



# Welcome to Worship



**December 10, 2023**

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

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PRELUDE

Ariana Recher

WELCOME

Pastor Kelly

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Faust, Worship Assistant

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Christmas Joy Offering

SONG

**While We Are Waiting, Come**

LIGHTING OF THE WREATH

Teri, Curran, Torin, & Conlan Mohney

\*SONG

**My Soul Magnifies**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*SONG

**On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**

Hymnal #96

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Away in a Manger*

New Song Children's Chime Choir

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God of laughter, God of open front doors and family reunions,  
We confess that we often doubt good news.

**All: We move through this world waiting for the other shoe to drop,  
Waiting for life to fall apart,  
Waiting for our humanity to get the best of us.**

Leader: Instead of leaning into joy, we lean into scarcity.

**All: We lean into fear.  
We lean into isolation.**

Leader: Forgive us for forgetting that joy is amplified when shared.

**All: Heal the wounds we have from past hurts,  
And teach us how to throw open our doors like Elizabeth.  
Show us how to find joy in connection.  
Amen.**

TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE (SUNG)

**Grace of God Be With Us**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*The Moon of Wintertime*

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:1-11

Worship Assistant

SERMON

Pastor Kelly

\*SONG

**Messiah**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNAL PRAYER

**Gracious God, when those days come,  
When the waters of fear rise,  
When isolation steals our joy,  
Comfort us.  
Comfort us like a shepherd with their flock.  
Gather us into your arms and carry us to safer ground  
That we might experience joy in the ways you have in store for us.  
And until that promised day  
We will do our best to keep finding one another.  
We will do our best to open the door to one another, to you,  
And to the joy that connection brings.**

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

Worship Assistant

Hymnal #582

Worship Assistant

\*SONG

**Prepare the Way, O Zion**

Hymnal #106

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Kelly

\*BLESSING

**Christ, Be Our Light**

POSTLUDE

Ariana Recher

\*Stand as you are able

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*Staffed nursery is available for children under three years of age. Ask an usher or greeter for directions.*

Today's sanctuary flowers are provided by Laurie Hain in honor of Marty Hugh Adams.

*Teal colored attendance pads are at the center aisle of your row. Please fill it out and pass it down the row, returning it to the center when done. Leave completed sheets on your seat as you leave.*