

Westminster Presbyterian Church
DECEMBER 1, 2024 10:45 A.M.



WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Rev. Steve Wilson

Choral Introit

“Veni Jesu”

L. Cherubini

✠ Please stand if you are able

✠Call to Worship: (Please rise if you are able and join in the Call to Worship)

One: We may not know when,

All: but we know you are coming to us, O God, with grace overflowing from your heart.

One: We may not know where to look,

All: but we know your hope will be spread, O Christ, by the least likely of people, even ourselves.

One: We may not know how,

All: but we know your peace, O Spirit, can transform angry words into warm welcomes and bitterness into cups of love.

One: We gather then, as people of our Triune God,

All: to worship God in word, song, and prayer.

✠Hymn "Come, Lord Jesus, We Are Waiting" Stensrud/Christopherson

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

So many opportunities!

The chances we have to be more compassionate;
the moments we have to offer hope to a lonely friend;
the good fortune we could share with those who have little.

The signs are all around us, good and gracious God, of how we fail to live as your people.

Do not meditate on our foolish, bungling ways, O God of steadfast love, but remember the mercy of your heart; that mercy which forgives us; that mercy which makes us whole; and especially, that living mercy who came down one night so long ago, Jesus the Advent of our redemption.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, hear and believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

✠Congregational Response

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

✠Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you

Please pass the peace to each other, greeting one another in Christ's name.

✠Hymn of Preparation

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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A Time With Our Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:1-10

One: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

ALL: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

One: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

ALL: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore, he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-36

Message

Rev. Steve Wilson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(Verses 1, 2, 6, & 7)

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✠Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (Unison)

p. 35 in the Hymnal

Announcements/Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Offering Our Gifts to God

✠The Doxology

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The Anthem

"Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring"

J. S. Bach

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and Intercessions

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Sharing of Jesus' Body and Blood – Holy Communion

Prayer After Communion (Unison)

Thank you, O God, for gathering us around the table of Grace; for Christ's presence among us, even here, even now; for the reminder that your Spirit abides within us, this day, and each day, bringing your hope to our lives and to our broken world. Help us to take up your desire for peace and justice in every corner of our lives, to help bring your kingdom of hope near to everyone around us, for we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus, our Savior. AMEN.

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

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| ☒Hymn | "Be Thou, My Vision" | #450 |
| ☒Benediction | | |
| ☒Choral Blessing | "Angels Among Us" | McFee/Bell |
- (Worship is complete after the Choral Blessing. You are free to exit or stay and enjoy the Postlude music.)
- ☒Postlude

(Please join us for After Church Fellowship this morning in the Fellowship Hall)

When our worship is over, our service begins!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Guest Pastor: Rev. Steve Wilson
Worship Leader: Steve Coffin
Music Director/Organist: Duilio Dobrin
Sound Technician: Bill Vilbig
Livestream: Leiza McArter
Choir Members: Kalli Hansen, Anna Clarkson, Da'On Boulanger-Chatman, Stephen Bolduc, Bill Tiffany, Nancy Morton, and Dani McArter

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 1, 2024

WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome you to our family of faith! Let us know of your attendance by filling out one of our visitor cards found on the table in the narthex. We'd like to get to know you, whether you are just visiting or looking for a church home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 5 **Making Memories 9:30 – 12:30 in Fellowship Hall**
- Dec 6 **Last day to drop off toys for the Christmas Toy Drive to support The Family Place**
- Dec 7 **Serve breakfast at The Bridge; Contact Mike Stanley if you are interested in volunteering, and plan to meet at the church at 7:00 AM.**
- Dec 11 **Nativity Program (WPPK Kindergarteners) at 1:15 PM in the Sanctuary**
- Dec 16 – 24 **Large (interior) playground to be closed for renovation**
- Dec 19 **Making Memories 9:30 – 12:30 in Fellowship Hall**
- Dec 21 **Serve dinner at Austin Street Center – Contact Mike Stanley if you are interested in volunteering to serve, and plan to meet at the church at 4:00 PM.**
- Dec 24 **5:00 PM Lessons and Carols and Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Please join Westminster Preschool and Kindergarten's Christmas Toy Drive in support of The Family Place. Bring **NEW** unwrapped toys to Sunday services and place them in the bin at the back of the church between 11/11 and 12/6/24. Please use the QR code on the flyer, which links to their **Amazon Wish List!**

MAKING MEMORIES

Making Memories/Caregiver's Day Out is an outreach ministry of WPC that provides a meeting place for adults with early to mid-stage Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, while offering respite for their caregivers. Meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of every month from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM, and combine socialization, exercise, music, and other memory-stimulating activities in a safe and comfortable environment. If you or a loved one is interested in participating in or serving as a volunteer, please contact Ann Rosenzweig at info@makingmemoriesdallas.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School class meets at 9:30 on Sunday mornings in the Parlor. On Sunday, September 8, we began the study of James using a book by John MacArthur: James: Guidelines for a Happy Christian Life. Please feel free to join us.

SERVE AT AUSTIN STREET CENTER

Help prepare and serve dinner for 400+ homeless people on Saturday, December 21st.

Volunteers, age 10 and above, are needed to serve. Are you able to donate 20 bananas or 3 dozen cookies (store-bought packages are fine), and deliver them to WPC on 12/21/24 by 4:00 PM?

Those wishing to donate and/or serve can contact Mike Stanley at (817) 724-7430 or mike@colbystanley.com. We usually meet at the church between 4:00 and 4:30 PM to load up the food and supplies, and the meal is served at the shelter beginning at 6:00 PM.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

Westminster welcomes your continued support. Checks can be sent to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 8200 Devonshire Dr, Dallas, TX 75209 or you may give online through Venmo (our username is West-Presby and the last four digits, if requested, are 5290). If you have questions or need help, contact Dan Stoyak in the business office at dans@wpcd.org or 214-351-3251.



ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION

Worship at Westminster is broadcast live on Facebook directly from the WPC sanctuary beginning at 10:45 am every Sunday morning. To access the live stream, be sure to “Like” the Westminster Presbyterian Church – Dallas Facebook page at www.facebook.com/westminsterpresbyteriandallas. You can see previously broadcast full worship services and sermons by clicking the “Videos” tab on the Facebook page. Videos of services, sermons, and choral anthems are also available on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@WestminsterPresbyterianDallas>

SESSION

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