

Festival of Lessons and Carols

Westminster Presbyterian Church

December 19, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Opening Sentences

One: Sing to the Lord a new song;

Ps. 96:1-2

All: **sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

One: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;

All: **tell the good news of salvation from day to day.**

Opening Hymn

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

One: God of grace, your eternal...

...We pray this through your Son, the promised Messiah.

All: **Amen.**



THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:1-15

read by Steve Coffin

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Choral Response: Long is Our Winter

trad. German, arr. by William Ferris

Long is our winter, dark is our night;
O come set us free, o saving light.



THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10 read by Lynn Puchlopek
The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

Congregational Response: The Desert Shall Rejoice



	1. The	des - ert	shall	re - joi - ce	_____	and	blos - som	as _____	a	rose: _____	It shall
	2. The	des - ert	shall	re - joi - ce	_____	and	blos - som	as _____	a	rose: _____	For the
Men:	3. The	des - ert	shall	re - joi - ce	_____	and	blos - som	as _____	a	rose: _____	For the
Women:	4. The	des - sert	shall	re - joi - ce	_____	and	blos - som	as _____	a	rose: _____	For the
	5. The	des - sert	shall	re - joi - ce	_____	and	blos - som	as _____	a	rose: _____	as the
	6. The	des - sert	shall	re - joi - ce	_____	and	blos - som	as _____	a	rose: _____	un - to



blos - som	a - bun - dant - ly	and	re - joi - ce	with	praise	and	sing - ing.
ears of the deaf	shall hear	and	the blind,	their	eyes —	be	o - pened.
tongue of the mute	shall sing	and	the lame	will	dance	with	glad - ness.
ground will be - come	a pool	and	the dry	land	springs	of	wa - ter.
ran - somed re - turn	to God	and	come	sing - ing	back —	to	Zi - on.
Zi - on we come	with joy,	for	our God	has	come	to	save us.



THE THIRD LESSON

Baruch 4:36-5:9 read by Tom Gaunt
The Scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand.

Congregational Response: People Look East

The choir sing the verses, congregation joins on refrain

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| <p>1. People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able;
trim the hearth and set the table. (refrain)</p> <p>2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.
(refrain)</p> | <p>3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen. (refrain)</p> <p>4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as the sun and moon together.
(refrain)</p> |
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THE FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:39-56

read by Bill Tiffany

Mary is greeted by Elizabeth and proclaims her joy.

Choral Response: A Maiden Most Gentle

trad. French, arr. by Andrew Carter

A maiden most gentle and tender we sing:
Of Mary the mother of Jesus our King.
Ave, Maria.

Three Kings came to worship with gifts rich and rare,
And marveled in awe at the babe in her care.
Ave, Maria.

How blessed is the birth of her heavenly child,
Who came to redeem us in Mary so mild.
Ave, Maria.

Rejoice and be glad at this Christmas we pray;
Sing praise to the Savior, sing endless 'Ave.'
Ave, Maria.

The Archangel Gabriel foretold by his call
The Lord of creation, the Savior of all.
Ave, Maria.



THE SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

read by Lauren McArter

Jesus is born at Bethlehem.

Choral Response: The Savior's Come

trad. Swahili, arr. by David Blackwell

Praise him, sing alleluia,
Welcome Jesus, sing alleluia,
Praise him, sing alleluia,
The Savior's come.



THE SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-14 read by Russell Puchlopek
Angels announce the Messiah.

Congregational Response: Angels We have heard on high

1. Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!



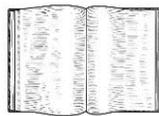
THE EIGHTH LESSON

Luke 2:15-20 read by Leslie McArter
The shepherds find the holy family and spread the word.

Offering our Gifts to God

Choral Offertory: Go, Tell It on the Mountain trad. Spiritual, arr. by Pete Churchhill

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession



THE NINTH LESSON

John 1:1-18 read by Dani McArter
The Word became flesh.

Congregational Response: Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and true sing.
2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while field and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrow grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glorious of his righteousness
and wonders of his love.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude Postlude sur un Noel (Un flambeau, Jeannette Isabelle)

Denis Bedard

When our worship is over, our service begins

THE CHOIR

Anna Peeples
Ann McCullough
Nancy Morton
Kalli Hiller
Adam Dugger
Will Frazier
Leiza McArter*

Cheryl Bradford*
Zonia Velasco*
Deanna Hollas
Stephen Bolduc
Da'On Boulanger-Chatman
Brittni Kelly
Dani, Lauren, Leslie McArter

Oboe: Abigail Hawthorne

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell
Worship Leader: Steve Coffin
Music Director & Organist: Seth Luna

Sound Technician: Bill Vilbig
Livestream: Leiza McArter
Dexter Colorado

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome you to our family of faith! After worship, join us in Fellowship Hall for friendship and conversation. We'd like to get to know you, whether you are just visiting or looking for a church home.

LESSONS AND CAROLS AND LUNCH TODAY!

Today we enjoy our annual Lessons and Carols service. Today's worship liturgy was created entirely by our outstanding Music Director Seth Luna! A big thank you to Seth and the chancel choir for all of their hard work on this service. Afterwards, EVERYONE is welcome to have a special Christmas fajita bar lunch in the Fellowship Hall catered by local favorite Rafa's Mexican Café!

PICTURES WITH SANTA

Join us this afternoon from 4:30 - 5:30pm on the sanctuary steps for Pictures with Santa (children and pets welcome)! Benefiting the Westminster Community Dog Park. Bring your camera/phone for photo. Suggested donation of \$5 (for park maintenance & supplies)

CHRISTMAS EVE AT WESTMINSTER!

Join us for our Christmas Eve service on Friday, December 24 at 4:30pm. Childcare for children 0-5 will be available. The service will be traditional and family-friendly and will include plenty of singing and candlelight!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – HOW AND WHY TRIBAL FAITH BECAME A WORLD RELIGION

The Adult Sunday School Class continues December 19 in the old classroom (room 102) led by Chris Harper at 9:15 a.m. coffee in hand. Please be on time. This Sunday the topic will be the Jewish Origins of the Christmas Story. We tend to forget that Jesus was a Jew born into the Jewish culture. It's an interesting perspective not often explored in the Christian Church. See you at 9:15 or to join by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81600004372?pwd=ajlvNWFGMG0zR3Q5YWZtdzZWLzlrUT09>

MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TO WPC FOR 2022!

This year's Stewardship campaign is underway! If you have not received a packet in the mail, please come by the church office and pick one up. Pledge cards can be turned in at any time, and you can submit an electronic pledge card here: <https://forms.gle/6ip9qojW6V8Jg9QQA>. Thank you for your support of Westminster during these exciting, chaotic, holy times!

MEN'S RESTROOM IN NARTHEX CLOSED

The men's restroom in the narthex is currently closed to repair a leak. Please use the restroom on the other end of the sanctuary, in the hallway adjacent to the north (office side) building entrance.

NEW WORSHIP TIME

Worship now begins at 10:30am every Sunday through the end of the year. The Session welcomes your comments and feedback concerning the change, and at the end of the year they will evaluate whether to make the 10:30am worship time permanent.

BOOK CLUB

Book club is on holiday break and will resume on January 25 at 10:30am. Our book will be "The Evening and the Morning" by Ken Follett with 900+ pages. Hope to see everyone in the new year!

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Westminster Choir is back to its normal schedule. Rehearsals are held most Wednesday at 7 pm. Need help learning how to sing? We will teach you. Contact Seth Luna at sethl@wpcd.org.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

Westminster welcomes your continued support. Checks can be sent to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 8200 Devonshire Dr, Dallas, TX 75209 or give online through Venmo (our username is West-Presby, (last 4 digits 5290). Please note, 2021 pledges must be postmarked by December 31, 2021. If you have questions or need help, contact Dan Stoyak in the business office dans@wpcd.org or 214-351-3251.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Church offices will be close early for Christmas, at 12:00pm on Thursday, December 23 and reopen Tuesday, December 28. The office will close early again for New Year's at 12:00pm on Thursday, December 30 and reopen Tuesday January 4. Worship on Sunday, December 26 will happen "as usual" at 10:30am in the sanctuary. Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION

Worship at Westminster is broadcast live on Facebook directly from the WPC sanctuary beginning at 10:30am every Sunday morning. To access the livestream, be sure to "Like" the Westminster Presbyterian Church - Dallas Facebook page at www.facebook.com/westminsterpresbyteriandallas. Even if you are not a registered Facebook "user," you should be able to access the live stream by clicking that above link. 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/channel/UC2YYEjyOBjYTxv_zSzEwiTw

SESSION

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George Edwards	David McAllister		Mike Stanley

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