



THE KING
OF KINGS
IS
DRAWING
NEAR

JOY

Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 17, 2017

3rd Sunday in Advent

11 AM

PRELUDE

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

————— *Tapestry of Light* —————

A CELTIC CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
BY JOSEPH M. MARTIN

1 *Carols of Hope and Light*

2 *Longing for the Light*

Lynda Berg and Richard LeSueur, soloists

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Praise to God the Father be; praise eternal Son to Thee.

With the Spirit we adore, always and forevermore.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

3 *An Advent Garden*

4 *The Holy Child of Mary*

5 *O Wondrous Night*

Ron Fairchild, soloist

6 *A Celtic Noel*

Advent Candle Lighting

We Light the Advent Candles (hymn #175, vv. 1, 4)

7 *Carols of the Quest*

8 *A Celtic Gloria*

Prayers of the people and 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.

Offering of Self and Substance

Offertory

9 Bethlehem Light

Dot MacArthur, soloist

Doxology (hymn tune: IN DULCE JUBILO) and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

With the angels let us sing "Glory" to the coming king.

The word made flesh shall soon appear;

Prepare your hearts, the time is near.

Come Emmanuel, O Come Emmanuel!

10 *Carols of Celebration*

Benediction

...and let all God's people say, "**Alleluia! Amen!**"

Orchestra Members

VIOLIN Martha Froseth,
Susan Morrison

VIOLA Linda Speck

CELLO Carol Gagliardi

FLUTE Melissa-Kay Grey,
Caroline Hirth

CLARINET Marcia Anderson,
Anne Ormand

OBOE Ion-seng Fong

BASSOON Shari Anason

FRENCH HORN Clare Bowman

TRUMPET Carl Engelke

TROMBONES AND EUPHONIUM
The Franklin family

HARP Gail Arnold

PERCUSSION The Klooster family

PIANO Sachiko Nyquist

Carol and Bob Hufnagel provided our sanctuary flowers in gratitude for their children and grandchildren.



Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church

We thank you for choosing to worship here today, and hope you experience God's presence and love. There is a place for everyone at Westminster.

This is a congregation that reaches out to the community and to the world through its work in local and global mission. It provides many opportunities for spiritual growth through study and practical application of the Christian message. It is serious about prayer and caring for those in need. It is an authentic faith community that offers fellowship and encouragement on life's journey. It welcomes all who seek deeper meaning in their lives.

More information is available on our website (www.westpresa2.org) or in the main entry. Sign up on our web site to receive our monthly newsletter, weekly email updates and more. Office hours for the pastor are 1–3 PM, Mon–Thurs; for Office Manager Margaret Compton and for Assistant Financial Secretary April Wright, 9 AM–3 PM, Mon–Fri.



————— *This Week's News* —————

Shopping bags of nonperishable food and personal and household items dedicated with our offering today will be given to Hope Clinic's food pantry.

Morning and evening worship on December 24: Worship at 9:30 AM celebrates the fourth Sunday in Advent with a carol sing, an Advent message and prayers. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship is at 7:30 PM.

Winter Clothing Drive for Riverside Community Gathering: Donate winter gloves, scarves, socks and long underwear (please no hats) for guests at this weekly dinner. Place donations in the collection bin in the fellowship hall entry.

Christmas Joy Offering, a PC (USA) offering received during Advent, gives assistance to current and retired church workers in need and develops future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

Join our young people in supporting Hope Clinic by bringing these items to the fellowship hall entry: laundry detergent and spices for the food pantry; HE detergent for the clients' laundry area (powder or pods); and board games for 10- to 17-year-olds.

Recycle, reuse and help our youths shine the light of Christ! We need clean (labels removed) glass jars for making new candles from partially-used tapers in the craft supplies room. Glass canning jars are preferred; please place jars in the collection bin near the library.

Thank you to all who donated gifts and cash for our deacon-sponsored family gift baskets. You've brightened four local homes with grace and joy and love.

Ring in the New Year at Westminster: Sunday, December 31, 6–10 PM, we'll enjoy a fun-filled evening together. We'll have a simple dinner, games and conversation, and a video. Please sign up in the fellowship hall entry and plan to bring a game and a snack to share.

First Sunday Dinner, January 7, extends the grace and love of the Lord's table, with fellowship and a home-cooked meal, after worship. Wednesday Dinners resume on January 10. All are welcome at both meals!

Kitchen crew flees to Florida, January–April. *We need extra help* to prepare and clean up at First Sunday Dinners (January 7, February 4 and March 4), and at Wednesday Dinners. Please contact Phoebe Vance (vance3223@gmail.com or 734-971-4870) to volunteer.

☞ ————— *Poinsettias for Our Sanctuary* ————— ☜

Bryce Babcock, in memory of Josie Babcock

Lynda Berg, in memory of James K. Berg

Sue and Al Flynn; Joanne, Jane, Alice and Fred Keeling, in memory of Edith, Richard and Thomas Carbeck, and Ken Keeling

Olivia and Patsy Gregory, in memory of Paul Clark

Barb and Randy Greschaw, in honor of their families

JoAnn, Lauren, Caroline and Rich Hirth, in memory of Theresia Hirth

Margaret Klammer, in honor of her Westminster friends

Bill Kuhn, in memory of Dorothy Kuhn

Suzanne and Ralph Lange, in memory of Virginia and Harper Maybee

Brian Myers, in memory of all those lost to AIDS

☞ ————— *Poinsettias for Those at Home* ————— ☜

Gail Arnold, in memory of John L. Tyler

Lynda Berg, in celebration of Christmas

The Compton Family, in memory of Richard Compton

Marilyn and Dave Drake, in memory of loved ones

Connie and Gordon George, in celebration of Christmas

Barb and Randy Greschaw, in memory of their parents

Suzanne and Ralph Lange, in memory of Sally and Stratton Lange and Margery Lange

Dorothy MacArthur, in memory of John and Donald MacArthur

April and Dave Wright, in honor of Marilyn Wright and their children and grandson

April and Dave Wright, in memory of Bill Wright, Grace and Happy Mitchell, and grandson Elias Andrew Wright



☞ ————— *This Week at a Glance* ————— ☞

TODAY, DECEMBER 17

Classes for children, youths and adults, 9:30 AM
Coffee and conversation, 10:30 AM
Worship, 11 AM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

Young Adults, 6:30 PM
Mary Martha Small Group, 7 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Disciple 4, 9:30 AM
Riverside Community Gathering, 4:45 PM
Bell choir rehearsal, 6:15 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Morning worship: the fourth Sunday in Advent, 9:30 AM
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, 7:30 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY
Church offices closed through January 2

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Worship, 11 AM
New Years' Eve at Westminster, 6 PM

☞ ————— *Opportunities to Learn and Grow* ————— ☞

Old Testament Bible study meets Sundays at 9:30 AM in room 34 on the lower level.

Book study: *How Jesus Saves the World from Us: 12 Antidotes to Toxic Christianity*, by Morgan Guyton, starts Sunday, January 7, at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall.

Mary Martha Small Group meets on the first and third Mondays of each month, 7–8:30 PM. Please contact Sharon Flynn (sflynn@comcast.net or 734-663-0556).

Women's Bible Study Group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, 1–2:30 PM. Please contact Alice Chambers (a2alice@comcast.net or 971-4440).

Thursday Book Group meets (during the school year) 1–2:30 PM in room 118. Please contact Sue Flynn for more information (cafelapeninsula@comcast.net or 734-761-7765).

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