



The Order of Worship December 5, 2021
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshipping here with the goal of connecting faith and life. If you are a visitor, we pray you will feel welcome and blessed by our worship. We invite you to consider making Westminster your church home. Please share your contact information with us so we may be in touch. When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.

PRELUDE Rorate caeli Jeanne Demessieux
Drop Down Dew, Ye Heavens
(from Twelve Chorale Preludes on Gregorian Chant Themes for Organ, Op. 8)

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

(9:00) Colleen and Ehren Manrod
(11:00) The Beeler Family

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the lonely places, the wilderness, where we stand forlorn, windswept and alone, Your voice calls out.
People: Prepare a way for the Lord.
Leader: In the dark places, the shadows where we hide our fears, embrace our tears, Your voice calls out.
People: Prepare a way for the Lord.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 106 (Glory to God hymnal) Prepare the Way, O Zion
Bereden väg för Herran

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
Merciful God, hear our confession. These times in which we live are often confusing and fearful. We are pushed to make preparations for a season

which is supposed to bring hope and peace; yet we crowd it with obligations and stresses and shut the door to your healing love and compassion. We find ourselves being on edge, fretful, unable to experience the wonders of your love. You answer our fears with your voice, "Peace, be still". Help us to hear you. Slow us down. Encourage us to listen rather than shout, to stop and rest rather than run. Forgive us where we fail in matters of peace and justice, and enable us to respond with compassion to people in need; for in helping others and reaching out in love we give true Christmas presence. These things we pray in the name of the One who is, who was, and who is to come, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON Healey Willan

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
*RESPONSE Gloria Patri No. 581 (Glory to God hymnal) Henry W. Greatorex

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Malachi 3:1-5
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Kathy Parsons
Children age 3 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 3:1-6
SERMON "Be careful what you ask for" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips
*HYMN NO. 87 (Glory to God hymnal) Comfort, Comfort Now My People Genevan 42

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)
Creed of the United Church of Canada (Reformed)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

THE OFFERING
Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. Though many of us contribute online or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
(9:00) Ave Maria Jehan Alain
Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum, benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and

blessed is the fruit of your womb. Holy Mary, mother of God, intercede on our behalf for our sins, now and at the time of our death. Amen.

Luke 1:28,42 and Pope Pius V
Meredith Mackay, Soprano
(11:00) Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God G. F. Handel
Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God, Thy truth unseal. Thy love reveal. Lord, hear Thou in mercy our prayer to Thee. Come in Thy might. Send forth Thy light. For Thee we long. Hear Thou our prayer. To Thee be glory now and evermore.

*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology No. 608 (Glory to God hymnal) Tallis' Canon
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 748 (Glory to God hymnal))
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
(Prayer continues)... to the glory of your name.
Hymn No. 347 (Glory to God hymnal)
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Verse 1) Picardy
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 descendeth, our full homage to demand.
(Prayer continues)... We proclaim the mystery of faith.
Hymn No. 347 (Glory to God hymnal)
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Verse 2) Picardy
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 heavenly food.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Veni Emmanuel
O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!
*POSTLUDE Partita XI Georg Böhm
(from the chorale partita on Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele)
O My Soul, Be Glad and Joyful

*Indicates standing.

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NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Lisa Oros and Charlie Mercer
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

PLEASE place your bulletin into a blue recycling bin located at the Narthex door if you do not care to take it home.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Elena Bell and Elizabeth Morrison

GREETERS: (11:00) Mary Lou Crow and Carol Beilharz

LITURGIST: Mary Boyd

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: William Milam

SENIOR USHER: Alice Mercer

USHERS:

(9:00) Leslie Versen and David Woodall

(11:00) Alice and Charlie Mercer, Charles Van Beke, Rob and Susan McKeehan

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit today in celebration of Hayes McCall Fortney, born to parents, Stephen and Sarah Fortney and brother Graham on November 29.

OUR THANKS to Meredith Mackay for her enrichment of our worship this morning at the 9:00 service.

JEANNE DEMESSIEUX (1921-1968), the French concert organist, pianist, composer, and pedagogue is recognized as one of the organ world’s greatest prodigies. Legendary organist Marcel Dupré hailed her as “the greatest organist of all generations.” In 1933, she was appointed titular organist at Saint-Esprit, a post she would hold for 29 years. Between 1936 and 1939 she studied organ privately with Dupré, whose organ class at the Paris Conservatoire she joined in 1939. In 1962, Jeanne Demessieux was appointed titular organist at La Madeleine in Paris. This morning’s prelude is based on the Gregorian chant and its Isaiah 45:8 text, sung during Advent.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT AND KNOX YOUTH JAZZ CONCERT: Join us Wednesday, 12/8 at 5:30 for dinner and crafts. Dinner will be provided; Chick-fil-a and sides! We will have several holiday crafts to choose from in the Schilling Gallery. After crafting, the Knox Youth Jazz Orchestra will preform for everyone at 7:00.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE: We have received 114 out of our 274 family unit pledges with a total of \$599,042. Last year we received 175 pledges for \$791,373. Thank you to everyone who has turned in a pledge. Everyone's pledges and time and talents combined will help Westminster Presbyterian Church continue its present ministry as well as discover new paths to spread the love of our wonderful Lord and Savior! If you haven’t had the opportunity yet to turn in your pledge, there are extra cards in the narthex. You are needed and appreciated!



ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR starts today after the 9:00 am service. There will be several opportunities for you to purchase items for your loved ones during the advent season. You can support Olive Branch Olive Oil, Heifer International, FISH, Ukirk Coffee, Smile Train,

Philanthropic Educational Organization, VMC and our youth ministries! More information posted on our bulletin boards.

FLOWER DEDICATIONS FOR 2022: There are several dates still available for 2022 for flower dedications. You can sign-up on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING: The Christmas Joy Offering opens doors of opportunity for the leaders who are shaped and supported through our gifts - doors that lead to hopeful futures for young people at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Our gifts open doors that lead to relief for church workers and their families when emergency needs arise.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE starts at 12:15 in the Fellowship Hall.

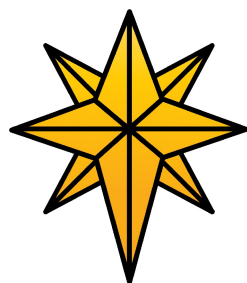
ADVENT DEVOTIONAL: Here's a new Advent devotional! The Synod of Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda has put together a beautifully done interactive, Advent calendar for all ages, and they have made it available for churches to share. Go to this link:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/17HgdR37Kec0tcTN6YQNfKSE5W8oiVH96rpbPhDydZ-g/present?slide=id.p>

Each video is about eight minutes long, and offers a story, song, or craft to watch. There might also be a downloadable instruction sheet or multi-sensory prayer or activity.

There are also Advent Devotional booklets available in the Narthex, “Hope-Full Living.”

THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE will be December 21 at 7:00 pm.



CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PLAY

Please join us on Sunday, December 12 at 3:00 p.m. in the pavilion for our annual Westminster Children’s Christmas Play! This year will be a revue of some of our best hits throughout the long history of the program. We’ll also have festive snacks and drinks, and in between scenes we will have caroling singing with the audience. Please put this on your calendar; it promises to be a fun and joyful holiday event.

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UNDER THE TREE HOLIDAY DRIVE: Please join us in collecting needed items as we strive to brighten the holiday season for those that we directly serve to either achieve or sustain their housing. Since VMC’s mission is to end and prevent homelessness in Knoxville, Under the Tree serves those who are either working to achieve housing through VMC’s low barrier housing focused emergency overnight shelter, The Foyer or have achieved their goal of housing at VMC’s Permanent Supporting Housing Development, Minvilla Manor. There will be a collection box in the Schilling Gallery.

- Sweatpants and shirts
- Pullovers with hoods
- Socks
- Underwear
- Sports Bras
- Hats
- Gloves
- Assorted Hygiene Products
- Shampoo for different types of hair
- Bodywash
- Body lotion
- Adult Coloring Books
- Coloring Pencils

SCHILLING GALLERY EXHIBIT: It is a real treat to see the paintings of Larry Cole in our Schilling Gallery where his work will be up until Dec. 30. The vibrant colors and abstract figures and where they are placed on the canvas often elicit feelings and emotions from the viewer. For purchase, please contact Mr. Cole directly with the information on one of his business cards.

THE SESSION

Class of 2022

Bob Albiston

Janet Drumm

Colleen Manrod

Charlie Mercer

Leslie Versen

Youth Elder: Sophia Manrod

Class of 2023

Jaclyn Beeler

Jack Carley

William Milam

Penny Tschantz

Bill Wieseuegel

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Class of 2024

Josh Birdwell

Gloria Borum

Melanie Lewis

Lisa Oros

Chris Van Beke

TRUSTEES

Cile Mathews

Robert McKeehan

Ron Alexander

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

10:00 am

Wired Word

Meets in the library, discussion around current event topics with an eye and ear toward scripture

Feasting on the Word

This lectionary-based class meets in the fellowship hall.

Bible Study

The Adult Bible Study class chooses a book of the bible to study in depth. Meets in the McKinnon Room with a Zoom option.

Congregational Chat Zoom with John & Ibbie Muntz

Will meet Mondays at 7:00 pm, the link can be found in E-news.

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS ON SUNDAYS: There are so many ways for children to be involved on Sunday mornings!

- **9:00 Worship:** Children 0-5 are welcome in the Nursery. Children 6+ remain in Worship
- **10:00 Hour:** Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery. Children 4-10 are invited to Fellowship Time downstairs.
- **11:00 Worship:** Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery. Children 3.5-4th grade remain in Worship until Time with the Children, then are walked downstairs for Primary and Intermediate Sunday school.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will meet this Thursday, December 9th, at 8am in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Matt McCloskey who was the captain of the Navy carrier USS Boxer. Matt will tell us about "Life on an Aircraft Carrier" and then open the floor for questions. We will again offer a sausage biscuit to anyone who contacts Tim Crais () by noon this Wednesday. We will also offer bottled water and fresh hot coffee. Masks are required except when speaking, chairs will be spaced apart, and hand sanitizer will be available. We hope you will come join us for this last breakfast of 2021. We will start up again on January 13.

ADVENT FLORAL DONATIONS are being accepted. There is no set amount for each dedication. A list of donations will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins as well as the *Abbey*. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office.



I would like to contribute to the Flower Guild for Advent:

\$ _____

In memory of/honor of (circle one):

Given by:
