



TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 13 (blue hymnal) Prepare the Way *Bereden väg för Herran*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Drawn by the lights of this season, Gracious God, our lives are illuminated by your love. Your light attracts us, but in its radiance we also see the darkness around and within us. The intensity of these pre-Christmas days heightens our joys and magnifies our sorrows. Search us, O God, and remove anything that would prevent us from bearing good fruit with our lives. Where there is hatred, heal us with your love; where there is discord, calm us with your peace; where there is despair, strengthen us with hope and joy. Forgive us and renew us in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 *Zephaniah 3:14-20*

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) *Bryan Powell*

*Children age 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in*

*Children's Fellowship.*

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 3:7-18*

SERMON "What then should we do?" *Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips*

\*HYMN NO. 10 (blue hymnal) On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry *Winchester New*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) *Adapted, Isaiah 12:1-6*

I will give thanks to you, O LORD. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my Might; he has become my 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 on his name; make known his deeds among the nations. Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, for the Holy One is in your midst.

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) O Come, Emmanuel *Peter Paul Olejar*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by your advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's deep shadows put to flight. (Refrain)

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. (Refrain)

*Latin antiphons, c. 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> centuries, and Henry Sloane Coffin*

*Ed Babelay, Katherine Harmon, Rachel Taylor,*

*and Renee Wiesehuegel, Handbells*

(11:00) I Saw Three Ships *arr. Reginald Jacques and Peter Van Eenam*

I saw three ships come sailing in, On Christmas Day in the morning.

And what was in those ships all three? (Refrain)

Our Saviour Christ and his lady. (Refrain)

Pray, whither sailed those ships all three? (Refrain)

O, they sailed into Bethlehem. (Refrain)

And all the bells on earth shall ring, (Refrain)

And all the angels in Heaven shall sing, (Refrain)

And all the souls on earth shall sing, (Refrain)

Then let us all rejoice amain! (Refrain)

*Traditional*

*(The congregation is invited to join the choirs in singing the final verse.)*

\*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. 3 (blue hymnal)(11:00) Comfort, Comfort You My People *Psalm 42*

\*BENEDICTION

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

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things, far and nigh; To us the path of knowledge show, And cause us in her ways to go. Rejoice!

Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

\*POSTLUDE Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele *Johann Ludwig Krebs*

*O My Soul, Be Glad and Joyful*

\*Indicates standing.

The Order of Worship

December 16, 2018

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshiping here with the goal of connecting faith and life. If you are a visitor, we pray you will feel welcome and blessed by our worship. We invite you to consider making Westminster your church home. Please let us have your contact information so we may be in touch. Children are welcome in worship here. A nursery is available during the entire service.

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

PRELUDE Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn *Johann Michael Bach*

*Lord Christ, the Only Son of God*

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

(9:00) Kaye Davis and Barbara McNew

(11:00) Anderson, Wendy, Price and Carly Collins

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Adapted, Psalm 96*

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; for the Lord is coming.

Leader: Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

People: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; for the Lord is coming.

Leader: Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before Him, all the earth.

People: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; for the Lord is coming.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Susan McKeehan and James Everett  
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR DEC 16-30: Susan McKeehan  
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.

SERVING TODAY

**ACOLYTES:** Jacob Phillips and Jake Palmer

**GREETERS:** Bob and Lana Daverman

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Chancel Choir

(11:00) Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

**SHEPHERD’S TEAM:** Rick Rawe

**SENIOR USHER:** Bill Wiesehuegel

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Genet Weber and Cile Mathews

(11:00) Elizabeth Ridley, Larry Ridley, Ann Allison-Cote, Penny Tschantz, Linda Van Beke

**OUR THANKS** to Ed Babelay, Katherine Harmon, Rachel Taylor, and Renee Wiesehuegel for their enrichment of our worship this morning as they accompany the Chancel Choir.

**THIS MORNING’S POSTLUDE** is based on the final hymn sung at the 11:00 service.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** will resume January 6.

**WOMEN’S EVENING BIBLE STUDY** will meet Monday, December 17 at 7:00 PM.

**HABITAT HOUSE DEDICATION** is scheduled for this Sunday afternoon, December 16, at the build site, 2517 Washington Avenue. Gloria Davis, the new homeowner, and her family, along with the folks who helped build Gloria's house will be there to celebrate. All are welcome to participate in this great event, which will get underway at 2:00 pm.

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY AND ANGEL TREE** will be today from 3:00-7:00 PM. We will gather, pool our resources (donate what ever \$'s you can), and go do some Angel Tree shopping! After shopping, we'll return to WPC for a yummy dinner and our annual "Sneaky Santa" gift exchange! Everyone bring a wrapped or bagged present (the cost should be no more than \$15.) This event is for all youth ages 5th grade to 12th grade. We'll need some parent drivers + a couple of dinner clean-up helpers for this event.

**MUSIC OF THE SEASON:** You’re cordially invited to a program of Christmas music presented by the Tuesday Morning Musical Club at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, December 18, in the sanctuary and a reception afterwards in the Schilling Gallery. Performers will include the Ecumenical Handbell Ringers, directed by Richard A. Sidey; organist Rebecca Kidd; pianist Mark Pace; violinist Rachele Hawkey; and sopranos Sarah Searle and Linda Williams. Do plan to stay after the program for refreshments and fellowship, as members of the club are always so glad to have the opportunity to meet more members of our very hospitable church!

**FINAL 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS** as well as any 2019 prepaid offerings need to be in the church office by December 31. All offerings received by December 31 will be included in your 2018 contribution statement. If you have any questions regarding your contributions, please contact Renee Wiesehuegel. The church office will be closed December 25-28 but will be open on December 24 and 31 from 9:00 to 1:00 pm.

**COLLEGE MOVIE MEET-UP** at the Cinebarre in West Town Mall on Thursday 12/20, at 3:00 PM. All of our Westminster college-aged adults are invited to come see your friends, and let the church treat you to a movie and fellowship time together!!  
**COLLEGE MONTREAT:** Montreat is presenting a College Montreat Conference once again this year. The College Montreat will be from January 2-5, 2019. This year, the theme of the conference is Compassionate Community. One of the keynote speakers is the well-known interfaith teacher and activist, Eboo Patel! The conference preacher is Aisha Brooks-Lytle (who inspired us at Montreat last summer.) The cost for college-aged participants is \$100. There are scholarships for anyone who needs them. If you are interested in attending, contact Barbara Adamcik. Thanks to Sandra and Gary Rowcliffe for chaperoning this great event!!

**CHRISTMAS POT-LUCK AND SING-A-LONG** will be on December 23. Connect Team is providing Bar-B-Q and everyone else is invited to bring a salad, veggie, dessert, or bread. We will enjoy singing carols together, and hearing special holiday music played by our WPC Brass Choir! The event will begin at noon (after the 11:00 service.) We hope you can “raise your voice” with us!!!

**KIDS CORNER**

**Nursery-** Our nursery is available for children 0-5 years old during the 9:00 service, and children 0-3 years old during the 11:00 service.

**Children’s Fellowship** (10:00 and 11:00)- All children 4th grade and younger meet downstairs for an opportunity to spend time together completing crafts, service projects, and seasonal activities.

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE:** We have received 157 pledges with a total of \$661,412. Thank you to everyone who has turned in a pledge. For the 2018 Budget year, we have 187 pledges for a total of \$807,226. As you can see - we have a ways to go to meet next year's budget. Everyone's pledges and time and talents combined will help Westminster Presbyterian Church continue it's present ministry as well as discover new paths to spread the love of our wonderful Lord and Savior! You are needed and appreciated!

**ADVENT CALENDARS** are available on the table in the narthex. Please help yourself.

**2019 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.

**ADVENT FLOWER 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 by *today, December 16*.

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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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**CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE SUPPORT** is being collected. At the request of the Red Cross, PDA has deployed four disaster spiritual care providers from our national response team to work directly with survivors in shelters and the affected communities. We are deploying additional PDA teams to support the presbyteries in their assessment and response as they help their neighbors begin recovery. Additional grants for ongoing emergency support for survivors and long-term recovery will be forthcoming. You can give financial support by sending WPC a check with the code DR000165 on the memo line. We will forward the monies to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Your donation will be included in your annual Contribution statement from Westminster.

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER 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 *through Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>*.

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING:** Jesus was sent to lead his people, pointing to God through love and justice, peace and compassion, forgiveness and humility. We can never match God’s perfect gift in Jesus, but through the Christmas Joy Offering, we can testify to who we have known God to be. Our gifts reflect our generous God. Our gifts support leaders in our church and world – past, present and future. “Every generous act of giving is from above.” James 1:17

<b>THE SESSION</b>		
<b>Class of 2019</b>	<b>Class of 2020</b>	<b>Class of 2021</b>
Debbie Babelay	Scott Brunger	Brian Bonnyman
Daniel Collins	James Everett	Anne Crais
Vicki Mayfield	Andrew Gordon	Amy Gilbert
Cindy Pearman	Susan McKeehan	Buz Johnson
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