

Westminster Presbyterian Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

January 3, 2021

11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude We Three Kings

Gordon Young

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

✠Call to Worship

Leader: When we come to worship,

People: **We bring the joys of life and cherished memories.**

Leader: When we come to worship,

People: **We bring big questions and significant fears.**

Leader: When we come to worship,

People: **We bring all of ourselves.**

Leader: With all that we bring and all that we are,

People: **Let us worship God!**

✠Hymn Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

✠Please stand as you are able.

✠Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Jesus in the manger,
We confess that we did not expect to find you here.
Distracted by the flashiness of the world, we thought you would appear on a throne.
Or perhaps we thought that amidst the despair and suffering of this world,
you would not appear at all. But the star has led us here,
and once more we are filled with hope of your transforming power.
Forgive us for allowing our waiting to turn to doubting, and surprise us anew,
giving us your light to guide us forward.
Amen.

(time for silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Children of God, believe the good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 1: 1-18

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Jessie Light-Wells

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠Anthem One Bread, One Body

arr. Hayes

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and 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.

Time for Personal Reflection, Prayer, and Giving
Prayer Meditation Born in the Night

MARY'S CHILD



1 Born in the night, Mar-y's Child, a long way from your home;
2 Clear shin-ing light, Mar-y's Child, your face lights up our way;
3 Truth of our life, Mar-y's Child, you tell us God is good;
4 Hope of the world, Mar-y's Child, you're com-ing soon to reign;



com - ing in need, Mar - y's Child, born in a bor - rowed room.
Light of the world, Mar - y's Child, dawn on our dark - ened day.
yes, it is true, Mar - y's Child, shown on your cross of wood.
King of the earth, Mar - y's Child, walk in our streets a - gain.

Prayer After Communion

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠Hymn Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH



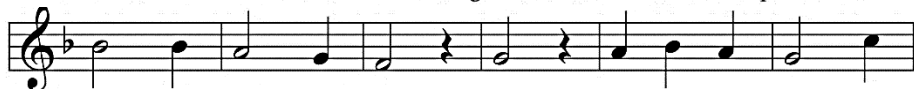
1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!



Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all
Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the
Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is



heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of
glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her
Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our



joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a
heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she
hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of



Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.
Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

✠Benediction

Postlude Postlude in Classic Style

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When our worship is over, our service begins

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY 3, 2020

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor:	Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell	Sound Technician:	Bill Vilbig
Worship Leader:	Toni Cammack	Livestream:	Leiza McArter
Interim Music Director:	Anna Peeples		Dexter Colorado
Interim Organist:	Seth Luna		

WESTMINSTER WELCOME

Today we welcome Rev. Jessie Light-Wells to the pulpit. Rev. Light-Wells is the Campus Minister for UKirk SMU, the PC(USA) campus ministry at Southern Methodist University. She grew up in Kansas City, attended Vanderbilt University and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and served at Preston Hollow Presbyterian prior to this call. She is passionate about ministering to college students, bread-making, and bike riding, and is married to Zach.

VIRTUAL COMMUNION TODAY

Today's worship service includes the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All who desire to follow Christ are welcome to participate in the sacrament. As you worship remotely, via Facebook or YouTube, be sure to have a small bit of bread and juice or wine nearby to receive communion. Although we are physically apart, by God's Spirit, we are still one family; one unified "body" of Christ.

2021 STEWARDSHIP AND BUDGET UPDATE

To date, we have received roughly \$133,000 in pledges from approximately 26 giving units for 2021. This marks a more than 50% decline from 2020, when we received \$280,000 in pledges from 43 giving units. Thanks to the generosity and stewardship of our leaders in years past, the church's balance sheet is able to absorb this deficit for next year. However, if the decline in giving becomes permanent, we would likely be looking at some difficult decisions regarding our staffing and mission support in the near future. Please make sure you have submitted your 2021 pledge. The session deeply thanks everyone who has supported Westminster during this unprecedented and anxious time! If you did not receive a stewardship packet in the mail, you may pick one up from the church office or fill out an online pledge card at: <https://forms.gle/P9w4pd7Bmx6bSrRK7>.

UPDATE: MISSION STUDY GROUP

The results presentation for the Congregational Assessment Tool survey was given on December 20. This presentation included important information about the spiritual profile and health of our congregation. If you were unable to "attend" the presentation, you are strongly encouraged to watch the recorded video of it, available here: <https://youtu.be/ykA9YJPN0nM>

DONATION REQUEST

The Stewpot, one of our partner mission agencies, is in need of the following items: large body wash bottles, large shampoo and conditioner bottles, large bars of soap and individually wrapped toilet paper. You can drop off the items in the wood box by the church office at WPC. If you have difficulty finding the box, or have questions, please call or text Mike Stanley at 817-724-7430. Thank you for your support!

PRAYER AND DEVOTION

Pastor Alex will host a brief time of midday devotion and prayer on Facebook Live every weekday at noon. Please visit our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/westminsterpresbyteriandallas at 12:00pm every Monday through Friday to participate in the prayer.

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). If you have questions or need help, contact Dan Stoyak in the business office 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 11am 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/UC2YYEjyOBjYTxzSzEwiTw>.

FACEBOOK PAGE AND GROUP

Westminster has a Page and a Group on Facebook. The Group name is "WPCD Church Family Group," while the Page is "Westminster Presbyterian Church - Dallas." The Page is public: <https://www.facebook.com/westminsterpresbyteriandallas/> This is where you can stream the worship service and get other important news and announcements. The Group is private, and you must request to be admitted: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wpcdallas/> This is where we will share prayer requests, conversations about our church identity and mission, and other "private" matters. Join us today!

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