

Westminster Presbyterian Church

DECEMBER 08, 2024 10:45 A.M.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Introit

“Veni Jesu”

L. Cherubini

Lighting of the Advent Candle (PEACE)

Bob Knothe and Patrick McDonald/Emily Price

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

One: John came out of the wilderness to preach repentance;
he preaches to us still.

All: **Make straight the paths we now walk and prepare the way for God's
reign of justice and love.**

✠Hymn

“People Look East”

#105

✠Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened.
We have not always determined what is best
or made way for your reign
in our lives, our church, and our society.
Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, I am confident of this: if we repent,
All: God is sure to forgive us.
One: The One who began a good work in us will bring it to completion.
All: Grateful for the promise of joy and of peace,
One: let us share that peace with one another.
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 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

#93

Time with Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Philippians 1:3-11

One: I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.

All: I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

One: It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

All: For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

One: And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best,

All: so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Old Testament Reading - Malachi 3:1-4

New Testament Reading - Luke 3:1-6

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

"A New Life, New Beginnings"

CP 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

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

L. Bourgeois

Sharing Joys and Concerns

One: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #88

✠Benediction

I am confident of this: *Phil. 1:6*
that the one who began a good work in you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus
Christ. Prepare the way of the Lord! *Luke 3:4*
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. *Phil. 4:23*

✠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

When our worship is over, our service begins!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: CP Armel Crocker
Worship Leader: Sandra Gilbert
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 8, 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 11 **Nativity Program (WPPK Kindergarteners) at 1:15 PM in the Sanctuary**
- Dec 16 **Renovations will begin on the Interior Playground. The Interior and Large Playgrounds will be closed beginning Dec 16th through January 7th.**
- Dec 19 **Making Memories 9:30 – 12:30 in Fellowship Hall. All are invited to a live performance by Sentimental Journey (piano and sax) at 10:00 AM.**
- 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 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with special music/Lessons and Carols**

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 or before 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.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING - Did you know?

- ❖ The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s.
- ❖ The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.
- ❖ The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families.
- ❖ Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years.

Look for the inserts and envelopes on the table as you enter the sanctuary. Gifts are welcome at any time this month. If we all do a little, it can add up to a lot!

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

<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	

FOUNDATION BOARD

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