



The Order of Worship December 22, 2019
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

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

PRELUDE

(9:00) O Come, O Come Emmanuel *Veni Emmanuel*
German carol
Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Sussex Carol English carol
arr. David Willcocks

On Christmas night all Christians sing, To hear the news the angels bring,
News of great joy, news of great mirth, News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free, All for to gain our liberty?

All out of darkness we have light, Which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God and peace to men, Now and forevermore. Amen."
text collected by Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Holly and the Ivy English carol
arr. David Willcocks

The holly and the ivy, When they are both full grown, Of all the trees that are
in the wood, The holly bears the crown. O, the rising of the sun, And the
running of the deer, The playing of the merry organ, Sweet singing in the
choir.

The holly bears a blossom As white as the lily flower; And Mary bore sweet
Jesus Christ To be our sweet Saviour. (Refrain)

The holly bears a colour As green as any tree; And Mary bore sweet Jesus
Christ To set poor sinners free. (Refrain)

The holly bears a berry As red as any blood And Mary bore sweet Jesus
Christ To do poor sinners good. (Refrain)

Traditional

Westminster Choristers
Members of the Chancel Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

(9:00) Rebecca Parker, Sky and Kathy Huck, Allison Huck

(11:00) Zach and Sarah Beth Gosselin

INTROIT (11:00) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Veni Emmanuel*

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. Rejoice!
Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

trans. Henry Sloane Coffin

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come once more, with eager longing, to receive the promises of God.

People: Out of the desert places of our lives, we gather with joy and gladness.

Leader: Come, believers and seekers and skeptics, to hear the story of God's
greatest gift.

**People: We celebrate the transforming love of God for all creation, through
the one called Emmanuel, God with us.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 132** (purple hymnal) Good Christian Friends, Rejoice *In Dulci Jubilo*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

**Gracious God, we come before you this Advent season stressed and anxious.
Much of our disquiet is a reflection of the world around us, but most is a
reflection of our hearts. You know the imperfections of our lives in what we
do and what we fail to do. Yet, you still come to us. With grace and forgiveness
you come...to lift the burden of guilt, to bestow peace and a sense of calm, to
bring light to our darkness and to fill the earth with Christmas presence.
Emmanuel, God with us, be with us as we confess our sin and our need of
salvation. 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**

Refrain from Hymn No. 116 (red hymnal) Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Barbara Adamcik

Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

"The Main Thing is to Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing"

***HYMN NO. 123** (purple hymnal) It Came Upon the Midnight Clear *Carol*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) I John 4:7-12

**Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who
loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know
God, for God is love. God's love was revealed in this way: God sent his only
Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that
we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice
for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one
another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us,
and his love is perfected in us.**

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.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) Coventry Carol English carol

Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Lullay My Liking Gustav Holst

Lullay my liking, my dear Son, my Sweeting; Lullay my dear Heart, mine
own dear Darling.

I saw a fair maiden sitten and sing; She lulled a little child, A sweeté
Lording. (Refrain)

That Eternal Lord is He That made allé thing; Of allé Lordés He is Lord, Of
every King He's King. (Refrain)

There was mickle melody At that child's birth: Though the songsters were
heavenly They madé mickle mirth. (Refrain)

Angels bright they sang that night And saiden to that Child "Blessed be
Thou and so be she That is so meek and mild." (Refrain)

Pray we now to that Child, As to His Mother dear, God grant them all His
blessing That now maken cheer. (Refrain)

from *A Mediaeval Anthology*

Sopranos of the Chancel Choir

Meredith Mackay, Soprano

John Harrison, Tenor

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 608 (purple hymnal) *Tallis' Canon*

(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 748 (purple hymnal))

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here
below; praise holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 136** (purple hymnal) (11:00) Go, Tell It on the Mountain *Go Tell It*

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** What Child Is This *Greensleeves*

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

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

O My Soul, Be Glad and Joyful

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Rachel Powell and Scott Brunger

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR DECEMBER: Susan McKeenan

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.

PLEASE place your bulletin into a blue recycling bin located at the Narthex door if you do not want to take it home.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Nathan Harmon and Fiona Collins

GREETERS (11:00): Gary and Sandra Rowcliffe

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Chancel Choir and Westminster Choristers

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: John Noble

SENIOR USHER: Bill Wiesehuegel

USHERS:

(9:00) Bonny and Doug Naughtner, Cile Mathews, John Styron

(11:00) Brenda Seip, Susan Baughman Andrew and Kristi Gordon, John and Kathy Shilling

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. This is the last day to donate.

THIS MORNING'S PRELUDE at the 11:00 service is comprised of two carols specially arranged by Sir David Willcocks, former Music Director of the famed Choir of King's College, Cambridge, for the songbook *Carols for Christmas*, which he compiled for The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Alongside each carol is a complementary work of art or an image from the museum's collection. Our thanks to members of the Chancel Choir who are assisting the Westminster Choristers.

CHURCH STAFF HOLIDAY will be December 25-27. The office will be open December 30 and half day December 31.

COLLEGE YOUTH ADULT EVENTS: Welcome home, all our college Westministerites!! We are going to have a couple of opportunities to get together in the coming weeks. First, **THIS SUNDAY**, December 22, we are going to head to Market Square after the 11:00 service, and catch up over lunch. The church is buying lunch at The Tomato Head on Market Square!! We'll meet there by 12:20 and enjoy some time together. Parents, please let our college friends know this is happening!! Call Barbara if you have questions. Our second college opportunity is College Montreat!! Gary Rowcliffe has generously offered to take a crew to this awesome conference. The conference takes place Jan. 2-5. (Depart Knoxville Jan.2 around 3, return Jan. 5 around noon.) Cost is \$150 (church can help with the cost, if needed.) Please let Barbara know ASAP if you would like to go!!

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY: This Sunday, December 22, the youth will be having their annual Christmas party, gift exchange, and movie night!!! We will meet at WPC at 5:00 p.m. 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. After our gift exchange and meal, we will head to the movies and see Frozen II!! Bring your gift and money for snacks at the movie, if you want that. We'll buy the movie tix for everyone. We will need several parent drivers, and a couple who would be willing to work clean-up crew after dinner. (We'll buy you a movie ticket... :) Parents, please let Barbara know if you can help. We can't wait to celebrate with you this Sunday!!

HYMNAL DEDICATIONS are still being accepted and name plates will be placed in each hymnal soon.

WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY will meet January 9 at 10:00.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK BREAKFAST is today at 10:00 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL classes will resume January 5.

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Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

5:00 and 11:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Worship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

11:00 a.m. - One Worship Service



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE: We have received 181 pledges with a total of \$772,576. The asking budget is \$903,141. Thank you to everyone who has turned in a pledge. 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!

Class of 2020

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeenan

Shawn Owens

Youth Elder: Katie Rogers

THE SESSION

Class of 2021

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