



Third Sunday of Advent  
December 12, 2021  
Holy Baptism

Rejoice  
*in the*  
Lord  
Always...



Westminster  
Presbyterian  
Church

Front cover:

Photo by Donovan  
Drake

### *About the Prelude*

The Prelude is a musical offering to help move the hearts and minds of the gathering community from the daily struggles of life to the worship of God. Today's prelude includes a setting of the Advent hymn *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* [hymn 96] by the English composer Christopher Tambling (1964-2015) and Buxtehude's beautifully simple setting of *Savior of the Nations, Come* [hymn 102], a 1524 text by Martin Luther.

"Advent" means coming or arrival. The season of Advent begins with an emphasis on final things (eschatology). We watch and pray with expectant hope for the establishment of God's justice and the return of the Prince of Peace. As the weeks of Advent progress, the focus shifts to thanks and praise for the birth of the one who has already come - Jesus Christ our Savior.

The primary symbolism of the Advent candles has to do with light growing in darkness - leading up to the coming of Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

## GATHERING

*(Silence during the Prelude is requested in preparation for worship.)*

### PRELUDE

Winchester New

Christopher Tambling

Dietrich Buxtehude

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BuxWV 211

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*As the light is brought into the Sanctuary,  
and the candles on the Advent wreath are lit,  
the congregation is invited to sing the following:*

VENI EMMANUEL

**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 Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show;  
and teach us in her ways to go. *Rejoice! ...***

**O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times didst give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe. *Rejoice! ...***

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

O Lord, satisfy us in the morning with your  
steadfast love,  
**so that we may rejoice and be glad all  
our days.**

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
**and prosper for us the work of our hands.**

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**Merciful God,**

**you come into our midst**

**longing for communion with us,  
becoming one of us.**

**Break our resistance to life with you,  
show us the path toward just relations,  
and bring us into your unimaginable peace;  
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Please wear your mask when singing.

About Hymn 104

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming. TEXT: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1614.

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?  
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;  
 3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!  
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.  
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with-in my breast,  
 O love be-yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace  
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.  
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.  
 when your re-newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

*Call to and Prayer of Confession*

Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the errant state of the world and of our lives, confessing our unworthiness to enter into God's presence. Nevertheless, we approach God with confidence, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ. This turn from communal praise to corporate confession, established on the promise of God's grace, is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed tradition.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God's salvation, faithfulness, and merciful love, let us confess our sin and the sins of the world, as we lift our voices together.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,  
we confess that, in the midst of your glorious creation,  
we have neglected our role in its care.  
We ignore the cries of the hurting and the lonely,  
those on the margins and those who are oppressed.  
We focus on our own desires,  
while forgetting the needs of our neighbors.  
We have not prepared a way for the Lord,  
through either our words or our deeds,  
neither through our actions nor our thoughts.  
Grant us your mercy in forgiveness;  
and lead us to act with compassion and justice,  
guided by your glorious light.**

*(Silent confession)*

*About the Kyrie*

The Kyrie (Greek "kyrios" [Lord]) is a corporate musical prayer for grace.

## Kyrie

James MacMillan

*(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)*

Choir: Congregation:  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have  
mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ,  
have mer - cy. Lord, have  
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the Good News:  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### \*The Peace

Since God in Christ has forgiven us,  
let us also forgive one another.

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

*(Please exchange the peace with the words,  
"The peace of Christ be with you.")*

## \*ACT OF PRAISE

WINCHESTER NEW

**All praise to You, eternal Son,  
Whose advent has our freedom won,  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Spirit, evermore.**

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### INTERLUDE

Nun Komm

Helmut Walcha

### THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

#### Isaiah 12:2-6

*(Old Testament, pages 641-642 in your pew Bible)*

*Choir: Lord Jesus, come soon!*

**Congregation: Lord Jesus, come soon!**

### *Assurance of Pardon*

A declaration of forgiveness proclaims the good news of God's mercy and offers the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name. The liturgist pours water into the font, which reminds us of the grace and cleansing of our Baptism, and the baptismal call to new life in Christ.

### *Act of Praise*

The Act of Praise brings together the choir and congregation to sing God's praise.

### **LORD JESUS, COME SOON!**

"Lord Jesus, come soon!" which we sing responsively in our worship services during Advent, comes directly from 1 Corinthians 16:22. It is one of the oldest prayers of the Christian Church. It expresses the deepest longing of the Christian – that the Lord will come to us and to our world, bringing the fullness of the peace, joy and healing that God has promised.

*About the Canticle*

This text is a slightly altered form of an adaption of Isaiah 12:2-6 that appears as a canticle for Morning Prayer in the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* of the Episcopal Church. This selection is identified there as *The First Song of Isaiah*, a title that influenced the tune name. This text is appointed for the third Sunday of Advent, Year C, in the Revised Common Lectionary.

**Refrain:**


Sure-ly it is God who saves me; I will trust in God and not be a -  
 afraid. For the Lord is my strong - hold and my  
 sure de - fense, and God will be my Sav - ior.

Therefore you shall draw water  
 with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.  
 And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord,  
 and call upon God's Name. **Refrain**

Make God's deeds known among the people.  
 See that they remember that God's Name is exalted.  
 Sing the praises of the Lord,  
 for God has done great things,  
 and this is known in all the world. **Refrain**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,  
 for the great one in the midst of you  
 is the Holy One of Israel. **Refrain**

**Philippians 4:4-7**

*(New Testament, page 198 in your pew Bible)*

**SERMON**

“Your ‘To Do’ List”

Donovan Drake

*(A moment for meditation)*

**\*HYMN 362 (8:30 a.m.) Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers LLANGLOFFAN**

*Please wear your mask when singing.*

*About Hymn 362*

The Latin original of this text based on the parable of the wise and foolish maidens (Matthew 25:1-13) consisted of ten stanzas, but this briefer version is more appropriate for its message of urgency. It is set to a spirited minor Welsh tune for a Pembrokeshire village. TEXT: Laurentius Laurenti, 1700; MUSIC: Welsh folk melody.

1 Re - joice! Re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing; re - plen-ish them with oil;  
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing and dark - er night is near.  
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this shad - owed sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon he will draw nigh.  
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

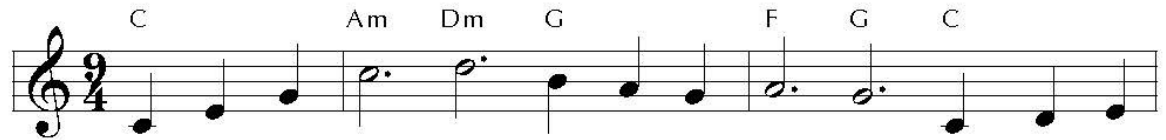
Up, watch with ex - pec - ta - tion; at mid - night comes the cry.  
 a - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the Bride - groom is at hand!  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Please wear your mask when singing.

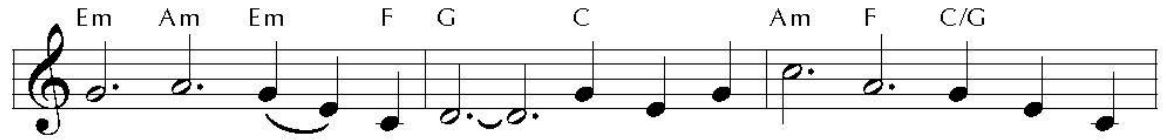
About Hymn 482

As the similarity of their opening lines suggests (they are identical in German), this text for the baptism of a child was written in imitation of the sermon hymn "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" [no. 395], which is the text usually associated with the tune they share. TEXT: Benjamin Schmolck, 1704; MUSIC: Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1664.

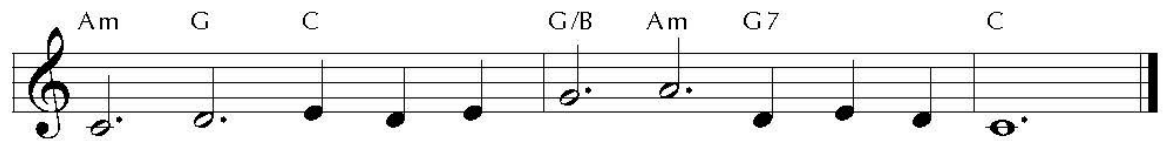
**\*HYMN 482 (11:00 a.m.)** Baptized in Water BUNESSAN



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the  
tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30 a.m.)**  
(See "Profession of Faith" on page 9.)

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.)**

**Presentation**

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus,  
and confident of his promises,  
we baptize those whom God has called.

**In baptism God claims us and seals us  
to show that we belong to God.**

**God frees us from sin and death,  
uniting us with Jesus Christ in his  
death and resurrection.**

**By water and the Holy Spirit,  
we are made members of the Church,  
the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry  
of love, peace, and justice.**

**Let us remember with joy our own baptism,  
as we celebrate this sacrament.**



## Questions to the Parents, Congregation and Children of the Church

### \*Profession of Faith

Through baptism we enter the covenant...

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven; he is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Thanksgiving over the Water

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eternal and gracious God...lives and reigns forever. **Amen.**

### The Baptism

#### Welcome

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into the body of Christ.

**Live as a child of the light and let your light shine before others. Amen.**

### *The Baptismal Rite*

The Apostles' Creed: The oldest surviving baptismal liturgy, dating from around the year 200 C.E., describes the candidate for baptism standing in water and affirming the faith by responding to three questions. Each question corresponds to one person of the Trinity. The Paschal Candle is symbolic of Christ's death and resurrection. The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, is our Paschal sacrifice. The Paschal Candle also symbolizes the light of the risen Christ, shining in the world. The use of this symbol dates from the early days of the Church. New Christians were given a lighted candle, symbolic of their having died and been raised to new life in Christ through baptism.

## Baptismal Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

This text emphasizes the covenantal dimensions of baptism, most obvious in the baptism of children (though also present in the baptism of adults), including the worshipping community's commitment to acquaint children with salvation history and to learn from their humble trust.

These Treasured Children Michael Praetorius

These treasured children present now  
are bound to us by sacred vow:  
with love, we make a heartfelt claim  
to welcome them in Jesus' name.

Come, Holy Spirit, help us be  
a nurturing community;  
empower us to realize  
God's kingdom through our children's eyes.

Then, tender God, each child embrace;  
God give them blessings, grant them grace.  
Surprise them, God, with wonders still,  
and gently guide them to your will.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

The text for this anthem is adapted from Isaiah 40:9-11. Composer Carolyn Jennings is a Professor Emerita of Music at St. Olaf College where she taught for many years. She also served as Music Coordinator and Director of the Senior Choir at St. John's Lutheran Church, Northfield, MN, for over 30 years. Her publications include over a hundred choral compositions and arrangements, a number of text translations and contributions to several hymnals.

## THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING

Anthem

Carolyn Jennings

Climb to the top of the highest mountain,  
Joyous tidings proclaim to the world,  
Lift up your voice, Shout the good news:  
*Behold, your Lord comes to you.*  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd,  
He will carry the lambs in his arms,  
He will ever keep them safe from harm. *Behold, ...*  
He who made the stars in the heaven,  
He who fashioned the earth and the sea,  
From time eternal, He was Alpha and Omega,  
Behold your Lord! He will come in power and glory,  
He will rule with mercy and truth,  
Hope of the nations, Light of all the world, Light of all.  
He will come in pow'r, He will rule with truth,  
Hope of all the nations, Light of all.  
He will love the little children, He will hold them in his arms.  
Love him and trust him as a child, *Behold, ...*  
Love him as a child, Trust him as a child.

**\*DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

To GIVE,  
Please scan the  
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**We give you thanks, Holy One,  
for your amazing creation,  
for Jesus who enlarged our vision,  
setting himself before us  
as the bread and wine of abundant life;  
and for the Holy Spirit,  
who comes to us in baptism  
and moves in our midst  
with the power to lead us to you.  
Turn our gifts to your good will,  
and turn us always to you in gratitude. Amen.**

*Prayer of  
Thanksgiving*

God's grace elicits  
our heartfelt  
gratitude. We  
respond to the good  
news of forgiveness  
with joyful  
acclamations  
of praise!

**\*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.**

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN 363**

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
[See page 12 for hymn]

DARWALL'S 148TH

**BENEDICTION**

*Choir:* Lord Jesus, come soon!  
***Congregation:* Lord Jesus, come soon!**

About the  
Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. Today's Postlude is from Bach's Great Eighteen, a collection from the last ten years of his life. In this energetic fugal setting, the Chorale tune is in the pedal.

Please wear your mask when singing.

About Hymn 363

Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4. "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well. TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1746; MUSIC: John Darwell, 1770.

POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach

Num komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

\*(Those who are able may stand.)\*

Rejoice, the Lord Is King! 363

Descant

4 Re-joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re - joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!  
 2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
 4 Re - joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Re - joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.  
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.  
 and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re-joyce!

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re-joyce!

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# Our Mission

*Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light  
found in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

“For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.”

*(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)*

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## Today @ Westminster

### Worship Leaders

#### Preaching

The Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake  
*Pastor*

#### Liturgist

Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler  
*Associate Pastor for Congregational Care*

#### Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Tom Wyllly  
11:00 AM Bill Christie

#### Advent Wreath Lighters

8:30 AM The Pennington Family  
11:00 AM The Boswell Family

#### Beadle

8:30 AM Patrick Pritchatt  
11:00 AM Drake Armstrong

#### Presenting Elder for Baptism

11:00 AM Susan Hassell

#### Music

8:30 AM Laudate Choir  
11:00 AM Westminster Choir

Dr. John Semingson  
*Director of Music Ministries*

Dr. Polly Brecht  
*Organist*

Isabel Bartles  
*Violin*

### Baptisms

*The sacrament of baptism will be  
administered today  
at the 11:00 AM worship service to*

Margaret Scott,  
daughter of Adrienne and Ben Hatch.

### Childcare Room Locations

Classroom 146 - babies

Classroom 152 – toddlers

Classroom 151 – 2s and 3s

Classroom 160 – 4s, 5s and kindergarten

# TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

## WORSHIP

### Welcome

Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Any who are interested in joining us in this journey are invited to contact:  
Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, 615.292.5526; [hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org)

## POINSETTIA MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

### - LAST DAY -

If you would like to give a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a friend or family member, please place your order by scanning the QR code below, email to Terri Eckert at [teckert@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:teckert@nashvillewpc.org), or complete a form available at the Information Desk. A donation of \$10 per name is requested. Some of the funds received assist in the purchase of poinsettias for Congregational Care team ministries.

The deadline for submitting names to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins is Sunday, December 12, 2021.



Are you thankful for the blessings you have and looking for a way to bless those in need?

**The 2021 Alternative Christmas Gift Market is open online** at your convenience and in person in the Parlor on Sundays between services. There are giving opportunities for twenty local and international non-profit organizations this year. Each organization is connected to WPC by a volunteer or several volunteers that are members of our congregations.

Choose from a range of gifts such as:

\$5 for a book for a refugee child at Nations Ministry Center

\$25 to purchase healthy snacks for the food pantry at Hillwood High School

\$100 to provide beans, rice, and cooking oil for multiple families through MyLIFEspeaks

Visit the Alternative Christmas Gift Market page, <https://ssl.charityweb.net/nashvillewpc/gift/catalog.htm>, or the table in the Parlor for more information.

You can also scan the QR code below to connect to the ACGM order form.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FINANCIALS

Each month, the Finance Committee provides a summary of the church operating income and expenses.

If any members wish to have more information about church finances, please contact:

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mkoban@prodigy.net

Suzanne McLemore, Treasurer  
suzannegm58@gmail.com

Jo Ann McFarlin, Administrator  
jmcfarlin@nashvillewpc.org or  
615.292.5526 x231.

November 30, 2021		
	November	Year to Date
Income:	\$254,816	\$2,987,257
Expense:	\$231,954	\$2,744,513
Net Income:	\$ 22,862	\$ 242,744

## RECEPTION

**Today, December 12**  
**12:00 PM • Parlor**

Please join us for cookies, coffee, tea and lemonade as we say farewell to friend and colleague. **A reception honoring Dr. Polly Brecht**, our Westminster organist for over 30 years, will be held in the church Parlor after the 11:00 AM service.

Polly, who has led us with her music through Worship, Baptisms and Weddings, our concerts and our tours throughout the US and abroad, and whose music has accompanied us in each Witness to the Resurrection, retires this month to be near and help her parents. Though we will miss Polly terribly, we will send her off with good wishes and joyful memories!

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## WOMEN'S COVENANT GROUP

**Monday, December 13**  
**11:30 AM • Goodpasture Hall**

Brown bag lunch followed by speaker Catherine Mayes Knowles, Homeless Education Program Coordinator of Metro Nashville Public Schools for 25 years. During her time, the program has grown from serving 200 students a year to 4,000+ children and youth. The past 22 months have been particularly challenging. Bring your friends and family to hear this compelling speaker who grew up at Westminster and learn how we can help.

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# TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

## ADULT EDUCATION

Classes begin at 9:45 AM

### Today's Classes:

**Faith & Fellowship • 214**

**Search • 211**

**The CALLING • Goodpasture Hall**

**Young Families • Overlook Room**

## GENEROSITY 2022



Please scan the QR code below to make your 2022 pledge.



I think of Westminster, I think about grace. I think about love. I think about acceptance. A place where it's easy to see God's creativity expressed in love, service and joy. Examples are everywhere –when our youth are engaged in spiritual practices. I see it in the meal ministry, where a two-week meal train fills up immediately when we know one of our own needs assistance. I think of the care packages that are distributed to our senior centers. At any time of the

week, there are people in our church baking cookies, or knitting bonnets and washcloths for newborns. Early in the morning, our church bus rumbles to a start, loading members eager to lend a hand in disaster relief for our friends in Waverly. When the baking is done and the bus has returned, choir members arrive to prepare music that will fill our souls with peace and Advent expectation. These acts of selfless love are a declaration of our faith. Westminster knows that love is its own reward. God has written messages of grace, mercy, patience and compassion on our hearts so we can write them on someone else's hearts. It is as though God says "You've got this" and as God's disciples, we set to work planting seeds of contagious hope.

As we consider our pledges for 2022 let us remember the caring community that has been sustained by those who came before us. A community who chooses whom they will serve; where the love that is grown in our hearts is cultivated throughout our community and across the globe. As followers of Christ, a community that bears witness to the world that love is the path we travel.

"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

- Kelly Christie  
Generosity Committee Chair



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Standing in the Need of Prayer

Westminster's Congregational Care Prayer Team regularly prays for the prayer requests and needs of this congregation and beyond.

If you have a prayer request to share, please contact Elizabeth Trabue, Prayer Team chair, [elizabethtrabue@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethtrabue@gmail.com) or, Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, [hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org); 615-292-5526.

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### Enhance Your Advent Experience with Centering Prayer

The Westminster Centering Prayer Group gathers in the Harwell Chapel on Mondays from 11:45 AM to 12:15 PM.

#### All are invited to join.

The prayer time begins with a brief liturgy and contemporary reading, and moves into 20 minutes of silent meditation. Participants have found it to be a peaceful and calming start to their weeks, sitting in holy silence and feeling the sacredness of shared intention and divine presence.

For more information, please email Elizabeth Trabue at [elizabethtrabue@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethtrabue@gmail.com) or Heidi Hudnut-Beumler at [hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org).

## The Gift of Meals: Can You Help?

The power of a meal, whether homemade or purchased, is immeasurable. At Westminster, we seek to provide meals at times of need, such as illness, loss, new babies, and recovery processes.

We are starting a new team to work with our Families with Young Children Care Ministry specifically focused on the young families with new babies, as well as in times of illness or other needs.

- If you would like to be part of this new meals team to support families with babies and young children, please in touch with Catie Lee, chair of this care ministry: [catielee1@gmail.com](mailto:catielee1@gmail.com)
- If you would like to join our existing Special Meals Team which is focused on the needs on families with teens, singles, couples, and older adults, please contact Cathey Fuqua, chair of this team: [catheyfuqua@hotmail.com](mailto:catheyfuqua@hotmail.com)

Might you have a need – or know of needs in our church family? Please be in touch with: Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, [hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org); 615-292-5526.

We are a community of faith that shares each other's burdens and joys!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Changing Gears Handbell Choir and Friends Christmas Program

**December 15 • 11:00 AM**  
**Goodpasture Hall**

The Changing Gears Handbell Choir will be joined by special friends to present a program of familiar Christmas music.

You are cordially invited to attend.

Joining the Handbell Choir will be Hannah Sims, Emily Harrison, Jane & Frank Kirchner, Richard Lane, Janet Salyer, and John Arnn. There will be singing, ringing plus music for piano and flutes. We will also have a special reading. One special piece will be a solo Handbell arrangement of Greensleeves, not something you see every day! Can you figure out who is going to be doing what? Come to our program and see!

It will be fun and guaranteed to put you in the Christmas Spirit!

11:00 AM Program and Carol Sing-Along  
12:00 PM Lunch

Even with our masks, we will get into the spirit of the season with the joy of holiday music and being together!

Please make reservations for lunch (\$12) by Monday, Dec. 13 at 9:00 AM with Emily Harrison, 615-292-5526.

## December Calendar

### Changing Gears Handbell Choir & Friends Christmas Program

December 15  
11:00 AM • Program & Carol Sing-Along  
12:00 PM • Lunch

### Advent Choral Service

December 19  
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM worship

### Christmas Eve Services

December 24

2:00 PM Family Service  
Children are invited to bring offerings of canned and boxed food for Second Harvest Food Bank and dress up as anything from the nativity story.  
Masks Required.

5:00 PM Candlelight Communion Worship Service • Sanctuary  
Masks Required.

8:00 PM Candlelight Communion Worship Service • Sanctuary  
Masks Required.

10:30 PM Candlelight Communion Worship Service • Sanctuary  
Masks Encouraged.

Childcare available during the 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM services.

Due to limited parking, please carpool.

### Christmas Brass

December 26  
11:00 AM • Sanctuary

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Mission Opportunity

### AFGHAN REFUGEES....arriving in Nashville NOW

- 90 people have arrived, 200 more coming!
- We need your help to make empty apartments into a livable HOME—just the most BASIC: beds, sheets, towels, tables, chairs, lamps, sofas, kitchen items, dollars too!
- See <https://nashvillewpc.church/afghan-refugees/> for the specific items we hope you can offer/buy.
- We need to BUY mattresses. Health codes discourage used mattresses for safety.

### When? You can drop off at WPC:

Date: Wednesdays - Dec. 15, 22, 29

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Where: Westminster NORTH PARKING LOT (North Entrance)

YOU: meet us there to help unload your items. Share this message with others **YOU** know

Checks can be made to Westminster (Afghan Refugees)

Also planned is a 'DRIVE THROUGH Sat., January 8 when we hope to get more people involved.

Questions? Email:

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## Faith and the Climate Crisis

### A Winter Four-Part Class Last Four Sundays in January

You are invited to join in a free, four-part program called Faith and the Climate Crisis. It will be offered on Zoom on four consecutive Sundays, January 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2022, 4:00-5:15 PM EST. This is an introductory class, and we encourage several members of the same congregation to register together.

Our goal is to engage hearts, minds and spirits to recognize the urgency of the climate crisis and inspire individuals and faith communities to take action to address this crisis, action that has been called for by many religious denominations and groups. Read more about the class here.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. A brief Zoom tutorial will be available for anyone expressing the need.

To register and receive your Zoom invitation, please go to our website: <https://www.presbyclimateadvocates.org/upcoming-classes/>

This program is taught by the southern Indiana group Presbyterian Climate Advocates, made up of the Rev. Dr. Trisha Tull and Carol Dunn of Scottsburg (Indiana) Presbyterian Church, Beth Snyder of Jeffersonville (Indiana) First Prez, and Kristina Lindborg, an Indiana Citizens' Climate Lobby volunteer.

Questions?: email Curtis Baysinger at [cbaysinger2@gmail.com](mailto:cbaysinger2@gmail.com)

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

## Sunday, December 12

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School  
Children's Sunday School  
Youth Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 5:00 PM Journey with Jesus  
Laudate Youth Choir
- 6:05 PM Youth Group

## Monday, December 13

- 11:45 AM Centering Prayer

## Tuesday, December 14

- 7:00 AM Daybreak Believers
- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 8:00 AM The Isaiah Study
- 9:00 AM Harvard Handbells rehearsal
- 7:00 PM What Would Jesus Do?

## Wednesday, December 15

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 11:00 AM Pearlseekers  
What Would Jesus Do?  
Changing Gears Handbell Choir  
& Friends Christmas Program
- 6:00 PM RITI
- 7:00 PM Westminster Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, December 16

- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study

## Friday, December 17

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

## Saturday, December 18

- 11:30 AM AA

For more information on the events listed here, please contact the church office, 615.292.5526.

You may also look at the calendar listed in our Church Life app for more details on all the events at Westminster. To learn more about the Church Life app, please contact Hannah Sims, 615.292.5526; [hsims@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:hsims@nashvillewpc.org).

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