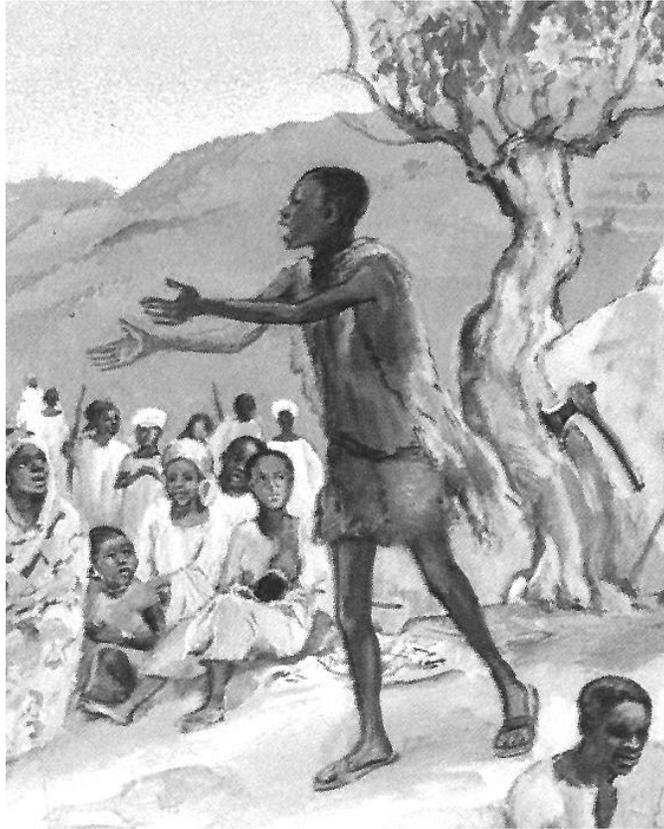


# Westminster Presbyterian Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 2021

10:30 A.M.



JESUS MAFA, *John the Baptist Preaching in the Desert.*  
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## WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Prelude Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying (Wachet auf)

Robert A. Hobby

### ✠Call to Worship

One: John came out of wilderness to preach repentance:

All: "Make straight the path! Make the rough places smooth!"

One: He preaches to us still:

All: Prepare the way for God's reign of justice and love.

### ✠Hymn 106 Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRN



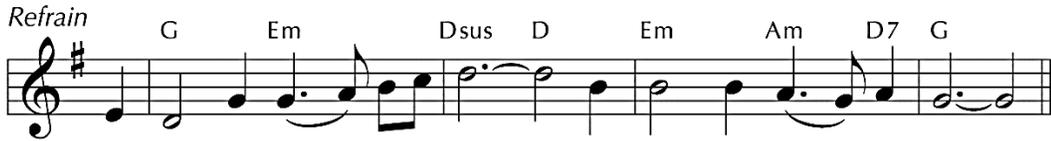
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace,



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
 and ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro-claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
 Lift high your praise re-sound-ing, for grace and joy a - bound-ing.  
 All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.



O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

One: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me,  
 and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.

All: He is like a refiner's fire. He will refine the people like gold and silver.  
 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord,  
 as in the days of old.

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:1-16

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 490, verses 1-2

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

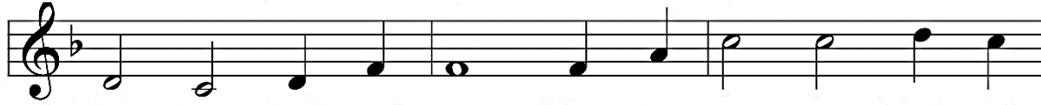
BEACH SPRING



1 Wash, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, new - born crea - tures  
 2 Ev - ery day we need your nur - ture; by your milk may  
 3 O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined,



of your womb. Num-ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like  
we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of  
all your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our



Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar - ments bright and  
bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us; guide our  
lives we wor - ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -



spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;  
foot - steps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in  
fore you, wa - ter-washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our



send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.  
liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.  
lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

Sacrament of Baptism for Georgia Gayle Cianfarani

Mike and Heather Cianfarani, *parents*  
Tara Grumbles and Nicholas Cianfarani, *sponsors*

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

... the Peace of Christ be with you.  
*And also with you.*

Hymn 490 Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters (v. 3)

BEACH SPRING

Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
Invitation to the Table

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

...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.

## Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

### Time for Communion, Prayer, and Offering

Special Music

O Comfort My People

arr. David Ogden

O comfort my people and calm all their fear,  
and tell them the time of salvation draws near.  
O tell them I come to remove all their shame.  
Then they will forever give praise to my name.

Proclaim to the cities of Juda my word;  
That gentle yet strong is the hand of the Lord.  
I rescue the captives, my people defend  
And bring them to justice and joy without end.

All mountains and hills shall become as a plain  
For vanished are mourning and hunger and pain.  
And never again shall these war against you.  
Behold I come quickly, to make all things new.

### Prayer After Communion

Holy and Mighty God, we thank you for gathering us at your table and feeding us with the bread of life. As we depart into the places where you call us, send your Spirit to accompany us, that we may share in your magnificent work of lifting up all who are laid low, showing mercy to all who are in need, and feeding the bodies and hearts of all who are hungry. Amen.

## WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

### ✠Hymn 82 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL



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-ri-ous throne.

✠Charge and Benediction

Postlude      Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Johann Pachelbel

*When our worship is over, our service begins*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastor:	Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell	Sound Technician:	Bill Vilbig
Worship Leader:	Sharon Wright	Livestream:	Leiza McArter
Candle Lighters:	McArter 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.

**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.

**WELCOME, GIGI!**

Today we celebrate the baptism of Georgia "Gigi" Cianfarani. Congratulations to her parents, Mike and Heather, sister Vivian, and Godparents Tara and Nicholas! 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 Gigi as our new sister in Christ and make promises on her behalf to trust in God and grow in faith. Following worship please join us for a reception in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate Gigi.

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

The Adult Sunday School Class continues December 5, in the old classroom (room 102) led by Rev. Dick Powers at 9:15 a.m. coffee in hand. This Sunday we will 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. 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>

## 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, 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!

## 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).

## 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.

## 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](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/UC2YYEjyOBjYTxzSzEwiTw>

### SESSION

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