us all, We pray thee, hear us when we call.

Anonymous, 9<sup>th</sup> century

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

(9:00) The Birdwell Family  
(11:00) The Milam Family

Reader 1: We began Advent by lighting the candle of hope, remembering that God has not abandoned the world, but comes to us in Jesus, with light and life.

Reader 2: Today we light the candle of peace, as we await the coming of Christ, the prince of peace.

**All: The wolf shall live with the lamb, the calf and the lion and the fatling together.**

Reader 1: And a little child shall lead them.

Reader 2: 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.

**All: God of peace, give us your peace in our lives and in the world. As you came to us in Jesus, so teach us to walk in your ways and bear the fruit of peace in all we do. We ask this in the name of Christ, the prince of peace. Amen.**

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

(Prayer continues)...And praying: Come, Lord Jesus!

AGNUS DEI NO. 555 (red hymnal)

John Merbecke

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

(Prayer continues)...*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.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING THE SACRAMENT**

*Congregation will come forward to receive the elements and partake.*

**MUSIC FOR COMMUNION**

(11:00) Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BuxWV 211

Dieterich Buxtehude

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (9:00) Amen

Danish melody

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) Savior of the Nations, Come

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

Savior of the nations, come; virgin's son, make here your home. Marvel now,

O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

Martin Luther

Chancel Choir

**\*POSTLUDE** Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele

Johann Ludwig Krebs

*O My Soul, Be Glad and Joyful*

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**HERBERT HOWELLS** is one of England's finest twentieth-century composers. He studied with Stanford at the Royal College of Music and became a teacher of composition there in 1920. Among his varied output, including chamber, orchestral, and choral works, are separate settings of the *Magnificat* and *Nunc dimittis* for a number of England's most distinguished choirs. This morning's offertory is a setting written for the Choir of King's College, Cambridge.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Penny Tschantz and Ed Babelay  
**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES** are available from the ushers.

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTES:** (11:00) Mackenzie Damron-Beeler and Sirah Smith-Beeler

**GREETERS:** (11:00) Cindy Spangler and Carol Beilharz

**LITURGIST:** Mary Boyd

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Members of the Handbell Choir

(11:00) Chancel Choir and members of the Handbell Choir

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Jay Schmid

**SENIOR USHER:** Bill Wiesehuegel

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Suzanne Graham and Cile Mathews

(11:00) Linda Van Beke, Judy Jordan, Ken Hughes, Marty Pryor, Barbara Froula

**FISH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** This December 17, Westminster is staffing the Northwest FISH pantry so families can come select groceries that will sustain them through Christmas. Volunteers at this facility help with a number of things, including greeting guests coming for food, helping guests select food items, and helping re-package bulk food items. About 250 families come to this pantry for food each day it operates. The pantry address is: 122 W. Scott Avenue (half block off Central Ave., near I-275). We will work 2 shifts from 9-11:15 and 11:15-1:15. Sign up sheets are in the Schilling Gallery and the office. Volunteering is a great gift to give others!

**ABBEY DEADLINE** is today! Send all articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

**THE WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP** is meeting today from 5-7 pm at the Buckingham Clubhouse at 7303 Manderly Way, 37909. All residents of our neighborhood are welcome to attend. We are asking folks to bring an appetizer to share and the drinks will be provided. Contact Anne Crais at or Gail Bruner at (to RSVP, please!

**FAMILY DINNER** is back on tomorrow, December 5th. We hope anyone with children will join us for dinner between choir practices, 5-6pm

**Justice Knox "Research to Action" Kick-Off**

Monday, December 5, 2022, 6:00- 8:30 pm, First Presbyterian Church

Carpools to leave WPC parking lot at 5:30pm. If you need a ride or can drive, contact Tim Crais at timcrais@gmail.com or text/call him at 972-948-2887. Clergy, team leaders, and interested network members should attend. We will start with a light dinner followed by training on the research to action process. Our current issues (Gun Violence, Education, Transportation) will reconvene and our new issue (Homelessness) will begin its work. You can choose which research/issue committee to join based upon your interest at the kick-off.

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:** We have received 141 pledges out of 254 households so far for a total of \$ 720,129.00. To compare - last year's final tally of contributions was 167 pledges out of 273 households for a total of \$835,161. Extra pledge cards, as well as Time and Talent forms, are available in the church office if you need them.

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**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** will meet this Thursday at 8:30 am in the McKinnon Room. Our speaker will be Master Chief Radarman Larry H. Nowell, USN Retired. Master Chief Nowell was the first Navy enlisted man to have been awarded the Navy Distinguished Service Medal for combat action. The title of his presentation is "My Vietnam Experience as a Radarman." If you would like a sausage biscuit with your coffee, please text Tim Crais @, call him, or email him at timcrais@gmail.com by noon on Wednesday. We hope you will join us for what should be a very interesting program and discussion. If you can, bring a friend.

**FLOWER DEDICATIONS FOR 2023:** There are several dates still available for 2023 for flower dedications. You can sign-up on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery.

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING:** The Christmas Joy Offering opens doors of opportunity for the leaders who are shaped and supported through our gifts - doors that lead to hopeful futures for young people at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Our gifts open doors that lead to relief for church workers and their families when emergency needs arise.

**CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST SIGN-UPS OPEN:** Our annual Christmas Breakfast will be Sunday December 18th between worship services. We need volunteers! Please email Allie allie\_wpc@comcast.net to sign up to bring a dish.

**UNDER THE TREE:** One of the mission outreaches that we will be involved in this Advent season is Volunteer Ministry Center's *Under the Tree* holiday drive. You can find our Christmas tree full of tags set up in the Schilling Gallery through December 16. The gifts you provide will go to those who are either working to achieve housing through VMC's low barrier housing focused emergency overnight shelter, The Foyer, or those who have achieved their goal of housing at VMC's Permanent Supporting Housing development, Minvilla Manor. (More info www.vmcinc.org/ mission.) Please take as many tags as you like and purchase the listed gifts. Place NEW, unwrapped, gifts under the tree for both men and women: Sweat-pants and sweat-shirts, pullovers with hoods, socks, underwear, sports bras, hats, gloves, assorted hygiene products, shampoo for different types of hair, body wash, body lotion, adult coloring books, coloring pencils.

**OUR WEEK AND SPECIAL DATES:**

**Sunday, December 4**

*Second Sunday of Advent*

**10-12:30 pm Alternative Christmas Bazaar**

9:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary

10:00 Sunday School and Children's Fellowship Hour

11:00 Worship in the Sanctuary

12:15 Play Practice

12:15 PNC Meeting Library

12:30 Session Meeting McKinnon Room

5:00 pm - West Hills Neighborhood Group Event

5:00 pm Youth Angel Tree Shopping

**Monday, December 5**

4:30 Young Musicians

5:00 pm Family Dinners

5:30 Rainbow Choir

7:00 pm - Congregational Zoom

**Tuesday, December 6**

6:00 pm - Choristers

**Wednesday, December 7**

4:45 Boys' and Girls' Choirs

6:30 pm- Companions Group - Prayer Room

7:45 - Chancel Choir

**Thursday, December 8**

8:30 am Men's Breakfast Fellowship

1:00 pm - FISH deliveries

4:30 - Brass Choir

5:00 Play Dress Rehearsal

7:00 pm - Handbell Choir

**Saturday, December 10**

10:00 am Advent Decorating

5:00 pm Play Dress Rehearsal



**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DRAMA:** Please save the date for our Westminster Players Christmas production of Junie B. Jones: Jingle Bells, Batman Smells, P.S. So Does May. The show is Sunday, December 11, at 6:00 p.m. Make sure you get here early, because WPC's awesome Fellowship Team is the warm-up act, warming everyone up with delicious cocoa and cookies!

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT** is December 14th at 5:30pm. Please bring a side dish or dessert to contribute to the potluck dinner. We hope to see you there!

**KNOXVILLE YOUTH JAZZ ORCHESTRA** will perform December 14 at 7:00 pm at WPC.

**THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE:** On December 14 we will observe our longest night service with the Episcopal Church of the Ascension it is entitled, *A Grace-Filled Christmas*. It is a time when all people regardless of where they are in life, can experience the holiness of the season in a quiet, contemplative manner. The service begins at 5:30 in the chapel at the Church of the Ascension.

**TODAY'S ALTERNATIVE GIFT BAZAAR**



- ★ Living Waters for the World - Clean water for all God's Children
- ★ UKIRK campus ministry - Custom blend roasted coffee
- ★ PEO- Philanthropic organization helping women - Selling wreaths for scholarships
- ★ Ron Campbell - fudge to support the WPC Youth programs
- ★ Robin Greeson - Smile Train provides corrective surgery for children with cleft lips and palates - hand-made trivets/ potholders
- ★ Heifer International- animal & plant gifts to support lives of families in need
- ★ Fish Pantry- gifts of food to feed families in need
- ★ Jacqueline Whittemore- crafts to support children in Ukraine
- ★ Olive Branch Olive Oil- Jim Harb supporting Palestinian Olive farmers
- ★ Vanilla Feeds Tomorrow- founded by high school student, William Cabaniss- supporting Second Harvest Food Bank
- ★ Scott and Ann Brunger- Syria Lebanon Partnership Network provides relief for families in Syria and Lebanon, suffering from lack of heating fuel, medicine, and food.
- ★ Kathryn Oakes - Pavilion note cards profits go to the Westminster Pavilion maintenance fund

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**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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Given by:

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