

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 2021

10:30 A.M.



Saget, Father George. "Visit of Mary to Elizabeth." 1963. Mural in Keur Moussa, Senegal, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56517>.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Prelude Prelude on "The First Nowell"

Gordon Young

✦ Call to Worship

One: Out of little Bethlehem comes one who is to rule in Israel.

All: He shall be great to the ends of the earth.

One: Our spirits rejoice in God our savior.

All: God's mercy extends from generation to generation. Holy is God's name!

✦ Hymn 347 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim, with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly
earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man
on the way, as the Light of light de -
sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
he will give to all the faith - ful
that the powers of hell may van - ish
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

our full hom - age to de - mand.
his own self for heaven - ly food.
as the shad - ows clear a - way.
al - le - lu - ia, Lord most high!"

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

One: From you, little Bethlehem, shall come forth the one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from ancient days.

All: He shall stand and feed his flock in God's strength. They shall live secure, and he shall be great; the one who brings peace to the ends of earth.

Prayer of Confession

God our savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary's song, we still seek security in pride, power, and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled.

Forgive us, we pray. help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

(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.

✠Passing of the Peace

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

Psalms 80:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-55

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 100 Canticle of the Turning *(All sing refrain, verses 1, 4; Soloist sings v. 2, 3)*

STAR OF COUNTY DAWN

1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -
 God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

REFRAIN



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Sacrament of Baptism for Gabriel Lam Lee-Cornell

Alex and Kathy Lee-Cornell, *parents*
 Rev. Mary Jane Cornell, *officiant*

Presentation

Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

... I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism and Welcome

Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Sleepers, wake!

Give through Venmo @West-Presby

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

Sleepers, wake! A voice is calling,
It is the watchman on the walls:
Thou city of Jerusalem.
For lo, the Bridegroom comes.
Arise, and take your lamps.
Hallelujah. Awake!
His kingdom is at hand.
Go forth, go forth to meet your Lord.

✠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 488 I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

WATERLIFE

1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no
 you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to
 lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -
 see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a
 whom you now be - long. If you find some - one to share your
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es

child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as
light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."

4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.
I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

✠Charge and Benediction

Postlude People, Look East!

setting by Kristina Langlois

When our worship is over, our service begins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor:	Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell	Sound Technician:	Bill Vilbig
Worship Leader:	Mike Stanley	Livestream:	Leiza McArter
Candle Lighters:	Bill and Carlene Tiffany		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, GABE!

Today we celebrate the baptism of Gabriel Lam Lee-Cornell. Congratulations to his parents, Alex and Kathy, brother Owen, and grandparents Mary Jane, Gary, Wayne, and May! In Baptism we proclaim that God's love in Christ claims us before we can even understand or respond. We as a church family welcome Gabe as our new brother in Christ and make promises on his behalf to trust in God and grow in faith. Following worship please join us for a reception in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate Gabe.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND LESSONS AND CAROLS

Next Sunday December 19, we will have our annual Lessons and Carols service, which Music Director Seth Luna and the chancel choir have been working hard to prepare. Following worship we will once again have a Christmas luncheon catered by Rafa's Mexican Cafe. RSVP's are appreciated but not required - please let Emily in the church office know if you plan to come for lunch! emilyc@wpcd.org / 214-351-3251.

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

The Adult Sunday School Class continues December 12 in the old classroom (room 102) led by Chris Harper at 9:15 a.m. coffee in hand. Be on time. This Sunday we will listen to a lecture entitled ONE LAWYER'S VIEW OF CANONIZATION. We'll hear about the history of the canonization process from its inception to the Counter Reformation of The Catholic Church. It's a lot of information about the formation of the Bible which is almost never talked about in church but it's something every Christian should know. Due to the fact that there is so much information compressed to fit within 50 min. and due to the fact that Chris will be ZOOMING the presentation from Denver, there will be no question-and-answer period. If you did not get a copy of the 5-page introduction last Sunday, additional copies will be available. See you at 9:15 or to join by Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81600004372?pwd=ajlvNWFGMG0zR3Q5YWZtdzZWLzlrUT09>

FEEDING THE HOMELESS

On Saturday, December 18, WPC will serve the evening meal at the Austin Street Center to approximately 250 people. Volunteers can contact Mike Stanley (817-724-7430 or mike@colbystanley.com). Please deliver food items to Westminster by 4 PM on the 18th. We will load up the food and leave for the shelter at 4:30. The meal will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. ***We will also need volunteers to help serve the meal to the clients that evening. Families with children are welcome to serve. There is a limit on the number of volunteers so please let Mike know soon how many in your group would like to serve.*** The shelter asks volunteers to bring and wear your own mask, covering your mouth and nose. Food items needed: Bananas (13 volunteers to each provide 20 bananas), Cookies (22 volunteers to each provide 3 dozen cookies).

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!

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!

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 for Christmas at 12:00 on Thursday, December 23 and reopen Tuesday, December 28. Have a very merry Christmas!

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/UC2YYEjyOBjYTxzSzEwiTw>.

SESSION

<i>Class of 2022</i>	<i>Class of 2023</i>	<i>Class of 2024</i>	Sharon Wright, Clerk
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George Edwards	David McAllister	Mike Stanley	

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