

Service for the Lord's Day

Special Music Sunday
First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018



*Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken
through all generations.
Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert
watching for the glorious return
of Jesus Christ, our judge and savior,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.*

Welcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping here today! Feel free to take a *Welcome to Westminster* pamphlet from the pew rack. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible. If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to one of us after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Opening Voluntary

Water Music: Air

G. F. Handel
arr. Walter Barnes

◆ Processional Hymn 6 **Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending** *Helmsley*

◆ Lighting of the First Candle of Advent

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.

Prophets like Jeremiah pointed to a future hope, a Savior. No one knew when he would come.

They only hoped they would recognize the Messiah. We too wait with hope for the One who has come and is coming.

We watch and prepare.

A spark of hope lights the way,

clearing our vision to recognize God's glory in our midst.

With joyful expectation, we look for the coming of the Messiah.

◆ Advent Song

Pre - pare the way of the Lord, pre - pare the way of the Lord,
and all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre-

Call to Confession

We come before God seeking light and guidance in the darkness of our lives. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, together let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

**Advent God, come among us. Awaken us to your presence, and fill us with your love.
Forgive us when our hunger for justice gives way to our hunger for power.
Forgive us when our hope for peace is swallowed by our fear of failure.
Forgive us when our songs of faith are drowned out by the shouts of the world.**

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

♩ = 66

D Bm D A

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Em C Em A D

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!

Assurance of Pardon

*Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.*

Christ is our peace.

Let us rejoice and walk in the light of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

◆ Congregational Response

**Let the nations shout and sing, glory to their Savior bring;
All below and all above sing your praise with joy and love.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.**

◆ Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

Announcements for the Church and Community

God's Word to Us

Old Testament

Isaiah 2:1-5

OT pg. 594

◆ Hymn 177

Psalm 24

Israeli Folk Melody

New Testament Lesson

Revelation 1:4b-8

NT pg. 230

Musical Offering

The Dream Isaiah Saw

Glenn Rudolph
text: Thomas Troeger

Lions and oxen will sleep in the hay, leopards will join with the lambs as they play,
wolves will be pastured with cows in the glade, blood will not darken the earth that God made.

Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart.
Bring the dream Isaiah saw: life redeemed from fang and claw.

Peace will pervade more than forest and field: God will transfigure the violence concealed deep in the heart and in systems of gain, ripe for the judgment the Lord will ordain.

Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart.
Bring the dream Isaiah saw: justice purifying law.

Nature reordered to match God's intent, nations obeying the call to repent,
all of creation completely restored, filled with the knowledge and love of the Lord.

Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart.
Bring the dream Isaiah saw: knowledge, wisdom, worship, awe.

◆ Affirmation of Faith

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.

Prayers of the Congregation

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

The Offering

Offertory

Alpha and Omega

Plainsong, Mode 5
arr. Gwyneth Walker

Of God's very heart begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
Christ is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he;
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!

Oh, ye heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;
Powers, dominions bow before him, and extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore! Alleluia!

Christ, to thee with God most blessed, and O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unending praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion and eternal life to be.

Let no tongue on earth be silent! For the future years shall see,
He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he: Evermore and evermore!

◆ Presentation of Bread and Cup

No. 414

**With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to you,
Not just to serve your cause, but share your love with neighbors too.
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,

O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs

and with all the faithful of every time and place,

who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;

HS No. 72

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

HS No. 73

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Communion Music

E'en So, Lord Jesus Quickly Come

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,

Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God,

Who was and is and is to come, sing Holy, Holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,

Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming, is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;

They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

Prayer After Communion

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament,

united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste

of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit

to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

◆ Hymn 12

People, Look East

Besançon

◆ The Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

*Water Music:
Allegro Maestoso*

G. F. Handel
arr. Walter Barnes

Coming Up

Sunday, December 2

8:30 and 11 a.m., Worship

Noon, Fellowship Hour

12:15 p.m., Singers Rehearsal,
choir room

Thursday, December 6

4 p.m., Choristers Rehearsal,
choir room

5:30 p.m., E.A.T. Dinner,
Common Grounds

7 p.m., Adult Choir Rehearsal,
choir room

Sunday, December 9

11 a.m., Worship

Second Sunday of Advent,

Noon, Fellowship Hour

3:15 p.m., Singers Rehearsal,
sanctuary

3:15 p.m., Readers Rehearsal,
choir room

4:00 p.m., Choristers and
Ushers Rehearsal, sanctuary

5:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols,
sanctuary

6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner,
fellowship hall

Today in Worship

Liturgist

Lynne Clements, Ken Henry

Ushers

8:30 Ken Digges (head),
Lucille Digges

11:00 Dan Nissen (head), Paul
Schakel, Ford Scott

Greeters

8:30 Dan Heuchert

11:00 Kathy Redding

Fellowship Team

Tina and Allen Goode

Fran Sargent

Sound Engineer

8:30 Michael Costanzo

11:00 Elton Oliver

Deacon of the Day

Leanna Whitmore

Communion Preparers

Liza Millett, Lucy Burnette,

Dick Redding

Elders Serving Communion

8:30 Millie and Rob Winstead

11:00 James Moak, Lee
Cilimberg, David Strider

Advent Candle-Lighters

8:30 Jørgen and Laura Vik
with Isaac and Thomas Vik

11:00 Peter and Jessica
Dimmick

Lay Readers

Winston Barham, Dick Redding,
Nadine Roddy

Soprano

Diane Balister, Betsy Bloom,
Carol Brinkerhoff, Sara
Chambers, Marijke Durieux,
Dana Patek, Nadine Roddy,
Lynanne Wilson

Alto

Vivian Dillard, Bette Flickinger,
Gail Hassmer, Heather Henry,
Erika Herz, Carolyn Kelly, Lydia
Peale, Jane Edmister Penner,
Nancy Verwest

Tenor

Winston Barham, Jim Hassmer,
Bill McBride, Steve Patek, Dick
Redding

Bass

Bill Chambers, George
Stetkevych, Steve Wilson

Jerry Barber, trumpet
Don Brubaker, trumpet
Becky Allen, horn
Steve Layman, trombone
Scott Colley, trombone
Basil Istwany, tuba
Max Patek, percussion

*The flowers today are given by
the Hammond family in
memory of Guy Hammond.*

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WESTMINSTER EVENTS

Come E.A.T. together! There's a place for Everyone At the Table on Thursdays at Common Grounds from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Join us next Thursday evening, December 6. We'll have ham, rolls, salad and mac 'n' cheese! Please r.s.v.p. by calling 434-293-3133 or visiting www.westminsterva.org.

Stewardship Update – As of this week, 204 households have returned their pledge cards as part of our financial stewardship campaign. If you haven't already done so, please make your pledge now. Visit www.westminsterva.org to pledge online or call Kate Brinkley, 434-293-3133, to receive a pledge card.

Christmas Eve Choir – Join in the fun of being in the choir for Christmas Eve. Youth, grade 5 and up, and adults are invited to participate in a special choir that sings at the 5 p.m. service on December 24. Rehearsals are Thursday, December 20, from 6 to 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 23, from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. in the choir room. Please contact Megan Sharp, 434-963-4690 or music@westminsterva.org.

Peace, Justice & Inclusion – In keeping with Westminster's long history of outreach and social justice, our PJI ministry is busy at work throughout our community and beyond. Please pick up a PJI information sheet in the Gathering Place outside Fellowship Hall, fill out the form, and let us know where your interest lies. Contact Ruthie Buck, drb7c@virginia.edu.

The 115 participants in our 2018 Charlottesville/Albemarle **CROP WALK** have raised \$23,074. Anyone who hasn't yet done so, should drop off their donation at the church office or mail it to Bobby Weikle, CROP Walk Treasurer, 5900 Weston Drive, Crozet, VA 22932.

COMMUNITY

The PROSAMI dinner and presentation of our new maternal/infant care hospital in the Congo will be on Mon., December 3, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., with a delicious African dinner. The problems of hunger are big, but by working together we are making a considerable difference in people's lives. Contact David Strider, 434-996-0497 or dvs7e@virginia.edu.

Christian Education

Join us on Sunday mornings for a class that can enrich your perspective and experience at Westminster.

Today we'll enjoy the following classes:

Prophets for Our Time: Speaking Truth to Power – Gene Locke, library

The Birth of Jesus: reading Matthew and Luke for historical insight, spiritual empathy and critical growth as Christians - David Garth, room 209

Faith and Family, lounge

Contemporary Theology, room 207

Opening Doors, room 208

Next Sunday, December 9, at 9:30 a.m.:

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The Birth of Jesus: Reading Matthew and Luke for historical insight, spiritual empathy and critical growth as Christians - David Garth, room 209

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Advent & Christmas

AT WESTMINSTER

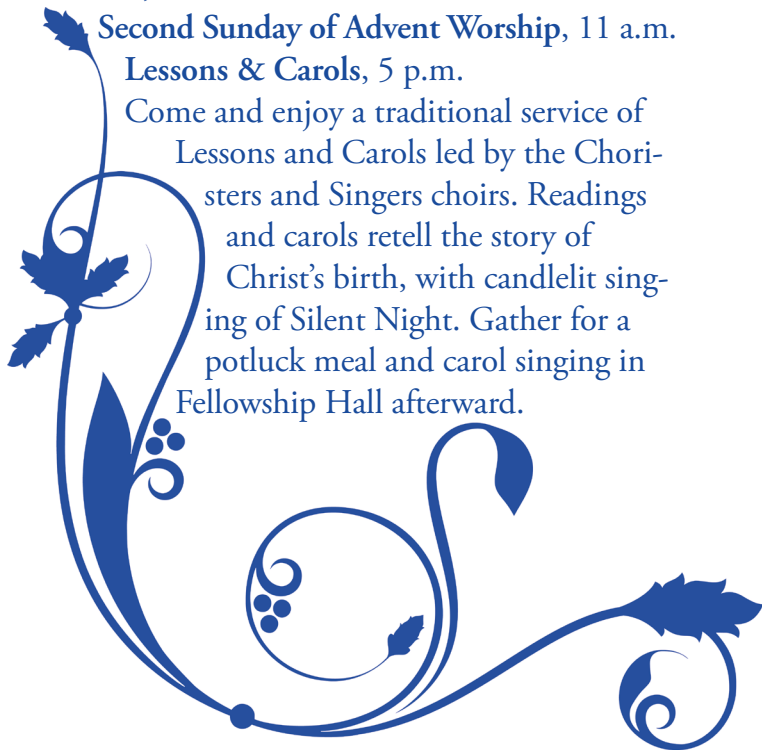
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

First Sunday of Advent Worship, 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Brass and choir, with choral anthems by Glenn Rudolph and Gwyneth Walker with brass, organ and percussion.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Second Sunday of Advent Worship, 11 a.m.
Lessons & Carols, 5 p.m.

Come and enjoy a traditional service of Lessons and Carols led by the Choristers and Singers choirs. Readings and carols retell the story of Christ's birth, with candlelit singing of Silent Night. Gather for a potluck meal and carol singing in Fellowship Hall afterward.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Third Sunday of Advent Worship, 11 a.m.
Caroling, 3 p.m. All are welcome to join in song and share carols with those in our congregation in need of Christmas cheer. Directions and song sheets will be available in fellowship hall.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship, 11 a.m.

MONDAY DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Worship, 5 p.m. This child-friendly service includes carols and candlelight. Enjoy this creative retelling of the Christmas story through treasures stored in a simple, wooden box.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Worship, 8:30 p.m. Share the joy of the season in a communion service with carols and candlelight on this holiest of nights. Organ prelude begins at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

First Sunday of Christmas Worship, 11 a.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

Epiphany of the Lord Worship, 11 a.m.

Hearing Enhancement – Westminster is equipped with personal hearing assistance devices for use by our worshippers. These are available in the narthex, to be checked out from the ushers before services. Our sanctuary is equipped with “T-coil” technology.

Large-Print versions of the *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, and our own *Hymnal Supplement* are available for use during the service. If you would like to use any of these large print copies, please ask an usher.

Children and Worship – Families are encouraged to worship together, whenever possible. We strive to include children who are first graders and older in our worship service. Children's pew Bibles, children's bulletins, and worship bags are available from the ushers. A “comfort room” is available downstairs for those with small children who might need a place to rest or play. A speaker in that room makes it possible to hear the service.

Mission Statement

*Sustained by grace, we are called to serve Christ,
share God's love, and work for justice in a complex world.*