



Westminster Presbyterian Church



November 27, 2022 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

— WE GATHER TOGETHER —

Prelude

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You  
BWV 735

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

\*Share the Peace of Christ

\*Introit

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, vs. 1

VENI EMMANUEL

\*Candle Lighting (*Isaiah 2*)

Leader: We are preparing ourselves for the days

**People: when nations shall beat their swords into plowshares,**

Leader: and their spears into gardening tools;

**People: nations shall not lift up weapons against nations,**

Leader: they will no longer make war.

**People: We will walk in the way of the Lord.**

\*Opening Hymn No. 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

1 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.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

2 Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Dear God, help us to travel lightly this season.  
Take from us the things that weigh us down,  
the burden of things unsaid, the sorrow of regret,  
the things we'd do over if only we could.  
Remove all which comes between us and you,  
between us and our neighbors.  
Fill the space between us with your grace.

*(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. 92**

While We Are Waiting, Come  
While we are waiting, come *(repeat)*;  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.  
With power and glory, come *(repeat)*;  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.  
Come, Savior, quickly come *(repeat)*;  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting come.

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**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.

**Choral Response**

Sevenfold Amen

Lutkin

**— WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD —**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 24:36-44

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

Hope Blooms in the Unexpected

Jo Forrest

— WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE —

**Offertory**

Carol of the Advent

Philip R. Dietterich

People, look East. The time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able. Trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look East, and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:

Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.

People, look East, and sing today: Love, the rose, is on the way.

Birds, though ye long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.

Even the hour when wings are frozen, He for fledging time has chosen.

People, look East and sing today: Love, the bird is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.

People, look East and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels announce to man and beast Him who cometh from the East.

Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.

People, look East and sing today: Love, the Lord is on the way.

**\*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.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

— WE GO OUT TO SERVE —

**\*Closing Hymn No. 367**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

1 Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.

God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.

Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thankful praise to yield,

wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.

First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.

Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,

there forever purified, in thy presence to abide:

come, with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home!

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

Away in a Manger, *verse 3*

arr. Wilberg

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

**Postlude**

Savior of the Nations, Come

J.G. Walther

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

**Leading in worship:** Jo Forrest, Christine Hestwood, Sara Kyle, Louise Rogers, the Quartet, and the Chancel Choir.

**Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving**

We celebrate with joy the birth of Kai Peter to parents Katherine and William Dec, and grandparents Joan and Peter Stephans.

The congregation extends condolences to family and friends of Bill Barati who died on November 20.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Today

### Isaiah 'Twas Foretold It with Steven S. Tuell

Sunday, November 27, December 4, 11 & 18  
9:45 a.m. in Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

The Advent seminar series will guide the waiting and preparation that will end with our joyful celebration of Christ's incarnation at Christmas. Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>

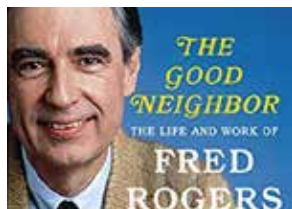
## This Week



### Online Advent Devotions

Available now on the church website at [www.westminster-church.org/advent-2022-westminster](http://www.westminster-church.org/advent-2022-westminster)

Advent is a time of spiritual preparation as we anticipate the birth of our Lord. Online daily Advent devotions are available on the Westminster website on the Advent page here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/advent-2022-westminster>. Find links to Advent devotions from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, *Presbyterians Today*, and d365.



### Westminster Book Group

Wednesday, Nov. 30  
Noon - 1:15 p.m.  
Library

The next meeting of the Westminster Book Group will discuss *The Good Neighbor* by Maxwell King. Bring a brown bag lunch and join us!

"An engaging story...*The Good Neighbor* is the definitive portrait of a beloved figure, cherished by multiple generations." - Amazon

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

## Bair Foundation Christmas Gift Drive

Due Friday, December 2



Westminster is once again partnering with the Bair Foundation to provide Christmas gifts for 300 foster children in the local Pittsburgh area. Tags are back on the trees in the north and south entries of the church or visit our Amazon list at [www.westminstergiftingtree.com](http://www.westminstergiftingtree.com) to ship your gift to us. Read more here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/bair-foundation-christmas-gift-drive>

## Next Week



### Then Sings My Soul

Friday, Dec. 9  
7:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

*Freewill offering to benefit Westminster's Outreach programs*

World renowned mezzo-soprano Marianne Cornetti, accompanied by pianist Bryan Sable, will sing a concert of sacred music. Westminster's soprano section leader, Katy Williams, is a special guest on the program. Ms. Cornetti, a native of Cabot, PA, and graduate of Duquesne University, has been presenting this concert throughout the Pittsburgh area in thanksgiving for her successful musical career.



### Breakfast at the Manger

Saturday, Dec. 10  
9:00 a.m. – noon  
Fellowship Hall

Ages 10-Adult: \$10

Ages 3-9: \$7

Ages 2 & under: free

Children and their families are invited to enjoy breakfast, hear and interact with the Christmas story, make Christmas crafts, and celebrate the Christmas season together!

Details and registration here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/breakfast-at-the-manger>. Questions? Contact Faith Kemmler at [kemmler@westminster-church.org](mailto:kemmler@westminster-church.org).

## Coming Soon



### Westminster Christmas Concert

Sunday, Dec. 11  
7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

The Annual Christmas Concert features the Chancel Choir, Westminster Ringers, Cherub and Junior Choirs, and special guests, the USC Chanteclairs. The concert is free and will appeal to all ages. A freewill offering will be gratefully accepted to support outreach programs.

Visit the church's website at [www.westminster-church.org](http://www.westminster-church.org) for additional details on any event or activity listing and to view a complete church calendar, located under the "Events" menu item.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



## Christmas Remembrance Service

Wednesday, Dec. 14  
7:00 p.m.  
Galbreath Chapel

You are invited to a special communion service of Christmas Remembrance. The service will be a time of quiet reflection to remember loved ones. Join us for this special time of comfort and of hope. For more information, contact Louise Rogers at [rogers@westminster-church.org](mailto:rogers@westminster-church.org) or 412-835-6630.

## Volunteer Opportunity



## Street Moms Meals & More

Saturday, December 17  
8:00-10:00 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Sunday, December 18  
Following 8:30 worship  
Rm. 276 (Youth Lounge)

We are going to be supporting Street Moms, a community outreach non-profit, designed to meet the needs of women experiencing homelessness in Wheeling, West Virginia.

On December 17, join us in cooking warm meals for these women. On December 18, help us pack personal care items. Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/serving/opportunities-to-serve#community>



## Giving to Westminster

ONLINE: scan QR code

TEXT-TO-GIVE: Text WPCUSC to 73256.  
*Standard text messaging rates may apply.*

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

NOV 28 – DEC 4, 2022



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

12:00	AA	Rm. 176
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
7:00	Grace-Westminster Book Club	Zoom

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
8:45	Town Hall South Board Meeting	Yahweh Café
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
4:30	Single Women's Group - Dinner	Galleria
6:30	Centering Prayer	Zoom
7:00	AI Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

12:00	Westminster Book Group	Library
3:00	Office Retreat Planning Mtg.	Rm. 231
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	Couples' Group	Rm. 231
	JAM Youth Group (Gds. 5-6)	North Entry
	Kids' Connection (Gds. 3-4)	Rm. 176
	Kids' Connection (Gds. PreK-2)	Rm. 233
	Veritas Youth Group (Gds. 7-12)	Youth Dept.
	Wiggle Room	Rm. 239
6:30	Deacon Meeting	Rm. 238
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



Food & Fellowship fall menu



Music & Choirs

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

10:00	W2W - Emerald Group	Rm. 231
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 176
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
	Nar Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	NA	Rm. 107

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
7:00	AA	Rm. 107
	AI Anon	Rm. 231

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

3:00	Single Women's Group - Christmas Tea	Off Site
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## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:30	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center/Writers of Westminster Book Signing	North Entry
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship	WROC/Lvstrm.
	Wiggle Room**	WROC Fitness
	Sunday School* PreK-4th Gd.	Rm. 176
	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Lvstrm.
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
	Sunday School* PreK-4th Gd.	Rm. 233
	Confirmation Class	Rm. 283
7:00	Youth Choir	Rm. 268

\*Sunday School - 9:45 a.m., dismissed from worship after children's message; 11:00 a.m., report directly to Room 233. A time for children in PreK through 4th grade to explore the Bible, enjoy fellowship together, and grow in their faith.

\*\*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.

# CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS @ WESTMINSTER

The Chancel Guild is accepting memorial or honoree contributions for poinsettias. Use the form below and make your check payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and write "Poinsettia" on the memo line. Mail your check and form to the church office or place it in the collection plate.



Contributions must be received no later than **Sunday, December 11**, so that your gift can be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Please indicate if you plan to pick up your flower or whether you would like it delivered to a shut-in. Poinsettias will be available on Sunday, December 25, after worship, and Tuesday, December 27, or Wednesday, December 28, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

## 2022 Christmas Memorial and Honoree Poinsettia Order Form



My Name \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial       Honoree

Name of Memorial/Honoree (PLEASE PRINT)

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Deliver poinsettia to shut-in       Will pick up poinsettia on Sunday, December 25, after 10:00 a.m. worship, or Tuesday, December 27, or Wednesday, December 28, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

***Please return this form to the church office by Sunday, December 11, 2022.***

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