



Westminster Presbyterian Church



January 1, 2023 | 11:00 a.m.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Noel X

Claude Louis Daquin

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Introit

*Call to Worship

Psalm 8

Leader: Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
and blessed by God,

People: **we come to worship one, holy God.**

Leader: O God, our own God,
how wonderful is your name in all the earth.

People: **Your majesty is the music of the starry skies.
yet even children of dust can sing your praises.**

Leader: In the name of the Healer, the Provider, and the Enabler
let your gratitude and joy be made known.

People: **O God, our own God,
how wonderful is your name in all the earth!**

*Opening Hymn No. 143 Angels, From the Realms of Glory James Montgomery
1 Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

3 Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations; you have seen his natal star:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

4 All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

***Prayer of Confession**

God of the old and the new, we want to embrace your new way, but we like the old just fine.
We repeat tired ideas and resist new possibilities. We hold on to old grudges and resist your
word of reconciliation and new life. We are too afraid of the unknown to step out into
something new. Forgive us, loving Lord. Help us to see the way of your new creation in our
lives and our world, that we might be reconciled to you and one another in
Jesus Christ our Lord.

(A time of silence for personal confession)

***Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Sung Response No. 136**

Go, Tell It On The Mountain African American Spiritual
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Isaiah 63: 7-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Path Ahead

Louise Rogers

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory

Of the Father's Love Begotten

arr. Wilbur Held

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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.

The Sacrament of Communion

Prayer of 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.

Institution of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Sending

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***Closing Hymn No. 110**

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

1 Love has come: a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
 See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises:
 Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

2 Love is born! Come, share in the wonder. Love is God now asleep in the hay.
 See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying?
 Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers. Love! Love! Jesus, Emmanuel.

3 Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.
 Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
 Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Postlude

The Sussex Carol

arr. Dale Wood

***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Leading in worship: Jim Burns, Louise Rogers, and Chip Staub.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

JAN 2 - 8, 2023



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MONDAY, JANUARY 2

Church Office Closed
WECEP Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00 Tuesday Morning Men's Group Rm. 238
10:00 Staff Meeting Rm. 238
6:30 Al Anon Rm. 131
7:30 Scout Troop 366 Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

4:45 Cherub Choir (Gds. K-2) Rm. 176
Junior Choir (Gds. 3-6) Rm. 268
Little Ones & Loved Ones Rm. 194
5:30 Wednesday Food & Fellowship Fellowship Hall
6:00 JAM - Youth Group (Grades 5-6) North Entry
Kids' Connection (3rd & 4th Grds) Rm. 176
Kids' Connection (PreK-2nd Grds) Rm. 233
Veritas Youth Group (Grds. 7-12) Youth Dept.
7:30 Westminster Ringers Rm. 268

Wednesdays @ Westminster have something for everyone! From children's choirs to Children's & Family Ministry programs, Food & Fellowship, Veritas Youth Group, Bible studies, and more, make plans to be here. Visit our website or scan the QR codes below for details.



Children's & Family Ministry



Music & Choirs

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

6:00 Cub Scout Den Meeting Rm. 176
7:00 Chancel Choir Rm. 268
Nar Anon Rm. 131
7:30 NA Rm. 107

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

7:00 AA Rm. 107
Al Anon Rm. 231

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

9:00 Officers Retreat Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:30 Traditional Worship Sanctuary
Wiggle Room** Rm. 239
9:00 Welcome Center
9:45 Bridge Contemporary Worship WROC/Lvstrm.
Bridge Sunday School PreK-4th Rm. 176
Wiggle Room - The Bridge** WROC Fitness
11:00 Traditional Worship Sanctuary/Lvstrm.
Wiggle Room** Rm. 239
Sunday School* PreK-4th Gd. Rm. 233
7:00 Youth Choir Rm. 268

*Sunday School - There is no Sunday school today, January 1. Sunday school will resume next week, Sunday, January 8.

**Wiggle Room - 9:45 - Upstairs WROC Fitness Room; 8:30/11:00 - Room 239. Available to families with children from birth through age 3 who would prefer a separate space to step away while listening to the worship service. Please see an usher if you need help finding the Wiggle Room.



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