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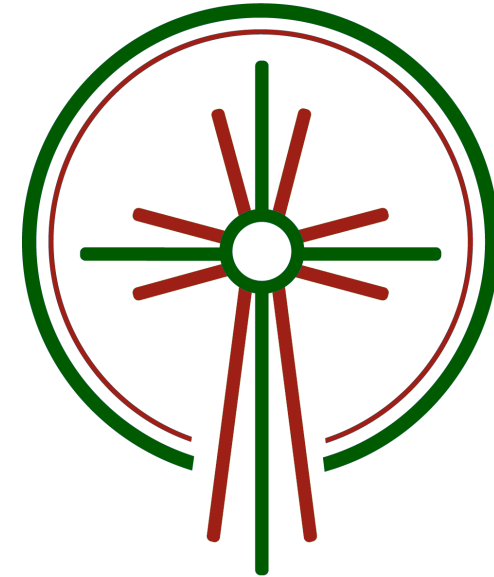
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The vision of Westminster Presbyterian is to know God in his glory, grow in grace together, and show the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our community and beyond.



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Know • Grow • Show

A Service for the Worship of God

December 17, 2023

We Gather to Know God in His Glory

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Reading • Sandy and Julie Sprinkles

Prelude

Of the Father's Love Begotten • Neil Stipp
Catie M. Hane

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He.
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

O that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race.
And the babe, the world's redeemer, first revealed His sacred face,
Evermore and evermore.

This is He whom seers, in old time, chanted of with one accord;
Whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word.
Now He shines, the long-expected, let creation praise its Lord,
Evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heaven, adore him; angel hosts, His praises sing.
Powers, dominions, bow before Him and extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee with God the Father and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be.
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore.

Announcements

- Service of Lessons and Carols • December 24 • 5:00 pm
- Farewell Dinner for Catie M. Hane • January 14 • Covered Dish Dinner
 - No Joyful Noisemakers • December 20
 - Church office will be closed • December 25-29

• **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX EACH WEEK** •

See your weekend newsletter for additional details.

December Financial Report	
Current Week's Income	Not
Income MTD	available
Income YTD	this
Budgeted income YTD	week
Expenses MTD	
Expenses YTD	
Budgeted Expenses YTD	
YTD Income over/(under) expenses	

Prayer Concerns

The Church at Large

Presbytery • Fulton PC • Greer • Rev. Grover Timms
Denomination • Administrative Committee • Dr. Bryan Chapell
Missionaries • Honduras • John and Kathy Clow
National and Regional Leadership

Church Member Requests

Dennis Campbell • recovery from heart attack
Parker Mims • recovery from shoulder surgery
Beth Miller • effective treatment plan
Jen Partee • recovery from shoulder surgery
Strength and compassion for those caring for elderly parents
Eunice Edgeman, Pat Watt's mom • strength and stamina
Hope Natiello • pain management
Al LiCalzi family • comfort

Those Expecting

Hannah Davidson Smith • due in January
Sarah (Calvin) Mitchell • due in May
Eliza (Wheeler) Smith • due in July

*Call to Worship

from Isaiah 12 • Pete Partee

You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

**“Behold, God is our salvation;
We will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is our strength and our song,
and he has become our salvation.”**

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.”

**We will sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.
We will shout, and sing for joy,
for great in our midst is Christ the Savior!**

*Hymn of Adoration

Joy to the World • Hymn 195

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession • Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Prayer of Confession

Holy Lord, we are a weak, foolish, and rebellious people. We have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have sinned against you both in what we have done and in what we have left undone. We have erected idols in our hearts and bowed down to them. We have misused your name. We have indulged our own pleasures on your holy day. There is no good in us apart from your grace. By our sinful natures we are lovers of darkness and haters of the light of your truth. Forgive us. Look upon us with mercy, continuing to count the righteousness of Christ to us, according to your steadfast love. Renew our hearts and minds that we would abhor our sin as you do. Give us the strength to turn from temptation and to pursue your glory with all that we are and all that we have. In the holy name of our Savior, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon • Hebrews 10:12-14

We Go Forth to Show the Gospel to Others

*Hymn of Response

Good Christian Men Rejoice • Hymn 207

*Benediction

Postlude

Christmas Medley • arr. Jerry Archer
Davidson Brass

III. Faith in God, Mighty and Merciful

IV. Faith That Rejoices

V. Application and Discussion

- In what ways does Mary's willingness to surrender to the Lord's will encourage you in your own walk with Jesus?
- Mary's faith is an example to us. In what ways can your own faith in Christ be an example and encouragement to others?
- Mary's song of praise in vv. 46-55 gives numerous reasons for why her faith in the Lord God is well founded. What are some of the reasons she mentions that most stand out to you for placing your trust in God?
- Share of a time or season in your life with Christ that you were particularly awestruck with wonder at some aspect of his person or his work. In what ways did you express your awe and wonder?

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus • Hymn 196

Choir

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art.
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king.
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone.
By Thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence • Hymn 193

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery • Boswell, Papa, and Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the Light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, He, the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suff'ring, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ, the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord. He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance. How unwavering our hope.
Christ in power, resurrected, as will we be when He comes.

We Receive the Word to Grow in Grace Together

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:39-56

Sermon

The Reason to Leap for Joy and Sing in Praise!

I. Faith That Surrenders All

II. Faith That Is Exemplary