



Welcome to Worship



December 24, 2023

Advent 4 Service

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

Steve Kandra, Worship Assistant

SONG

While We Are Waiting, Come

LIGHTING OF THE WREATH

Scott and Tony Butterfield

*SONG

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Hymnal #136 (vs. 1 & 3)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*SONG

People, Look East

Hymnal #105 (vs. 1, 4, 5)

CONFESSION

**Holy God,
More days than not, hope feels like the rain.
We try to hold onto it with cupped hands,
but eventually, it slips right on through.
Forgive us for holding hope so loosely.
Forgive us for allowing the realities of today to define tomorrow.
We know that this world needs people of hope, so today we pray:
turn us into those people.
Teach us how to sing Mary's song of hope for the world.
With open hearts we pray, amen.**

*ASSURANCE (SUNG)

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Hymnal #108 (vs. 1)

SCRIPTURE

from Luke 1
(*The Children's Bible*)

Worship Assistant

SERMON

Pastor Kelly

*SONG

Love Has Come

Hymnal #110 (vs. 1-2)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNAL PRAYER

**God with us—
The one who takes us from the tent to the throne—
The one who prepares places for us
And promises rest from our enemies—
We open our hearts and souls to the beauty of your kingdom.
We seek to hear the precious news once again
That we might be continually renewed, transformed, and awed by your abundant
Love, everlasting peace, miraculous hope, and quenchless joy.
May our praise and prayers be pleasing to you.
May our lives reflect the beauty you have born in us. Amen.**

OFFERING
*DOXOLOGY
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God Came Down

Worship Assistant
Hymnal #137 (vs. 1 & 4)
Worship Assistant

*SONG

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymnal #119

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Kelly

*BLESSING

Christ, Be Our Light

POSTLUDE

Ariana Recher

*Stand as you are able

Prayers by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

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