

Welcome to Worship



December 8, 2024

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 Matt Crall, Worship Assistant

SONG Christ Be Our Light

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*SONG Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*SONG Prepare the Way, O Zion Hymnal #106

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit, alight within us your flame of peace this day. Grant us openness to hear your message. Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world, creating more peace in the midst of fear. Amen.

ASSURANCE (SUNG) Grace of God Be With Us

Special Music Let There Be Peace On Earth Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-56 Worship Assistant, Dick Hughes,

(adapted from *The Voice* translation) Rachelle Hughes, and Susan Ray

SERMON Pastor Kelly

SONG My Soul Magnifies

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE COMMUNAL PRAYER

God of Blissful Serenity, as you move about your Realm on Earth, you desire our prayers to come alive. Knowing the hopes of our hearts, you call us to create action that will help our neighbors. Joy abounds when we can transform a prayer from thoughts to concrete actions, blessing our siblings across our world. Amen.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY (Tune: O Come, O Come Emmanuel Hymnal #88)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all Spirit messengers below.

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*SONG Now the Heavens Start to Whisper Hymnal #94
*BENEDICTION Pastor Kelly
POSTLUDE Ariana Recher

^{*}PRAYER OF DEDICATION

