

Westminster Presbyterian Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

10:30 A.M.



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WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Prelude

✠ Call to Worship

*based on Psalm 25:1-10*

One: O Lord, we lift our souls to you;

All: O God, in you we put our trust.

One: Make your ways known to us;

All: Lead us in your truth.

One: Good and upright are you, O Lord.

All: All your paths lead to faithfulness and steadfast love.

✠ Hymn 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge

here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

*O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
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: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David, who shall execute justice in all the land.

All: In those days, Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.  
And his name shall be called "The Lord is our righteousness."

### Prayer of Confession

God of the future,  
you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.  
We confess that we have not expected your kingdom,  
for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.  
We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth,  
and refuse your justice and peace.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Grant us wisdom to welcome your way and to seek things that will endure  
when Christ comes to judge with righteousness and truth.

*(time for silent confession)*

### Assurance of Pardon

One: Children of God, believe the good news:  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

### ✠Congregational Response

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.

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### ✠Passing of the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also should forgive one another.

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 and being mindful of social distance.

Hymn of Preparation Wait for the Lord

WAIT FOR THE LORD

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
 Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

One: The Word of the Lord.  
 All: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

One: The Word of the Lord.  
 All: Thanks be to God!

Message

Neil Moseley

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 103 Come Now, O Prince of Peace

O-So-So

1 Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one bod - y.  
 2 Come now, O God of love; make us one bod - y.  
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.  
 4 Come, hope of u - ni - ty; make us one bod - y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec-on-cile all peo - ple.

✠Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith, lines 72-79

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy, joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Offering Our Gifts to God  
Offertory      Come, Lord

Give through Venmo @West-Presby  
Margaret Rizza (with two treble C instruments)

✠Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

...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 357 The Days Are Surely Coming

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1 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says God to all the earth,  
2 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says Christ, the prom - ised one,  
3 The days are sure - ly com - ing when we will know at last



when you will see my prom - ise: sal - va - tion come to birth.  
when you will read my warn - ing in moon and stars and sun.  
the full - ness of God's pres - ence, God's prom - ise, come to pass.



My righ - teous - ness and jus - tice will spread through - out the land  
Though earth and heav - en trem - ble, stand up and do not fear,  
Then righ - teous - ness and jus - tice will spread through - out the land



and you will be de - liv - ered by my al - might - y hand.  
for I am your re - deem - er, and I am draw - ing near.  
and we will be de - liv - ered by God's al - might - y hand.

✠Benediction

Postlude

*When our worship is over, our service begins*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor:	Neil Mosley	Sound Technician:	Bill Vilbig
Worship Leader:	Ann McCullough	Livestream:	Leiza McArter
Candle Lighters:	James Family		Dexter Colorado
Music Director/Organist:	Seth Luna		

### 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.

### WELCOME TO THE PULPIT

Today we welcome Neil Moseley to the pulpit. Neil is a partner in The Church Cartographers, helping congregations create new pathways to relevancy in their mission field. Prior to the creation of The Church Cartographers, Neil was Director of Community Engagement for White Rock UMC and the Owenwood Farm & Neighbor Space (Dallas), which have become models of innovation in urban church revitalization. Neil is a cofounder of Union Coffee House and has loved participating in numerous boards and committees. Neil spends most of his time with his wife, Rev. Elizabeth Moseley, and their three kids.

### 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.

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

The Adult Sunday School Class continues November 28, in the old classroom (room 102) led by Rev. Dick Powers at 9:15 a.m. coffee in hand. We have two Sundays until Chris teaches. I want to use these to explore Wisdom Literature which is as interesting as it is different. In short it is a whole different way of doing theology than we have seen thus far. How? In preparation for this Sunday read the Psalms and look for patterns of construction and design. Pick out any you would like to present in class. For the next week read Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon. Bring to class your observations or issues. See you at 9:15 or to join by Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81600004372?pwd=ajlvNWFGMG0zR3Q5YWZtdzZWLzlrUT09>

### 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](mailto:sethl@wpcd.org).

### 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 to the church office, but we would love to have them back before December 5 so we can finalize the 2022 budget. 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!

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

December 19, 10:30am: Fourth Sunday of Advent, Service of Music followed by Christmas Luncheon  
December 24, 4:30pm: Family Christmas Eve Service with carols and candlelight.

## UPDATE – COVID RISK LEVEL / MASKS

The COVID risk level for Dallas County has been lowered to “orange,” signaling a reduction in transmission rates for the virus in our area. We ask everyone to practice good hygiene and safety measures to protect the most vulnerable among us. This includes wearing a face covering if you are not yet fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Masks are not required for those who are fully vaccinated.

## 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). If you have questions or need help, contact Dan Stoyak in the business office [dans@wpcd.org](mailto: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 10:30am every Sunday morning. To access the livestream, be sure to “Like” the Westminster Presbyterian Church – Dallas Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/westminsterpresbyteriandallas](https://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>

### SESSION

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