



Welcome to Worship



December 17, 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

Steve Chambers, Worship Assistant

SONG

While We Are Waiting, Come

LIGHTING OF THE WREATH

LeAnn, Mike, Elena Goodenberger &
Elijah Bbayaga

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*SONG

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hymnal #82

OFFERING

CHRISTMAS LITANY

In God's house, we can be joyful.

We can be grateful.

We can be hopeful.

In God's house, we can be weary.

We can be anxious.

We can be grieving.

In God's house, we can be honest—

Inspired or tired,

Delighted or doubtful,

Connected or curious,

And everything in between.

This is God's house. You are welcome exactly as you are.

Let us worship our loving God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:1-7

Worship Assistant &
Pastor Kelly

CANTATA

My Heart Shall Sing

Chancel Choir
& Strings

BENEDICTION

Pastor Kelly

REPRISE

Angels from the Realms of Glory

POSTLUDE

*Stand as you are able

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

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.

PROGRAM NOTES

In an instant, the Christ Child disrupted the world: the wicked would bend a knee and the weak would arise.
Christ *was* the anticipated warrior they believed to have come, however, His weapon was not of iron.
Radiant LOVE was the tool of choice. It was incomparable to any other.

Go forth, share your song, and never let your voice ween.

~ *My Heart Shall Sing* ~



Musicians

Westminster Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ariana Recher, *collaborative pianist*

Dr. Angie Willoughby, *organ*

Dr. Juan Sebastian Lopez Mahecha & Julie Rundquist, *violin*

Veronica Johnson, *viola*

Charlie Patton, *cello*

Linda McCreery, *bodhran*

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My Heart Shall Sing

A Christmas Cantata



17 December 2023 - 10AM

Dr. Jeffrey Larkin, conductor

Westminster Chancel Choir

Ariana Recher, piano

Dr. Angie Willoughby, organ

...for the world is about to turn...

My Heart Shall Sing

Concerto Grosso, Op. 6, No. 8 Arcangelo Corelli
Fatto per la notte di Natale

Polar Ola Gjeilo

O Come, O Come Emmanuel arr. Jeffrey Larkin
Adapted from *The Piano Guys*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear!
Rejoice! Emmanuel,
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Come, O bright and morning star,
And bring us comfort from afar.
Dispel the shadows of the night,
And turn our darkness into light.
Rejoice! Emmanuel,
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Chad Fothergill

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descending
cones full homage to demand.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way;
as the Light of light, descending
from the realms of endless day,
comes, the pow'rs of hell to vanquish,
as the darkness clears away.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
in the body and the blood.
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

At His feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Sing Gently Eric Whitacre

May we sing together,
Always,
May our voice be soft,
May our singing be music for others,
And may it keep others aloft.

May we stand together,
Always,
May our voice be strong,
May we hear the singing, always,
And may we always sing along.

Sing gently, always,
Sing gently as one.

Sing gently, always,
Sing gently as one.

My Heart Shall Sing arr. Karen Marroli

My heart shall sing of the day you bring,
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

The wealthy, you humble. The hungry, you fill.
The prideful, you scatter. The anxious you still.
When darkness holds all sway,
and the world falls into night,
O lead us into day, to the Child of Light.

The loud shall fall silent, the silent shall speak,
The weak be made mighty, and the mighty made weak
When tyrants shake with wrath,
O lift us meek and mild,
To walk the peaceful path to the Holy Child.
The unseen shall be seen; the unheard shall be heard!

Disrupt our world! Disturb our souls!
Let those in comfort feel affliction!
Unsettle all who have ever dwelt secure!
Secure the frail in firm conviction!

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
adn to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to fight,
For the world is about to turn.

From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are table spread; every mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.

Our hearts cry for healing, Our souls thirst for song.
Our hands crave true labor, to vanquish all wrong.
When Creation burns with scorn,
when we hear the drums of hate,
remind us love is born in the child we await.

The Crossing Ola Gjeilo

Angels From the Realms of Glory arr. Dan Forrest

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth.
Ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship. Worship Christ the newborn King!

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar.
Seek the great Desire of Nations,
Ye have seen His natal star.
Come and worship. Worship Christ the newborn King!

Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship. Worship Christ, the newborn King!

All creation join in praising,
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising,
To th'eternal Three in One!
Come and Worship! Worship Christ, the newborn King!