

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2022 5:00 P.M.



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Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Prelude Christmas Fantasy

Sigurd M. Øgaard

✠Call to Worship

Leader: On this Christmas Eve we come with JOY to celebrate God's gift of Jesus, the Messiah, God's presence with us, Emmanuel.

All: In Jesus, God is with us. For God so loved the world that God gifted us with the Messiah. Everyone who puts their faith and trust in Jesus has been given eternal life.

Leader: With all that is within us, we give you thanks and praise, O God. You have shown your love through the gift of your Son, Jesus. Be with us in the power of your Holy Spirit as we worship in Jesus' Name.

All: Be near us, Lord Jesus, we ask you to stay close by us forever, and to love us we pray. Bless all the dear children kept under your care and fit us for heaven to live with you there. Let us worship God.

✠Please rise as you are able.

✠Opening Hymn “O Come All Ye Faithful” # 133 (verses 1, 3, 4)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Jody Clarke & Walter Cowger

Carol Response “Love Has Come” #110 (verses 1 and 3)

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 9:2,6

Carol Response “Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming” # 129 (verses 1 and 2)

THE SECOND READING Matthew 1:18-21

Carol Response “O Little Town of Bethlehem” # 121 (verses 1 and 3)

Reflection

THE THIRD READING Matthew 1:22-25

Carol Response “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” # 128

Reflection

THE FOURTH READING Luke 2:1-7

Carol Response “Away in a Manger” # 115 (verses 1 and 3)

Reflection

THE FIFTH READING Luke 2:8-14

Carol Response “**The First Nowell**” 147 (verses 1 and 2)

Reflection

✠Carol “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” # 143 (verses 1 and 4)

Christmas Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (p. 35 in the "Glory to God" Hymnal)

A TIME FOR GIVING – The Joy Gift

Offertory Anthem The Saviour of the World is Born, "Four Old English Carols" Gustav Holst

In Bethlehem, that noble place,
As by prophecy said it was,
Of Virgin Mary, full of grace.
Salvator mundi natus est.
(the savior of the world is born)

Be we merry in this feast
In quo Salvator natus est.
(in which the savior is born)

On Christmas night an Angel told
To the shepherds watching o'er their fold
"In Bethlehem with besties wolde, (*wild*)
Salvator mundi natus est."

"Behold! To you we bring great joy.
For why? Jesus is born to-day
To us of Mary that holy may, (*maid*)
Salvator mundi natus est."

Then compassed were the shepherds quite,
Around them shone a great light,
"Dread ye naught," said the Angel bright,
Salvator mundi natus est.

"And thus in faith find Him ye shall,
Lying poorly in oxen stall."
The shepherds then lauded God all
Quia "Salvator mundi natus est.

THE SIXTH READING John 1:1-5

Reflection

As we stand and sing "Silent Night," the ushers will light the candles of the person seated closest to the center aisle in each pew. Please pass the light of the candle to the others seated in your pew, keeping the lighted candle upright and tilting the unlit candle to pass the flame. Please extinguish the candle following the benediction.

✠Carol "Silent Night, Holy Night!" (verses 1 and 2) arr. Dan Forrest

1. Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born

✠Benediction

✠Closing Hymn **“Joy to the World” (verses 1 and 2)**

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| 1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing. | 2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy |
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Postlude "Antioch" Carillon (*Joy to the World*) Mary Beth Bennet

When our worship is over, our service begins!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. John Blacklock	Sound Technician:	Bill Vilbig
Worship Leader:	Lynn Puchlopek	Livestream:	Leiza McArter
Music Director:	Seth Luna	Section Leaders:	Kalli Hansen, Anna Peeples Da'On Boulanger-Chatman Stephen Bolduc

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
DECEMBER 24, 2022

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 at the end of each pew. After worship, please join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation. We'd like to get to know you, whether you are just visiting or looking for a church home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 20 – Jan 3** **WPPK Closed for holidays**
- Dec 25** **Christmas morning - No In-Person Worship Service** (Please tune in to our Facebook page for a replay of our Dec 18th Lessons and Carols.)
- Dec 26** **Westminster Presbyterian Office is closed**
- Jan 1** **New Year's Day – No In-Person Worship Service** (Please tune in to our Facebook page for a replay of the 130th anniversary worship service/performance of Schubert's Mass No. 2 in G Major)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning January 15, 2023, the WPC Sunday School class will begin a new study of the book of Revelation for 12 weeks. This will be a good time for any new friends to join the class. We meet in the church parlor from 9:30 to 10:15 each Sunday morning. Pastor John leads the group, and we all participate, ask questions, and discuss. Come join us.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

As part of our Christmas Eve worship service, we will receive the Christmas Joy Offering, which 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!

STEWARDSHIP

For those who are planning to make a commitment and have not already done so, kindly return your pledge card or provide feedback to Dan Stoyak in the church office as soon as possible to help facilitate the 2023 budget process kicking off prior to year-end. Thank you for considering a gift of your time, talent, and/or resources to support our common mission at Westminster.

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 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.



THE BRIDGE

Westminster provides volunteers to serve breakfast at the Stewpot's Second Chance Café at the Bridge in Downtown Dallas on the first Saturday of each month at 7:00 AM. Mike Stanley sends out a reminder via email. If you have any questions and/or wish to volunteer, please contact him at 817-724-7430.

ADULT CAREGIVER'S DAY OUT

In partnership with our neighbors in Devonshire, Westminster has launched a "Caregivers Day Out" program at the church. The program's goal is to provide adults with early-stage Alzheimer's or related dementias a regular opportunity for socialization, exercise, music, and other brain-stimulating activities; and to offer their caregivers much-needed time to attend to their own needs with the assurance that their loved one is safe and cared for. The program will happen on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 9:30am-12:30pm. If you or a loved one is interested in participating or serving as a volunteer, please contact Ann Rosenzweig at annrosenzweig@aol.com

ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION

Worship at Westminster is broadcast live on Facebook directly from the WPC sanctuary beginning at 10:30 am 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 the 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/@WestminsterPresbyterianDallas>