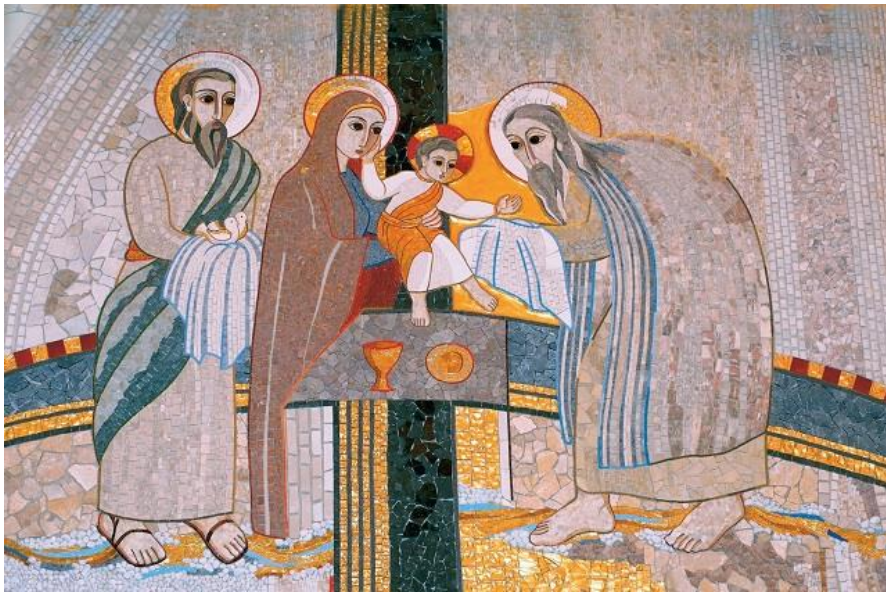


Westminster Presbyterian Church

DECEMBER 29, 2024 10:45 A.M.

1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Introit

✠Call to Worship (You are invited to rise in body or spirit and join in the Call to Worship.)

One: Praise the LORD!

Ps. 148:1, 7, 12

All: Praise God in the heavens.

One: Praise the Lord from the earth!

All: Young and old alike, men and women together. Praise the LORD!

✠Hymn

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

#14

✠Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of wonder, you surround us with signs of your glory and surprise us with your presence, yet we often miss the marvels you place before us. Forgive our dullness and make us alert to the ways you make yourself known, that we might be witnesses to your good news and proclaim your extravagant love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: In Jesus Christ God saved us, not because of any good works that we have done, but according to God's mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. People of God, rejoice! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. *Titus 3:5*
As the LORD has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another. The peace of the LORD Jesus Christ be with you. *Col. 3:13*

All: And also with you.

✠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

✠Hymn of Preparation

"I, the LORD of Sea and Sky"

#69

Time with Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 148

One: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

All: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

One: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

All: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

One: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

All: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

One: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

All: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

One: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

All: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

One: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

All: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

One: This is the Word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Old Testament Reading - 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

New Testament Reading - Luke 2:41-52

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

“Growing Up”

Elder Armel Crocker

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

☒Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

(p. 35 in the Hymnal)

☒Doxology

#606

Announcements/Minute for Mission

Offering Our Gifts to God

Anthem

Sharing Joys and Concerns

One: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠Hymn

"Once in Royal David's City"

#140

✠Benediction

CHARGE

Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God through him. Col. 3:17

BLESSING

May the Christ inhabit you, the Father uphold you, and the Spirit sustain you, now
and forever.

✠Choral Blessing

(Worship is complete after the Benediction and Choral Blessing. You are free to exit or stay and
enjoy the Postlude music.)

Postlude

When our worship is over, our service begins!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pulpit Supply: Elder Armel Crocker, CLP

Worship Leader: Kalli Hansen

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

December 29, 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 - Making Memories in Fellowship Hall
- Jan 4 Serve Breakfast at The Second Chance Café at The Bridge – meet at church at 7:00AM
- Jan 5 10:45 AM Worship and Installation & Ordination of Diana Maglott to the Elder Class of 2027
- 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

UPDATE ON STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

Westminster Presbyterian Church has received pledges for financial support of our many and varied missions for the year 2025 from 19 pledging units totaling \$ 75,250. This is an increase of approximately \$15,000 over the pledged amounts for 2024. It is very rewarding to see that our ministry continues to grow as we seek to do God's will. We ask that if you have not yet made your pledge for 2025 you consider doing so before the end of December so we can accurately forecast our church budget for the calendar year of 2025. WPC is very appreciative of the strong support we envision for 2025 and will use God's resources with wisdom and gratitude for our ministry. Any 2024 contributions need to be received by or postmarked no later than December 31st.

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>

SESSION

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| <i>Class of 2024</i> | <i>Class of 2025</i> | <i>Class of 2026</i> | Sharon Wright, Clerk |
| Mike Stanley | Sandra Gilbert | Jody Clarke | Bill Tiffany, Treasurer |
| Sharon Wright | Steve Coffin | Bill Tiffany | |

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