

Westminster Presbyterian Church
JANUARY 5, 2025 10:45 A.M.
Epiphany Sunday

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Choral Introit

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

One: As we gather for worship in Jesus' Name, we remember that the light of Christ has come to dwell in our world.

All: In the silence God speaks with unexpected mystery. The light of God brings Hope to a world filled with confusion and disorder.

One: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. Awaken us from our slumber with the thunder of your Almighty love.

All: As the light of God's love and grace dawns upon our weary world, God's promised day of justice comes near. On that day the trees will clap their hand; the dry lands will gush with springs; and the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing! On that day people of faith will go out in Joy and be led forth in Peace, as all the world in wonder echoes Shalom!

✠Hymn

“Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining”

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✠Opening Prayer

Living in God's Best – The Law as found in Ephesians 3:8-10

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Most Holy and loving God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come to you with humble hearts to confess our sin. We know that we have not loved you or our neighbors in the way we have loved ourselves and the things of the world. Show us ways to turn our

hearts to you and to the fullness of your Kingdom. Remind us that you have shown your love even when we have not acknowledged your Lordship. Give us courage to change our foolish ways and to love others. Keep us from the bitterness and critical spirit that hinders our entrance into the fullness of your Kingdom. Have mercy on us, Lord. Forgive us and fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit, for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

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 Jesus' name.)

✠Hymn of Preparation

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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A Time With Our Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Isaiah 60:1-6

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

ALL: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

One: Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms.

ALL: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Testament Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Message

Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

“God Reaches Out to Us – We Are to Reach Out to Others”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

✠Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed (Unison)

p. 35 in the Hymnal

✠The Doxology

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Announcements/Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Offering Our Gifts to God

The Anthem

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and Intercession

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 Sharing of Jesus' Body and Blood – Holy Communion

Prayer After Communion (Unison)

Thank you, Lord, for being spiritually present with us in this time of Holy Communion. You have shown us what true love is all about by laying down your life for us on the cross. Give us courage to remember your sacrifice and to be bold to lay down our lives in love for the people you put in our lives. You are a good God, and we give you thanks and praise all the days of our lives, for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" # 450

✠Benediction

✠Choral Blessing

(Worship is complete after the Choral Blessing. You are free to exit or stay for the Postlude.)

✠Postlude

When our worship is over, our service begins!

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

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Blacklock
Worship Leader: Jody Clarke
Music Director/Organist: Duilio Dobrin
Sound Technician: Bill Vilbig
Livestream: Leiza McArter
Choir Members: Stephen Bolduc, Da'On Boulanger-Chatman, Anna Clarkson, Kalli Hansen, Jeremy Hunter, Dani McArter, Nancy Morton, and Bill Tiffany,

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 5, 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

- Jan 2 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Making Memories meets in Fellowship Hall
- Jan 16 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Making Memories meets in Fellowship Hall
- Jan 28 10:30 AM Book Club – we'll be reviewing *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver
- Jan 28 5:30 PM Stated Session Meeting

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.

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>

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