

Westminster Presbyterian Church

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2020

11:00 a.m.



Tear Open the Heavens, by Lauren Wright Pittman Inspired by Isaiah 64:1-9. sanctifiedart.org.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, (*Wake up, the Voice Calls Us*)

J.S. Bach

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

✠ Call to Worship

based on Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Leader: Listen, shepherd of Israel, who leads us like your sheep.

People: **You are enthroned in heaven, above the winged, holy creatures.**

Leader: Wake up your power; come down and save us.

People: **Restore us, God, make your face shine so that we can be saved.**

Leader: Show yourself, God of hosts. How long will you be angry with our prayers?

People: **You've fed your people with bread made from their tears.**

Leader: You've set us against our neighbors. Our enemies make fun of us.

People: **Restore us, God! Make your face shine so that we can be saved!**

Leader: Give your strength to the one at your right side.

People: **Give power to the one you have secured as your own.**

Leader: Revive us, so that we never again turn away from you.

People: **Restore us, God! Make your face shine so that we can be saved!**



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is-rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf-fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: As the Lord has promised, in days to come:
the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;

People: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

Sung Response He Came Down (v. 1)

HE CAME DOWN

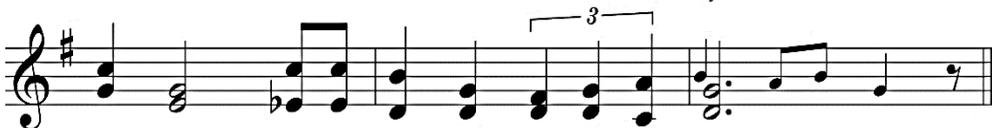


He came down that we may have love; he



came down that we may have love; he came down that we may

Leader: Why did he come?



have love; hal-le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

Prayer of Confession

God of justice and might, we look around and see a world that needs saving.
We confess, that, in the face of mass death and disease,
economic anxiety, political dysfunction,
social upheaval, and communal distrust,
we are quick to anger, eager to judge,
and gleeful in casting blame.
Forgive us, merciful God.
Give us humble hearts to
reflect on our own words and actions,
question our motives and perspectives
examine our souls,
and take responsibility for our mistakes,
so that we would be signs of your kingdom drawing near.
In the name of the Savior who is to come, we pray. 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

Isaiah 64:1-9

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

Sermon

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

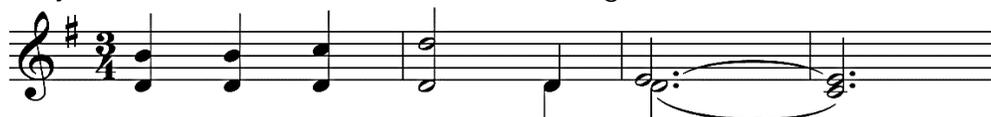
Anthem Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

arr. Leavitt

Time for Personal Reflection, Prayer, and Giving

Prayer Meditation While We Are Waiting, Come

WAITING



1 While we are wait - ing, come;
2 With power and glo - ry, come;
3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;



while we are wait - ing, come.
with power and glo - ry, come.
come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,
while we are wait - ing, come.

Prayer 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

Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's
2 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds; back to
3 Now your man - ger, shin - ing bright, hal - lows
4 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir - gin's
son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
God his path - way leads; out to van - quish
night with new - born light. Night can - not this
son, in - car - nate Word! To the ho - ly
heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.
light sub - due; let our faith shine ev - er new.
Trin - i - ty praise we sing e - ter - nal - ly.

✠Benediction

Postlude Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland

When our worship is over, our service begins

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
8200 Devonshire Drive | Dallas, TX | 75209
214-351-3251 office
214-350-6155 preschool
www.wpcd.org