

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 26, 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

One: In the beginning was the Word,

All: **And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

One: Now the fullness of time has come.

All: **And the Word became flesh to dwell among us.**

✠Please stand as you are able.

✠Hymn 143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
 3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions  
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;  
 beam a - far; seek the great de - sire of na - tions;  
 Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 yon - der shines the in - fant light: come and wor - ship,  
 you have seen his na - tal star:  
 to the e - ter - nal Three in One:



come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king!

✠Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

God our savior, we confess that we are not people of peace. You call us home from our exile, yet we remain wandering and lost. You came to dwell among us, yet we refuse to welcome you. Forgive us, God of grace. Gather us up in your arms and hold us close, as your own, so that we may live to praise you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(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.

GLORIA PATRI

# GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:41-52

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 145 What Child is This

GREENSLEEVES



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.  
Raise, raise the song on high. The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

✠Affirmation of Faith

Hebrews 1:1-3

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

✠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 132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO



1 Good Christian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Christian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Christian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

✠Benediction

Postlude

*When our worship is over, our service begins*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell Livestream: Leiza McArter  
Music Director/Organist: Seth Luna Dexter Colorado  
Sound Technician: Bill Vilbig

### 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.

### HOLIDAY HOURS

Church offices will be close early for Christmas, at 12:00pm on Thursday, December 23 and reopen Tuesday, December 28. The office will close early again for New Year's at 12:00pm on Thursday, December 30 and reopen Tuesday January 4. Worship on Sunday, December 26 will happen "as usual" at 10:30am in the sanctuary. Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

### FIRST DELTA, NOWOMICRON?! UGH!

Due to the increased rate of COVID-19 transmission, the worship team at Westminster kindly asks that everyone wear a face covering over the nose and mouth, maintain social distancing, and practice good hand hygiene. Thank you!

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS MIRACLES

The Adult Sunday School Class meets on December 26 in the old classroom (room 102). This Sunday is a continuation of Chris Harper's Jewish Origins of the Christmas Story with focus on the Virgin birth, the Wise Men, Bethlehem and Nazareth. Included are carols of the season that have carried the stories forward. What miracles have you experienced that allow you to believe the Christmas miracle? What implications do they have for God working in our midst? How do we respond? Come at 9:15 with coffee and with any remaining Christmas goodies to share. To join by Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81600004372?pwd=ajlvNWFGMG0zR3Q5YWZtdzZWLzlrUT09>

### 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!

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:dans@wpcd.org) or 214-351-3251.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Carter Bloodcare will be at Westminster on Saturday, January 29 from 9:00am - 1:00pm for a neighborhood blood drive. Blood supply levels are critically low and every donation makes a difference. Sign up link available in January.

## 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](http://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/UC2YYEjyOByYTxzSzEwiTw>

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