

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN



DEC 7 AT 11AM

Peace

second sunday of advent

We Come Into God's Presence with Joy

Life of the Church

Prelude

*Come, Thou
Long-Expected Jesus*

by Chuck Marhonic

Advent Candle Lighting

Betty & Bruce Chaffee

Together, we affirm our peace in Christ.

**Today, we choose to live the story of peace,
believing that true peace comes when we
seek the flourishing of all God's creation.**

Song of Response

A Candle is Burning

**A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.
For Jesus is coming to show us the way,
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.**

* Hymn #129

*Lo, How a Rose
E'er Blooming*

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Call to Confession

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

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gentle God, it has been too long since your people have known peace. We turn away from the ugliness hidden behind closed doors, from the ravages of war, from the famine and genocide that stalk our siblings around the world. We've lost hope, lost our faith in the possibility of a small act's power to change. We talk and talk, all the while forgetting that we are not just your mouthpiece, but your hands and feet. Remind us, Redeemer, how to show up for justice. Teach us how to transform this ragged hope into peace for all.

Adapted from a prayer by Maria Mankin

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

* 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!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word

Isaiah 11:1-10

Connie George, liturgist

Anthem

Benedictus

by Dan Forrest

Westminster Choir

Benedictus, Benedictus, blessed is our Lord.
Benedictus, Benedictus, welcome His Incarnate Word.

Chosen first among the priests to serve within the temple walls,
Zacharias stood in awe when he heard the angel call.

Benedictus, Benedictus, blessed is our Lord.
Benedictus, Benedictus, welcome His Incarnate Word.

“Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, will come to raise salvation’s horn.

“God incarnate, Word made flesh, to a virgin shall be born.”

Benedictus, Benedictus, blessed is our Lord.
Benedictus, Benedictus, welcome His Incarnate Word.

Christ brings light to sin’s dark night: Our Dayspring, Jesus from high,
Saints and angels sing God’s praise. All the earth and Heaven’s reply:

Benedictus, Benedictus, blessed is our Lord.
Benedictus, Benedictus, welcome His Incarnate Word.

A Moment to Wonder

Children are invited to come forward for a short lesson in front of the Christmas tree.

Second Reading of the Word Matthew 3:1-11

Sermon

*Heavenly Peace:
Silent Nights or
Shouting Prophets?*

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

We Respond to God's Word

* Song of Response *Emmanuel*

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

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

† *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.

*...Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels and archangels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

Song of Response #552 *Holy, Holy, Holy*
**Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Song of Response #553 *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Unison Prayer after Communion

Loving God, we thank you for these gifts of bread and cup. May this meal be a source of courage, comfort, and care as we prepare to rise from this table and live into our calling as peacemakers in your name. Amen.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Of the Father's Love
Begotten*

by Mark Hayes

* 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 #87

*Comfort, Comfort
Now My People*

GENEVAN 42

We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

And let all God's people say:

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

Organ Motet
on "Veni Emmanuel"

by John Hebden
Schaffner

This Week's News

Only a few days left to order Poinsettias 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.

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!

Advent Dinner: Our Westminster Advent Dinner will be this coming 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!

Christmas Eve: Our Westminster Christmas Eve service will be Wednesday, 12/24 at 7pm. All friends, family, and neighbors are welcome to join us for this special service. Let us gather together and welcome the Advent of Christ!

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: Fran Bolhouse, Cara Doane, Anne Gensheimer

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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