



**The Order of Worship**

**December 10, 2017  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .**

*In these busy, stressful days, as we try to cope with many demands and busy schedules and added worry about our future, give us, O God, a few moments of quiet and peace this morning in which we might hear the soft, insistent voice in the wilderness; “ Fear not. Here is your God.” Amen*

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

**PRELUDE**

(9:00) Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland Dieterich Buxtehude  
*Come, Thou Savior of the Nations*

(11:00) Wexford Carol Irish carol  
arr. Susan Rucker

Handbell Choir

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE**

(9:00) Tim and Nancy Kent

(11:00) Gloria Borum and Mary Jo Mann

**INTROIT** (11:00) Come, Savior of the Nations *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*  
harm. Hans Leo Hassler

Come, Savior of the nations, Child Thou of a Virgin born, mortals over all the earth, marvel at Thy Holy Birth.

St. Ambrose of Milan, 4<sup>th</sup> century  
paraphrased by Martin Luther, 1524

**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; 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. 13** (blue hymnal) Prepare the Way *Bereden väg för Herran*

**\*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 40:1-11

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

J.P. Mackay

*Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 1:1-8

**SERMON**

“Get Your Hopes Up!”

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

**HYMN NO. 3** (blue hymnal) Comfort, Comfort You My People *Psalm 42*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

Creed of the United Church of Canada (Reformed)

**We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

**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 ANTHEM**

(9:00) Wexford Carol

Irish carol

(11:00) A Child Is Born in Bethlehem

Philip Stopford

A child is born in Bethlehem, *Alleluia*, And joy is in Jerusalem, *Alleluia*.

Rejoice, sing high, sing low, *Alleluia, Benedicamus Domino, Alleluia.*

To thee, O Lord, be glory paid, *Alleluia*, Thou Son of Mary, Mother maid, *Alleluia.*

To Holy Trinity give praise, *Alleluia*, With *Deo gracias* always, *Alleluia!*

Latin hymn, 14<sup>th</sup> century

**\*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 ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 601** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Song of Zechariah

*Kingsfold*

*(Verses 1, 4, and 5)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spirits by thine advent here;

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death’s dark shadows put to flight.

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**

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**DATING BACK** to the 12<sup>th</sup> century, *Wexford Carol* is one of the oldest Irish carols and is thought to have originated in the area of County Wexford. It is also known as *The Enniscorthy Carol*, as it was originally collected by Dr. Grattan Flood in Enniscorthy, a town in that county. A most expressive feature of the melody is the chromatic inflection, which lends a modal flavor throughout.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Cindy Pearman and Clara Oakes  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR DECEMBER 1-15:** Bill and Bonnie Rogers  
**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES** are available from the ushers.

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTE:** Nathan Harmon and Ian Salsberry

**GREETERS:** Mark and Teresa Palmer

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Handbell Choir

(11:00) Chancel and Handbell Choirs

**SENIOR USHER:** Tom Byerley

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Bonny and Doug Naugher

(11:00) Ashley and Scott Porter, Mark Potocik, and Janice and Rick Rawe

**SAFETY TEAM:** Jerry Carley

**BLUE PARAMENTS:** Over the last several years, more and more liturgical churches have returned to using blue as the color associated with the season of Advent. Blue was used, in fact, until the Middle Ages, when blue dye became too expensive to produce and purple was substituted. Thus, the color purple was used for both advent as well as the season of Lent. This year Westminster joins many churches in returning to the color blue for reasons both historical and theological. Blue was the color associated with the Virgin Mary, and the season of Advent finds us waiting with her for the birth of God incarnate in the baby Jesus. Further, while Lenten purple marks a time of penitence and a focus on the suffering of our Lord, the color blue reminded early Christians that Advent was a season focused on hope, expectation and the anticipation of those awaiting the birth of the Savior.

**KIDS CORNER**

Nursery: (9:00) 0-5 year olds during Worship Service

(10:00) 0-2 year olds during Sunday School

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**Sunday School:** Pre-K (3-5 YO), K-1st grade, and 2nd-4th grades. Children meet at 10:00 in the downstairs Fellowship Hall before splitting into small groups.

**Children's Worship:** Kids age 3 through 2nd grade are invited to join us for Time With The Children before heading downstairs for Children's Worship.

**ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** will be breaking from December 17 thru the New Year, then starting back up January 7.

**FOUNTAIN IN THE COURTYARD:** Just a reminder to make sure that children aren't climbing over the brick wall onto the river rocks. The grate below the river rocks cannot hold the extra weight and could cause damage to the fountain we've worked so hard to refurbish.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT:** Join us December 13 for this annual event. We will meet in the Schilling Gallery for a potluck dinner at 5:45, 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!

**EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will be meeting December 18 at 7:00 PM.

**WESTMINSTER ORNAMENTS** are available in the Schilling Gallery or office to purchase for \$5 each.

**FISH DELIVERY** needs HELP for December deliveries!! 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 14, you would be giving a helping hand to many families in need. Please sign up with Sue McSween.

**WESTMINSTER MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP:** Our last meeting of 2017 will be Thursday morning December 14th at 7:30am in the McKinnon Room. The program and breakfast will last about an hour. The lesson entitled "Powerful Men // Sexual Harassment" will be presented by Tim Crais. It is a timely topic and has been very much in the news of late. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Buz Johnson. No reservations are necessary and all men are welcome. Bring a friend. Come and join us for this important conversation.

**SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS** are needed Saturday, December 16 at West Town Mall (Cheesecake Factory entrance). Each shift is for one hour. The time slots we need to fill are: 11:00AM, Noon, 1:00PM, 2:00PM, 6:00PM and 7:00PM. Please call Renee or Barbara if you would like to sign up for a shift.

**CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST:** Join us next Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at our annual Christmas breakfast during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall. The meal is provided by volunteers from each Ministry Team. Come and enjoy this great Christmas tradition at Westminster!

**Christmas Joy Offering: Supporting Past, Present and Future Leaders**

The Christmas Joy Offering is being received throughout the Advent season. A gift to the Christmas Joy Offering helps provide financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families and also enables deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools. Thank you for your support of this special offering.

**RICHARD BEAN JUVENILE SERVICE CENTER:** Between now and Sunday, December 17, we will be accepting gift bags with small treats for teens staying at this center. These young people range in age from 14-17, and are both boys and girls. There are typically more boys than girls. They may be there for several days, weeks, or months. If you would like to participate, bring a Christmas gift bag and place on the table in the Schilling Gallery. A list of appropriate items can be found on the gift table.

**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. Deadline for these donations is December 17.



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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**2018 FLOWER DEDICATIONS:** Please sign up on the Schilling Gallery bulletin board for your 2018 flower dedications. We ask for a \$65.00 donation to the Flower Guild, payable on the date of your dedication. A reminder card will be mailed to you in advance of your chosen Sunday.

**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.

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:** We have received 163 pledges for our 2018 operating year with a total of \$667,896.00 This is a great stat but we need everyone's participation to meet the Asking Budget of \$875,353. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex.



Our youth and children want to invite everyone to:  
**JUNIE B. JUNES: JINGLE BELLS, BATMAN SMELLS,  
P.S. SO DOES MAY**

Junie B, first grader, and her arch rival May teach us how to be givers in this Christmas Season.

Join us TODAY at 6:00 PM!!

All are welcome for this *FREE* event and child care will be available.

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2018:** Leigh Dunlap, JP Mackay, Linda VanBeke, Wes Williams, Michael Yates, and Youth Elder Clara Oakes

**Class of 2019:** Debbie Babelay, Daniel Collins, Vicki Mayfield, Cindy Pearman, Jay Schmid

**Class of 2020:** Scott Brunger, James Everett, Andrew Gordon, Susan McKeegan, Shawn Owens

**Youth Elder:** Clara Oakes

**Clerk of Session:** Georgann Byerley

**Trustees:** Paul Jorden, Alice Mercer, Reed Ellis