



Welcome to Worship



November 27, 2022

The mission of Westminster Presbyterian Church:
Creatively sharing Christ's love; we welcome, we serve, we grow.

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Traditional Service—November 27, 2022

PRELUDE		Ariana Recher
WELCOME		Pastor Kelly
*INTROIT	Prepare the Way of the Lord	Hymnal #95
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		Shawna, Amelia, and Mylah Clowser
Readers:	Today we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of Hope. We put our hope in the one to come, the promised one who comes from God to bring good news of salvation. We hope in the one who will lead us to walk in the light of the LORD. We hope he will not let us live in dark valleys, but on the high mountain of God. We light this candle in Hope.	
All:	On this day, we remember to hopefully look for the coming of Christ.	
Readers:	Let us pray: Faithful God, out of war's chaos, you bring the order of peace. Renew us in hope, that we may work toward Christ's advent of peace among all nations. God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come. Amen.	
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Lynnea Lyman, Worship Assistant
Leader:	I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Giver of hope!"	
All:	We come today with eager expectation. Our feet are standing within God's gates.	
Leader:	Come, let us go up to the mountain that the Giver may teach us the way of peace.	
All:	We come today with holy expectation. Our hands are lifted with grateful praise.	
Leader:	We gather at the edge of the throne of justice.	
All:	Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!	
*HYMN	Prepare the Way, O Zion	Hymnal #106
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Worship Assistant
All:	In a world full of hopelessness, we have sometimes forgotten that you are our hope, dear God. Consumed by the chaos of the world, we lean into helplessness instead of your loving embrace. We cling to the stony roads and the bitter rods felt in days when unborn hope had died; we've forgotten that you promised us hope for a future. So, stimulate our memory, dear God. Remind us of that hope you assured us of. Be with us as we cling to it in the midnight hours of waiting. Amen.	
ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS	Christ, Be Our Light (refrain only)	Hymnal #314
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Advent Alleluia</i>	Chancel Choir
*PASSING OF THE PEACE		
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 40:1-15	Worship Assistant

SERMON	Reflecting the Sacred: Time	Pastor Kelly
*HYMN	O Come, O Come Emmanuel	Hymnal #88 (vs 1, 2, 6, 7)
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER		Pastor Kelly
OFFERING		Worship Assistant
*DOXOLOGY	GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME	Hymnal #582
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Worship Assistant
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Worship Assistant
MOMENT FOR MISSION—STEPHEN MINISTERS		
*HYMN	My Soul Cries Out	Hymnal #100
*BLESSING		Pastor Kelly
POSTLUDE		Ariana Recher



WEEK ONE:
SACRED TIME

We begin our Advent journey by emphasizing the gift of being awake to the "now"... the gift of sacred time with God, with each other, and with those in need of hope.

"I have never been separate from God, nor can I be, except in my mind." (page 44, The Universal Christ)

How I can stay present with others this week
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Prelude

Welcome

Opening Songs

Lighting of the Advent Candle
(Kelsey, James, Katelyn, and Diana Weber)

Prayer of Confession

While We Are Waiting, Come

Announcements
(Nancy MacMorris-Adix, Worship Assistant)

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-15
Sermon: Reflecting the Sacred—Time

Prayers of the People

Offering

Announcements
Moment for Mission - Stephen Ministers

Prepare the Way

Blessing

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ADVENT CRAFT FAIR - TODAY 3-5 PM

Join us on TODAY from 3-5 pm for our annual Advent Craft Event. Come ready to create your own Advent wreath and other fun pieces as we begin our preparations for the season. ALL AGES are invited this year—we'll provide crafts for adults to make as well as for children. As always, there will be gingerbread houses for the young and young at heart. This lively event is free, and always a great time!



CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

A child protection training session will take place on Sunday Dec. 4th at 10:30 in Russell Hall. This is a great opportunity to get this training taken care of if you think you'll be working with children at the church any time in the next five years!

CUB SCOUT CHRISTMAS WREATH FUNDRAISER

DECEMBER 4TH: If you ordered a wreath from the Scouts, remember December 4th is the only pick-up day! The wreaths will be at the church during our two worship services. See you there!

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO GEORGE GENEVRO

Thank you for your contributions to a really successful food drive on George's behalf!

SEASONAL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

- Take a tag from the Caring Tree in the narthex and fulfill somebody's wish list!
- Check out the Presbyterian Giving Catalog in narthex or online.
- Give to the Christmas Joy Offering (in person or online)





CHRISTMAS JOURNEYS

In place of a traditional children's Christmas pageant this year, we are going to try something new. On the evening of December 11th, we will have an intergenerational Christmas journey through the church grounds hearing, telling, and living the Nativity story together. We will move from station to station outdoors following the journeys of Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, the magi, and more – including music, dancing, and beloved scenes from the Christmas story.

While children are invited and encouraged to participate, I especially invite youth and adults of all ages to lend your talents both before and during the event. Opportunities to help will include scenery design and setup, adult sized costumes to be found or made, spotlight (flashlight) operators, characters in costume with spoken lines, angel dancers, and more! ***If you are interested in helping bring this event to life or just have questions, please contact me. –Terri Crall***



John Brody Memorial Blood Drive - Dec. 19th

The next blood drive is scheduled for:
Monday, December 19th from
1:00PM—6:00PM.

Contact Bill Nelson to schedule a donation time:

bnelson@pacifcomm.net

OR go to:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

JOYS & BLESSINGS

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- ◆ Pat Randle, who had an illness and a fall last week, and is awaiting more information on her heart surgery.
- ◆ Bill Hubble, who is on his 3rd chemotherapy medication
- ◆ Barbara Tallman, who is in hospice at Bonaventure
- ◆ Nancy Mussman asks for prayers for brother, Mike Mussman, with upcoming heart surgery on Dec 1.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Bill Hruska, Duff Kannier, Mather's great-grandson, James Pratt and his parents, Dick Stephens, Cynthia Curran, Bill Hubble

- ◆ Sheila Powell and her husband Tom, as Tom continues to undergo treatment for cancer.