

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN



NOV 30 AT 11AM

HOPE

first sunday of advent

We Come Into God's Presence with Joy

Life of the Church

Prelude

O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel

by Mark Hayes

Advent Candle Lighting

Suzanne and Ralph Lange

Together, we affirm our hope in Christ.

**Today, we choose to live in hope,
believing that the time of God's reign has come
and is coming among us.**

Song of Response

A Candle is Burning

**A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
A candle of hope in December's dark night,
While angels sing blessings from heaven's dark sky,
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.**

* Hymn #82

*Come, Thou
Long-Expected Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

Call to Confession

* *You are invited to stand as you are able.*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, our lives are not always brimming with hope. We cry out for solace, for rest, for strength; we feel anger at harm we see perpetrated in your name; we turn away from those who suffer, and we scorn those who bring suffering upon others. We are lost and demoralized, aching for the hope in your Word, and yet when you speak, we do not hear. We do not quiet the spirit within or allow your peace to fall upon us. We root ourselves in devastation when true strength is born out of your tender grace. Forgive us, God, for abandoning hope in favor of fear and a desire for retribution.

Adapted from a prayer by Maria Mankin

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

In our anger and despair,
God meets us with hope.

When we see no other way,
God points us to new life.

In Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and called.

Thanks be to God for this hope and this promise.

* Passing the Peace

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

* Song of Response

Gloria Patri

GLORIA

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

With the Spirit we adore, always and forevermore.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word **Matthew 24:36-44**

Cathy Daniels, liturgist

Anthem

Come, O Rose

by Daniel Greig

Westminster Choir;

Gail Arnold and Eric Klooster, percussion

We will keep our eyes fixed on Jesus 'till he comes again.

We will wait on him, wait with hope, 'till he comes again.

Come, O rose of Sharon, come, O prince of peace.

Come, O rose of Sharon, come, Emmanuel.

We will reach our hands out in service 'till he comes again.

We will dry the tears of one another 'till he comes again!

Come, O rose of Sharon, come, O prince of peace.

Come, O rose of Sharon, come, Emmanuel.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

A Moment to Wonder

Children are invited to come forward for a short lesson on the chancel steps.

Second Reading of the Word **Isaiah 2:1-5**

Sermon

A Vision of Hope

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

We Respond to God's Word

* Preparation for Prayer *Emmanuel*

† **Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.**

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 and Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

I Wonder as I Wander

by Jay Rouse

† *You are welcome to sign as you are comfortable and able.
We include this practice as a way to engage our whole selves in worship.*

* Song of Response

Doxology

IN DULCI JUBILO

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
With all 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!**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #88

*O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL
(v 1-2, 6-7)

We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

And let all God’s people say:

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

*Praise Ye
the Lord of Hosts
from “Christmas Oratorio”*

by Camille Saint-Saens

This Week's News

Deacon Christmas Baskets: The Westminster Deacons are once again working with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to help two families this Christmas. See the link in your Friday Email or visit our website for more info and to sign up to provide a gift. Please bring all gifts to Westminster by December 14. Thank you for your generosity and care!

Caroling and Cocoa is coming up on Friday, December 5! We will gather inside and sing around the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30-7pm. All are then welcome to stick around for Game Night immediately following. Cookies and hot cocoa will be provided! Invite friends and family for this time of joyful holiday music!

Mark your calendars for Advent Dinner: Our Westminster Advent Dinner will be on Wednesday, December 10. We will enjoy appetizers starting at 5:30pm with dinner together at 6pm. Afterwards, we will move into the sanctuary for a Christmas hymn-sing! Please sign up on the bulletin board to help us plan. This is a great event for inviting your family, friends, and neighbors!

Poinsettias will be available for purchase online now through December 10. These red poinsettia plants will be two-stemmed, with gold foil and a lovely bow in a 7.5" pot. Watch for the link in your Friday email or visit our website to purchase plants either for you to have at home, or for a deacon to deliver to a Westminster at-home member. The price this year is \$16.

As in the past you can indicate if you want your poinsettia to be "in memory of" or "in honor of" a special person. Be sure to add their name to your order so that we can list them in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Poinsettias for your home will be available to take after the Christmas Eve service.

Grow in Faith and Friendship

Reading Through the Bible Group meets Sundays at 9:30am in Room 34 and via Zoom. Contact Marcia Anderson (hilden.anderson@gmail.com; 734-757-4305) for more information.

Sunday Morning Adult Ed meets in the fellowship hall at 9:30am.

Children and Youth Faith Formation meets on the second Sunday of each month at 9:30am. Contact Cathy Daniels (catld1121@gmail.com) for more info.

Monday Conversations are weekly at 1pm online: an opportunity to discuss Sunday's sermon in a small group. The Zoom invitation is in the *Friday Good Things* and Sunday podcast emails.

Mary Martha Group meets the first and third Mondays at 7pm via Zoom. Contact Margaret Klammer (mklammer@comcast.net) for more information.

Matthew 25 Study Group meets at 7pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. For meeting information, please contact Elizabeth Tidd (lizbeth0405@yahoo.com) or Carol Hufnagel (carol.hufnagel@tetrattech.com).

Thursday Book Club meets weekly at 1pm at Westminster and over Zoom. Contact Linda Harnisch for more information (rlharnisch@gmail.com).

We pray for our Westminster family

Ongoing needs: Donna Greyerbiehl, Kathy Kamm, Elke Kramer

For deacon care, contact your deacon directly or send an email to the deacon moderator, Janet Eaton (jmfeaton@umich.edu). To list prayer requests here, in the *Friday Good Things Are Happening* email, or Prayer Chain, contact Jill Fairchild (jill@thefairchilds.net or 734-417-0816). You can join our email prayer chain by contacting Jill. To keep us current, please share updates on those for whom we are praying.

Welcome to Westminster

Our Values: Love, Compassion, Connection, Inclusion, Earth-Care, Service

Our Mission: Show the love of Jesus Christ by welcoming everyone, without exception, into the full life of the church; participating in the joyful worship of God; engaging in regular study, reflection, prayer and sharing of our faith; committing ourselves and our resources to the spiritual and physical needs of our church family and neighbors near and far; seeking to be a good neighbor in our neighborhood.

Sunday worship podcasts are at bit.ly/westpres_online.

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