



The Order of Worship November 28, 2021
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshipping 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 share your contact information with us so we may be in touch. When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.

PRELUDE Zu Bethlehem geboren Helmut Walcha

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

(9:00) Phil and Judy Barnette
(11:00) Kathy and John Shilling

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Because of You, Righteous God, we begin our journey to Bethlehem,
People: trusting that You will lead us down the paths of faithfulness.
Leader: For You, Child Jesus, we wait,
People: on this day of anticipation and hope, in the days of doubt and worry.
Leader: With You, Spirit of Advent, we serve,
People: those for whom this season is not one of joy; those whose lives are empty of family and friends.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 393** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Dream On, Dream On *Dream On*
***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)
The chances we have to be more compassionate; the moments to offer hope to a lonely friend; the good fortune we could give to those who have so little. The signs are all around us, Good and Upright God, of how we fail to live as your people.
Do not meditate on our bungling ways, God of steadfast love, but Remember the mercy of Your heart. That mercy which forgives us; that mercy which makes us whole; and especially, that living mercy who came down one night so long ago, Jesus the Advent of our redemption.
***KYRIE ELEISON** Healey Willan

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
***RESPONSE** Gloria Patri No. 581 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Henry W. Greatorex

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 33:14-16
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Barbara Adamcik
Children age 3 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Sunday School.
SCRIPTURE READING Luke 21:25-36
SERMON “What are we waiting for?” Rev. Gradye Parsons
***HYMN NO. 394** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Soon and Very Soon *Soon and Very Soon*
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

We believe that God will come to us; that God will have the final word and that Word will be good, that this God will give us the presence of the Spirit to continue our work, that we are called to be disciples to all the corners of the earth, that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more, and all will gather at the Table to sing an endless and perfect “Alleluia!” Stephen Fearing

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 Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599 J. S. Bach
Come, Thou Savior of the Nations
(from Orgelbüchlein)

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 608 (*Glory to God* hymnal) *Tallis’ Canon*
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 748 (*Glory to God* 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. 82 (*Glory to God* hymnal) (11:00) Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus *Hyfrydol*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Veni Emmanuel*
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 thee, O Israel!

***POSTLUDE** Now Thank We All Our God, BWV 79 J. S. Bach
(from Cantata No. 79) arr. for organ by Virgil Fox

*Indicates standing.

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NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Penny Tschantz and Jack Carley
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR NOVEMBER: Kathy Shilling
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

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

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS: (11:00) Bud and Carolyn Cunningham
LITURGIST: Wanda Barber
SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Bryan and Rachel Powell
SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan
USHERS:
(9:00) Suzanne Graham and Kathy Huck
(11:00) Kristi and Andrew Gordon, Rob and Susan McKeehan, Judy Jorden

OUR THANKS to Theresa Pepin for serving as the organist this morning while Peter Van Eenam is away.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be held on Sunday, December 5 after the 9:00 am service. There will be several opportunities for you to purchase items for your loved ones during the advent season. You can support Olive Branch Olive Oil, Heifer International, FISH, Ukirk Coffee, Smile Train, Philanthropic Educational Organization, VMC and our youth ministries! More information posted on our bulletin boards.

FLOWER DEDICATIONS FOR 2022: There are several dates still available for 2022 for flower dedications. You can sign-up on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery.

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.

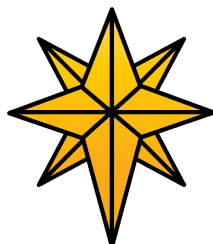
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE starts at 12:15 in the Fellowship Hall.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL: Here's a new Advent devotional! The Synod of Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda has put together a beautifully done interactive, Advent calendar for all ages, and they have made it available for churches to share. Go to this link:
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/17HgdR37Kec0tTN6YQNfKSE5W8oiVH96rpbPhDydZ-g/present?slide=id.p>
 You can open the first "box" on the first Sunday in Advent, November 28. Each video is about eight minutes long, and offers a story, song, or craft to watch. There might also be a downloadable instruction sheet or multi-sensory prayer or activity. There are also printed devotionals that connect well with the daily activities in the interactive calendar. There are some available in the Narthex.

There are also Advent Devotional booklets available in the Narthex, Hope-Full Living.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT AND KNOX YOUTH JAZZ CONCERT: Join us Wednesday, 12/8 at 5:30 for dinner and crafts. Dinner will be provided; Chick-fil-a and sides! We will have several holiday crafts to choose from in the Schilling Gallery. After crafting, the Knox Youth Jazz Orchestra will perform for everyone at 7:00.

THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE will be December 21 at 7:00 pm.



Join us, December 12
Outdoor Children's Progressive Christmas Play
3:00 PM

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

10:00 am

Wired Word

Meets in the library, discussion around current event topics with an eye and ear toward scripture

Feasting on the Word

This lectionary-based class meets in the pavilion.

Bible Study

The Adult Bible Study class is studying Amos in the McKinnon Room with a Zoom option.

Congregational Chat Zoom with John & Ibbie Muntz

Will meet Mondays at 7:00 pm, the link can be found in E-news.

ABBEY DEADLINE is today! Send all articles to tounitedprinters@comcast.net.

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS ON SUNDAYS: There are so many ways for children to be involved on Sunday mornings!

- **9:00 Worship:** Children 0-5 are welcome in the Nursery. Children 6+ remain in Worship
- **10:00 Hour:** Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery. Children 4-10 are invited to Fellowship Time downstairs.
- **11:00 Worship:** Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery. Children 3.5-4th grade remain in Worship until Time with the Children, then are walked downstairs for Primary and Intermediate Sunday school.

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.

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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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 Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

UNDER THE TREE HOLIDAY DRIVE: Please join us in collecting needed items as we strive to brighten the holiday season for those that we directly serve to either achieve or sustain their housing. Since VMC's mission is to end and prevent homelessness in Knoxville, Under the Tree serves those who are either working to achieve housing through VMC's low barrier housing focused emergency overnight shelter, The Foyer or have achieved their goal of housing at VMC's Permanent Supporting Housing Development, Minvilla Manor. There will be a collection box in the Schilling Gallery.

- Sweatpants and shirts
- Pullovers with hoods
- Socks
- Underwear
- Sports Bras
- Hats
- Gloves
- Assorted Hygiene Products
- Shampoo for different types of hair
- Bodywash
- Body lotion
- Adult Coloring Books
- Coloring Pencils

THE SESSION

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Bob Albiston	Jaclyn Beeler	Josh Birdwell
Janet Drumm	Jack Carley	Gloria Borum
Colleen Manrod	William Milam	Melanie Lewis
Charlie Mercer	Penny Tschantz	Lisa Oros
Leslie Versen	Bill Wiesehuegel	Chris Van Beke
Youth Elder: Sophia Manrod	Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap	

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