



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

January 2, 2022

11:00 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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.

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

PRELUDE Tintinnabulation Carillon George Schafer

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

People: **The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!**

Leader: Like sages from afar, come and behold your Christ!

People: **Let us fall on our knees in God’s honor! Let us lift our voices in praise of God’s name!**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 744 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Arise, Your Light Is Come! Festal Song

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-glorious God, we have faith in Jesus Christ, and love towards your people, yet we are not without blemish in your sight, not full of love, wisdom, and other spiritual blessings you still have available for us. Our love is not as inclusive as yours, and there is much we need to learn. Give us clearer vision of all that we are meant to be, so that by becoming fulfilled, we may increase the glory that is properly revealed in Jesus Christ, your beloved. Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574 (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*RESPONSE Gloria Patri No. 576 (blue hymnal) Jacques Berthier

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 31:7-14

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Kathleen Farnham

Children age 3 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-18

SERMON “Here We Go Again” Rev. Gradye Parsons

*HYMN NO. 515 (*Glory to God* hymnal) I Come with Joy Dove of Peace

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) 20th century South African Creed

We believe that God is at work in our world turning hopeless and evil situations into good. We believe that goodness and justice will triumph in the end and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever. One day tears will be wiped away; the lamb will lie down with the lion, and justice will roll down like a mighty stream. True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired, that are assured and guaranteed in Christ. This is our faith. This is our hope.

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.

OFFERTORY Prelude on the Introit for Epiphany Maurice Duruflé

*AT THE PRESENTATION

Hymn No. 63 (blue hymnal) As with Gladness Men of Old Dix
As they offered gifts most rare At that manger rude and bare; So may we with holy joy, Pure, and free from sin’s alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

COMMUNION LITURGY (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: A new year coming and God is with us, In loving and in caring, in hoping and expecting, God is with us and never lets us go.

People: **God live in us, God live with us, God live through us.**

Leader: God keep us faithful through the days that lie ahead

God keep us caring in the pain that fills your world

God keep us serving as we seek to do your will.

People: **God live in us, God live with us, God live through us.**

Leader: God keep us loving toward neighbors, near and far

God keep us trusting through the uncertainties of life

God keep us sharing your generous abundance

People: **God live in us, God live with us, God live through us.**

Leader: As we break bread together, as we drink from the same cup, unite us as people who are grateful for the journey, for each other’s company, and for your guiding presence. And hear us as we are bold to say together the prayer that Jesus taught....

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Congregation will come forward to receive the elements.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 769 (*Glory to God* hymnal) For Everyone Born For Everyone Born

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

*POSTLUDE Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella

Keith Chapman

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Leslie Versen and William Milam
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JANUARY: Bonny Naugher and Brenda Seip
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: Rob and Susan McKeehan

LITURGIST: Mary Boyd

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: David Owens

SENIOR USHER: Barbara Froula

USHERS: Buz Johnson, Mike Kaufman, Betty McKeehan, Darlen Milam, and Shirley Wittman

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by the Gawne family in honor of Mary Boyd, Barbara Adamick, Gradye Parsons, Peter Van Eenam, Allie Brewington, Melissa Everett, Renee Wiesehuegel, Daniel Lewis, Debbie Bendy, Karim Abdel-Alim and Shawn Haynes. Thank you all for your hard work.

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

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NAME TAG SUNDAY is EVERY Sunday. Please fill out a name tag in the Narthex.

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is today. Please email your articles to Debbie Bendy. Her email address is

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet January 6 in the Fellowship Hall at **10:00 am**.

NOTE the time change for this day! The evening class will resume January 24.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, January 11th beginning at 6:30 pm. The

Property ministry team will provide our refreshments.

THE FLOWERGUILD SCHEDULE is posted in the Schilling Gallery. Please sign up for a Sunday that you would like to honor someone or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$65 and is payable at the time of your donation. The guild appreciates your support!

SHOW AND WAMS activities and Sunday School will resume January 9.

ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, all ages, will resume on January 9.

The Work of Christmas

By: Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.

THE SESSION

Class of 2022

Bob Albiston
Janet Drumm
Colleen Manrod
Charlie Mercer
Leslie Versen
Youth Elder: Sophia Manrod

Class of 2023

Jaclyn Beeler
Jack Carley
William Milam
Penny Tschantz
Bill Wiesehuegel
Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Class of 2024

Josh Birdwell
Gloria Borum
Melanie Lewis
Lisa Oros
Chris Van Beke

TRUSTEES

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