



Service for the Lord's Day

3rd Sunday of Advent
December 13th, 2020

Westminster Presbyterian Church
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Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen

Johannes Brahms

Welcome

Meeting our New Members

Opening Hymn

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

Prayer of Confession

Congregational Response

STUTT GART

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

Congregational Response

GLORIA

**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.**

God's Word to Us

Gospel Reading	Luke 1:46b-55	Dorothy Piatt
Solo	<i>Song of Mary</i>	Early American melody
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	
Sermon	Tidings of Comfort and Joy	Ken Henry

Sending Us Out

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer		Lynne Clements
Lighting of the Third Advent Candle		
Candlighting Response		VENI EMMANUEL
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.		
Charge and Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Three Magnificat Versets</i>	Johann Erasmus Kindermann

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

G D Em C Em

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

G D

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

Em C D Em

fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

C D Em C Em

dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.



WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Politics has overheated religion. At a time when scripture should be at its most profound and when its grace should shine, religion is scalding. At a time of grave sickness and fear, religion could be a balm for believers and nonbelievers, too. But instead, it's just another political hand grenade.

Robin Givhan, *Washington Post*

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