



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

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .**

*“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** Rorate caeli Jeanne Demessieux  
*Drop Down Dew, Ye Heavens*  
 (from *Twelve Chorale Preludes on Gregorian Chant Themes for Organ, Op. 8*)

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**  
**MINUTE FOR MISSION** (11:00) Charles Van Beke

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES** (9:00) The Freeman Family  
 (11:00) Jan Barber and Jessie Allen

Reader 1: Our path through Advent has been lit by candles of hope and peace. We long for the promised future, when, as Isaiah says, 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.

Reader 2: Today we light the candle of joy, remembering Paul’s words, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.”

**All: At the coming of Christ, the earth itself will rejoice; the mountains will sing; the trees will clap their hands.**

Reader 1: Sighing and tears will be no more;.

Reader 2: The Joy of the Lord is our strength.

**All: God of joy, the heavens sang with light at the birth of your son Jesus. Fill us with the joy of your presence, that we might join in the heavenly song. Hasten the day when every tear will be dried, all injuries. Amen.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 83** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Stuttgart

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** Sarah Rackley

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison) from James 5:7-10

**Oh God, you call us to patience and diligence in the painstaking work of your Reign, But we get discouraged and give up too soon.**

**Oh God, you call us to collaborate in community in the painstaking work of your Reign, But we neither trust nor honor the gifts of others.**

**Oh God, you call us to be full of joyful confidence In the painstaking work of your Reign, But we burden ourselves with anxiety and fear.**

**Forgive us, O God, and lead us in the ways of patience, community and joy. Amen.**

**\*KYRIE ELEISON** Healey Willan

**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) Lirum, Lirum Thomas Morley  
trans. Peter Van Eenam

Brass Choir  
 (11:00) In venisti enim gratiam Tomás Luis de Victoria  
 Ne timeas, Maria, in venisti enim gratiam, apud Dominum. Ecce concipies in utero, et paries filium, et vocabitur altissimi filius.

*Be not afraid, Mary, You have been acclaimed the chosen one by the Lord our God. And now you will conceive within your womb, And you shall bear us a Son, And shall call His name the Son of the most high.*

Luke 1:30-31  
**\*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**

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

**\*HYMN NO. 105** (*Glory to God* hymnal) People, Look East Besançon

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**  
**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (9:00) Amen

anish melody  
**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying Wachet auf

Wake, awake, for night is flying; The watchmen on the heights are crying, Awake, Jerusalem, arise! Midnight’s solemn hour is tolling; His chariot wheels are nearer rolling; He comes! O Church, lift up thine eyes! Rise up, with willing feet Go forth, the Bridegroom meet: Hallelujah! Lo, great and small, We answer all; We follow where thy voice shall call.

Philipp Nicolai  
tr. Catherine Winkworth

Chancel Choir

**TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Isaiah 35:1-10

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00) Linda Judge-McRae  
*Children age 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to downstairs for Children’s Sunday School after the TWC.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 11:2-11

**SERMON** “What Do You See?” Rev. Dr. Anne McKee

**\*HYMN NO. 93** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates Truro

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

**In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God kept his promises. All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over. God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us. In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death. This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.**

\*POSTLUDE Wachtet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (I) Johann Gottfried Walther  
*Sleepers, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Gloria Borum and William Milam  
**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES** are available from the ushers.

**SERVING TODAY**  
**ACOLYTES:** (11:00) James Gilbert and Nolan Oros  
**GREETERS:** (11:00) Ehren and Colleen Manrod  
**LITURGIST:** Sarah Rackley  
**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**  
(9:00) Brass Choir  
(11:00) Chancel Choir  
**SHEPHERD’S TEAM:** Rick Rawe  
**SENIOR USHER:** Bill Wiesehuegel  
**USHERS:**  
(9:00) Stephanie Lynch-Wright and Kathy Huck  
(11:00) Penny Tschantz, Tom and Georgann Byerley, Kathy Shilling, Mike Kaufman

**TOMÁS LUIS DE VICTORIA (1548-1611)**, one of the most well-known and prolific composers of the late Renaissance in Spain, was born in Sanchidrián, where he became a choirboy at the cathedral and also studied organ. After receiving a grant from Philip II in 1565, he went to Rome and later became cantor at the Collegium Germanicum. It is thought Victoria may have studied with Palestrina around this time, though this is only circumstantial. Beginning in 1573, Victoria held two positions, one being at the German College and the other at the Roman Seminary. In 1587 he returned to Spain to serve as chaplain and organist to Philip’s sister, the Empress María, living in retirement at the Monasterio de las Descalzas de S Clara in Madrid.

**STAFF POSITION OPENING:** Westminster is looking for someone with office skills and a compassionate presence to work 20 hours a week as our Administrative Assistant, beginning when Melissa Everett steps down from her staff position in January. If you know someone who might be interested, please check the most recent Abbey for a full announcement, or contact Renee or Anne with inquiries.

**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!

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:** We have received 153 pledges out of 254 households so far for a total of \$ 766,885.00. 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.  
**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 casserole, bread/sweets, meat, fruit, or other!

**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.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
10:00 am  
**Adult Bible Study:** Led by Scott Brunger, this class meets in the McKinnon Room. The class chooses a book of the Bible to unpack in depth.  
**Feasting on the Word:** This is a lectionary-based curriculum. The class, led by a rotating team of knowledgeable teachers, studies the scriptures that are used in worship. This class meets in the Fellowship Hall.  
**The Wired Word:** Take a look at current events with a theological eye. The class, which meets in the library, is facilitated by a rotating team.

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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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**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS DRAMA IS TONIGHT!**  
Westminster Players presents *Junie B. Jones: Jingle Bells, Batman Smells, P.S. So Does May*. Join us for a Warm-up Social in the Schilling Gallery at 5:00 with hot beverages and yummy baked goods. The play will begin at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. It’s a favorite event for all ages.

**CHILDREN’S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER**  
**During 9:00 Worship:**  
-Nursery available for children 0-5 years old  
**During 10:00 Hour:**  
-Nursery available for children 0-5 years old  
-Fellowship time for kids 1st-4th grade  
**During 11:00 Hour:**  
-Nursery available for children 0-3 years old  
-Primary Sunday school for children 4 y.o.-Kindergarten  
-Intermediate Sunday school for children 1st-4th grade  
(Children will be walked to Sunday school classes following the Time with the Children during the 11:00 worship service)

**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 JAZZ YOUTH 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.

**OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, December 11**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

9:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary

10:00 Sunday School and Children's Fellowship Hour

11:00 Worship in the Sanctuary

12:15 PNC Meeting Library

5:00 Congregation-Wide Warm-Up Social

6:00 Christmas Youth Play

**Monday, December 12**

4:30 Young Musicians

5:00 pm Family Dinners

5:30 Rainbow Choir

7:00 pm - Congregational Zoom

**Tuesday, December 13**

6:00 pm - Choristers

7:00 - Drama Meeting

**Wednesday, December 14**

4:45 Boys' and Girls' Choirs

5:30 Christmas Craft Night

5:30 Longest Night at Ascension

6:30 pm- Companions Group - Prayer Room

7:00 - Knoxville Jazz Youth Orchestra

7:45 - Chancel Choir

**Thursday, December 15**

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 17**

9:00 FISH Pantry Family Shopping Event

10:00 am Advent Decorating

**Sunday, December 18**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

9:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary

10:00 Christmas Breakfast

11:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary

12:15 PNC Meeting - Library

TBD- Youth Progressive Christmas Party



**CHRISTMAS EVE  
WORSHIP SERVICES**  
5:00 and 8:00 pm