

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2020

11:00 a.m.



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WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, *Savior of the Nations, Come*

J.S. Bach

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

✠Call to Worship

(Isaiah 40:3-5)

Leader: A voice cries out:

People: In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord!

Leader: Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

People: Every valley shall be lifted up and every mountain made low.

Leader: The uneven ground shall become level and the rough places a plain.

People: Then God's glory will be revealed.

Leader: All people shall see it together.

People: For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

✠Please rise as you are able.

✕Hymn People, Look East

BESANÇON



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more
 5 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who



crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

Peo - ple, look



a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.

east and sing to - day:



Peo - ple, look east:

Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 Love, the Bird, is on the way.
 Love, the Star, is on the way.
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Peo - ple, look east:

(Love is on the way.)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
 and the leopard shall lie down with the kid.

People: The calf and the lion and the fatling will lie down together,
 and a little child shall lead them.

Sung Response He Came Down

HE CAME DOWN

*He came down that we may have peace;
 He came down that we may have peace;
 He came down that we may have peace;
 Hallelujah forevermore.*

Prayer of Confession

God of love and kindness,
you have promised to renew our lives and to be with us
in a new heaven and new earth—
a realm where steadfast love and faithfulness endure forever.
We confess that we are afraid of your promised coming.
Instead we cling to rules we understand, rules of rank, status, and power.
We are afraid of a world of true justice and peace,
afraid that you will change the way things have always been.
As we wait for you to live among us,
we confess our unwillingness to see that you have always been here.
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

2 Peter 3:8-15a

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

Sermon

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Anthem Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer
...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.

Time for Communion, Offering, and Prayer

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 After Communion

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠Hymn Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to



King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner



draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

✠Benediction

Postlude Prelude and Fugue in C Minor

J.S. Bach

When our worship is over, our service begins

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 6, 2020

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

VIRTUAL COMMUNION TODAY

Today's worship service includes the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All who desire to follow Christ are welcome to participate in the sacrament. As you worship remotely, via Facebook or YouTube, be sure to have a small bit of bread and juice or wine nearby to receive communion. Although we are physically apart, by God's Spirit, we are still one family; one unified "body" of Christ.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Worship on Christmas Eve is scheduled for 4:30pm on 12/24. As with all WPC services, worship will be streamed live on Facebook (details below). For Christmas Eve, limited in-person attendance is also available, but you are requested to **call the church office in advance** to reserve your spot. Childcare will be provided. Come celebrate Christ's birth with us!

LESSONS AND CAROLS

On Sunday, December 20, the outstanding Westminster music staff will lead us in our annual service of Lessons and Carols. We hope you will join us on Facebook Live for the much-needed joy and comfort that comes from telling cherished stories and singing familiar songs.

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.

2021: A YEAR OF GENEROSITY

The stewardship campaign for 2021 is underway! The kingdom of God is made real through the human ministry of congregations like Westminster and organizations like our mission partners. In these anxious times, the stewardship committee challenges you to consider a posture of radical generosity—not for the benefit of WPC, but for the whole world. 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!

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@wpced.org or 214-351-3251.

ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION

Worship at Westminster is broadcast live on Facebook directly from the WPC sanctuary beginning at 11 am 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>.

UPDATE: MISSION STUDY GROUP

The Mission study group meets weekly. They are now working on a timeline of a "people's history" of Westminster. It is currently being assembled on the stage of the Fellowship Hall. Go check it out! If you have a memory or event you would like added to the timeline, let us know.

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.

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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