

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Knowing Christ.....Making Christ Known

November 29, 2020

11:10 A.M. Contemporary - Live-Stream Worship



GATHERING THOUGHT

THOSE WHO DREAM . . . KEEP AWAKE

The power of dreams lies in waking up. For when we close our eyes, we can see a better world. When we close our eyes, we can dream a better world. But when we open our eyes, we begin the work of faith.

The power of worship is the same. When we enter this space, we can see a better world. When we enter this space, we dream a better dream. But when we leave this space we begin the work of faith.

So come. Dream your dream. Find hope here. For after we have worshiped together, we will begin the work of faith. Let it be so.

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ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 29, 2020

1st Sunday of Advent

11:10 A.M.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Lauren and Will Coffey, Anderson Milks

I dream of the days when we could be part of a crowd.

I dream of snow days.

I dream of empty beds in jail cells.

I dream of a world that will let kids be kids.

I dream of full tables instead of empty bellies.

I dream of schools with enough money to teach.

I dream of parents with enough money to feed.

I dream to keep awake, because if we don't dream of better days, then we might forget that this is not what God imagined.

So today we light the candle of hope, for hope is the very thing that keeps dreams alive.

May this light be an invitation to keep awake.

May this light be our invitation to be Advent people – people who dream.

Let us worship God!

SUNG ADVENT RESPONSE

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Isaiah 7:14, 9:1-3, 49:5-6, Luke 1:78-79

O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here,
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind,
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease,
Fill the whole world with heavenly peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel (2x)

SONG OF CONFESSION

For Us

S.Hart and S.K.Quaglia

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Oh how deep the Father's love, Written in the sun and stars
Here below and far above, By the beauty of His heart
Blooming with eternal hope, In this garden we call home
Oh how deep the Father's love,
How deep His love for us

Oh how kind the Savior's heart, Word from word and light from light
Came into our wilderness, broke the bread and shared His life
Silenced hate with cross and thorn,
In His pain He loved us more Oh how kind the Savior's heart,
How kind His heart for us

Oh how true the Spirit guides, Gift of God for all His own
Dear companion, be our light, Let us never walk alone
Gently fall and kindly lead, Help us in our unbelief
Oh how true the Spirit guides,
How true You guide us all

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN AND PASSING THE PEACE

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Shop for Hope* Monica Justice

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.**

SHARING OUR GIFTS *Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*

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Lo, how a rose e'er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung
Of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.
It came a flower-et bright, Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind,
To show God's love aright, She bore for us a Savior,
When half spent was the night.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 13:24-37

“But in those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

“Wait, Watch, Hope!”

Jennie Clark

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Communion Prayer

COMMUNION PRAYER

SONG OF RESPONSE

Nothing To Fear

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When you pass through the waters I will be with you
And the depths of the rivers shall not overwhelm
When you walk through the fire you will not be burned
I am the Lord, I am the Lord

Refrain: *And there is nothing to fear, nothing to fear*
There is nothing to fear, nothing to fear
For I am with you always.

In the depths of your sorrow I wept beside you
When you walked through the shadow I drew you near
Yesterday today tomorrow always the same
I am the Lord, I am the Lord

What can separate you from my perfect love (3x)

Do not fear, do not fear, do not fear

BENEDICTION

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A Few Notes

Happening Today:

Celebrate Wonder KidsConnect (via Zoom) from 8:45-9:30am every Sunday as we honor the spiritual life of your children.

No Journey Class this morning.

No Virtual Youth Group this afternoon.

Upcoming Events:

Westminster's Giving Tree is Online this Year! Help to make this holiday season special for those in need during these challenging times. The need for gift donations is even greater this year and we need your help to share God's love at Christmas! Simply click on the organization you wish to purchase, signup online, and follow the directions provided: [Pocopson Nursing Home](#), [Migrant Ministries](#), [Domestic Violence Center](#), and [Family Promise](#). We will be collecting gifts curbside at Westminster from 11a.m.-1pm on Sunday, November 29 & December 6, and from

10-12pm on Saturday, December 5. Questions or help with gift delivery, contact [Angela Emrich](#) or [Debbie Zakarian](#).

Book Discussion Group, Monday, December 7 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Join us in the discussion of Matthew Alfeo's book entitled, *Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure*. Please let Ivy Jost know if you are attending via zoom at donivyjost@verizon.net.

Red Cross Blood Drive, December 8-9, 12:00-5:00 p.m. in Spellman Hall. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the need for blood is greater than ever before, and giving blood is one of the most precious gifts you can give someone – the gift of life. Type the following into your computer browser to sign up: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> and use sponsor code WPC.

Drop off Food for Senior Center, 9:15-9:30am Wed. Dec. 9, under the Front Portico. The West Chester Senior Center is seeking healthy snack products and meal items they can set out on tables for their community. Items such as: pasta, pasta sauce, canned tuna or chicken, applesauce snack packs, cheese and cracker snack packs, cheese sticks, cereal bars, and fruit cup snack packs. These items must be shelf-stable or remain fresh for a few days with a minimum of refrigeration. There are no minimums or limits to the quantities. Questions? Contact Terri Pennington at tpennington@1211@yahoo.com.

Virtual Christmas Choir Concert, Sunday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. (live streamed). Join us for a virtual Christmas concert, *Where Peace and Love and Hope Abide this Christmastide*, which will include recordings of past Christmas concerts, a virtual choir anthem and a premier telling of a wonderful true story called *The Christmas Tablecloth*.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

2021 Stewardship Campaign

688 pledges totaling \$1,850,693
92% of our \$2,023,747 goal

October 2020

General Fund – Missions and Church Operations

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% vs. Budget</u>
YTD Tithes and Offering	\$1,835,306	\$1,875,234	-2%
YTD Expenses	\$1,818,157	\$2,046,716	-11%

We want to sincerely thank you for keeping your General Fund pledges up to date; as you can see, this month tithes and offering have fallen short of what we expected and budgeted. We encourage you to keep up consistent giving, so that we can achieve 100% of our pledged support. Please consider electronic giving. Setting up your giving is simple through the “Donate” button on the “Give” page on the church website, or request an authorization form by contacting the church office.

Thank you for your commitment to the mission and ministry of Westminster.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Live Streaming – Sunday

- 9:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship
- 11:10 a.m. - Contemporary Worship
- 5:00 p.m. – Prayer Worship

Live Streaming – Wednesday

- 9:10 a.m. - Prayer and Communion Worship

TEXT GIVING is available. You can give via your phone; it's easy, secure and instant. Start a new text message to 610-616-2826. Enter the dollar amount of your gift as the text. Send. First time givers are prompted to a link to enter credit/debit card information.

PRAYER CHAIN members receive a weekly list of prayer requests via email and members include them in their conversations with God. To have a prayer request included in the Prayer Chain or to become a member, contact Jeanne Klaver at jeanneklaver@gmail.com or fill out the prayer request form at www.westminsterpc.org.

TRANSCRIPTS, VIDEO AND AUDIO OF PREVIOUS SERMONS are available online at www.westminsterpc.org.

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