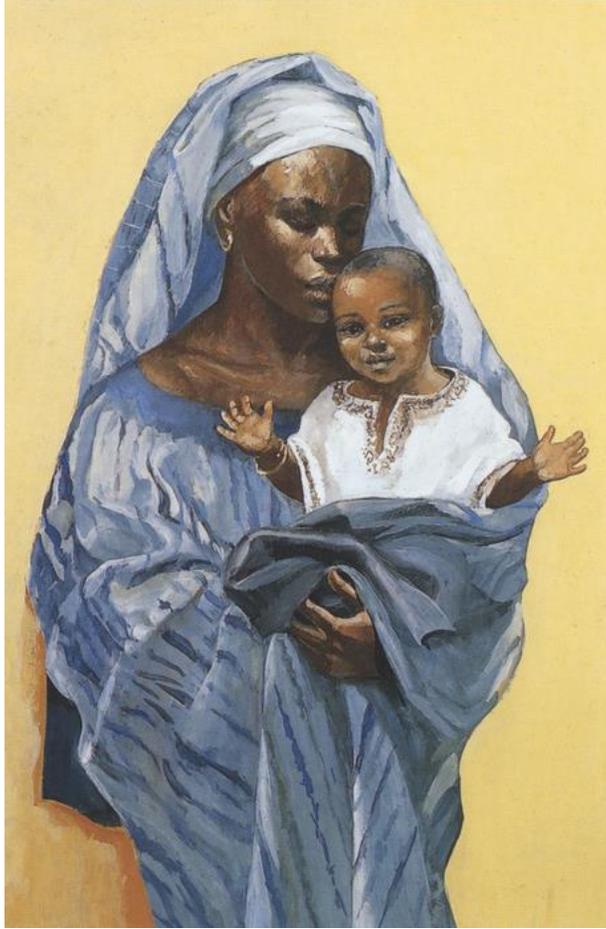


Westminster Presbyterian Church

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 27, 2020

11:00 a.m.



JESUS MAFA. Virgin and Child, <http://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr>

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude Vom Himmel hoch

Buxtehude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

✠Call to Worship

Leader: I will proclaim the gracious deeds of God;

People: **the steadfast love of the Lord is great.**

Leader: Now we have seen the saving power of the Lord,

People: **the glory of God's people and a light to all.**

✠Please stand as you are able.

✠Hymn Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce 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!

✠Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we know that the things you have done for us are great:
 the powerful cannot rule us and the hungry are filled with good things.
 We know the power of your strength and the unexpectedness of your mercy.
 So why do we try to make your coming into the world cute, cozy,
 and soft, like a fuzzy blanket on a cold night?
 Forgive us, O Lord, for the ways we reduce your glory into something easy.
 Prepare us, O Lord, to stop what we are doing, to look, and to listen,
 to let our jaws drop and let chills run up our spines,
 to stare wide-eyed in wonder and awe at your glory dwelling among us.
 We pray in the name of Christ our Lord. 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 9:2-7

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠Anthem Good Christian Men Rejoice and Sing

Bullock

Time for Personal Reflection, Prayer, and Giving

Prayer Meditation Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM



1 Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan
2 By his Word was all cre - at - ed; he com-mand-ed; it
3 O, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed when the Vir - gin, full
4 This is he whom seers in old time chant-ed of with one
5 O ye heights of heaven, a - dore him. An - gel hosts, his prais -
6 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost,



to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga; he the
was done: heaven and earth and depths of o - cean, u - ni -
of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the
ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets prom-ised
es sing. Powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him, and ex -
to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing and un -



source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
verse of three in one, all that sees the moon's soft
Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's Re -
in their faith - ful word. Now he shines, the long - ex -
tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
wea - ried prais - es be. Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 shin - ing, all that breathes be - neath the sun,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed. Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord,
 si - lent; ev - ery voice in con - cert ring,
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,



ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - - men.

✠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 Born in the Night, Mary's Child

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.

✠Benediction

Postlude In dulci jubilo

J.S. Bach

When our worship is over, our service begins

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS
DECEMBER 27, 2020

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

VACATION

Pastor Alex will be on vacation December 28 - January 6. On January 3, we will welcome back to the pulpit Rev. Jessie Light-Wells, campus ministry director for UKirk SMU.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school has resumed in the form of "Presbyterian 101" (and 201) for the purpose of training our newly elected elders! If you would like to attend this class, you can join on zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84162743555>. If you would like to join by phone, call 1-346-248-7799 (long distance). The meeting ID is 841 6274 3555. There is no participant ID or password.

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>

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>.

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!

END OF YEAR GIVING

The end of 2020 is quickly approaching. If you have not yet made your planned contribution, please consider making your gift by December 31. For questions about year-end giving, please contact Dan Stoyak, WPC Account Manager (dans@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). If you have questions or need help, contact Dan Stoyak in the business office dans@wpcd.org or 214-351-3251.

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.

WORSHIP NEWS

Due to the increased COVID presence in Texas, the session voted on Tuesday at their November meeting to offer worship as "streaming only". Worship will continue to be streamed live at 11am from the sanctuary. However, until further notice, the session kindly requests that **everyone without a leadership role in the service remain at home and stream online** to maximize health and safety in accordance with the current public health.

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/UC2YYEjyOByYTxzSzEwiTw>.

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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