



**First Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion
November 27, 2022**



**Westminster
Presbyterian
Church**

GATHERING

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

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.

Just as Advent begins the liturgical year, the first page of Bach's *Orgelbüchlein* is the organ chorale on "Savior of the nations, come."

"Wachet auf" is transcribed from one of his Cantata Choruses in which the chorale is layered with a joyful countermelody originally taken by the violins.

"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.

PRELUDE "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland" BWV 599 J.S. Bach
"Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" BWV 645 J.S. Bach

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*As the light is brought into the Sanctuary,
and the candle on the Advent wreath is lighted,
the congregation is invited to sing the following:*

HYMN 90

WAIT FOR THE LORD

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Can you hear it? Can you feel it? Christ is coming!

**We place our hope in the King of Kings,
the Prince of Peace, the infant lowly.**

Can you see it? Can you smell it? Christ is coming!

**We place our hope in a Middle-Eastern child
born in poverty.**

Can you taste it? Can you sense it? Christ is coming!

**We place our hope in an infant
born in the margins of society.**

Come, friends, the season of Advent begins.

We gather to worship Emmanuel, God-With-Us.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

To you, O Lord, do we lift up our souls, (Psalm 25)
our weary, weathered souls.

This year has seen such violence and such division.
We wonder if justice and righteousness
still have a home (Jer. 33:15)

But then comes the season of Advent and, with it,
the promise that you will make your home.
in our arms.

And where you are, there will be
justice and righteousness.
May we welcome you with open arms
and open hearts. Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 367

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, the season of Advent is a time of preparation:
preparing to welcome Emmanuel to our midst.
Part of that preparation is the honest practice
of confessing our sins before God and one another.

Together, let us confess our need for forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and Merciful God,
today we light the candle of hope,
a beacon of light that shines in the darkness.

Today, we confess the ways we have caused
others to feel hopeless.

Some feel the hopelessness of hunger
because of our greed.

Others feel the hopelessness of violence
because of our apathy.

Still others feel the hopelessness of racism
because of our ignorance.

Forgive us, gracious God.
Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord,
and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
This we pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Silent confession)

The Cross and Bible lead the procession, symbolic of the centrality in worship of Jesus Christ—the Living Word, and the Bible—the written Word.

About Hymn 367

Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years. TEXT: Henry Alford, 1844; MUSIC: George Job Elvey, 1858.

Call to and Prayer of Confession

A call to confession expresses God's initiative in calling for repentance and promising forgiveness in Christ. As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin, captivity, and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

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

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.

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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

Romans 13:11-14

(New Testament, page 162 in your pew Bible)

Choir: Lord Jesus, come soon!

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

Psalm 122, Hymn 400 (all sing)

ENGLAND

Matthew 24:36-44

(New Testament, pages 27-28 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

Margie Quinn

(A moment for meditation)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God has come to us;
that this God gave us breath and purpose,
that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others,
that we have fallen short of this commandment
but that God has nevertheless loved us
despite our brokenness.

We believe that God is coming to us;
that this God will come to us
as a particular human being,
that God will be made known to us
in flesh and bone like ours,
that Mary will soon give birth
and Joseph will soon clap his hands in joy,
that Jesus Christ will be born
and our salvation made complete.

We believe that God will come to us;
that God will have the final word
and that Word will be good,
that this God will give us the presence
of the Spirit to continue our work,
that we are called to be disciples
to all the corners of the earth,
that the day is coming when tears and pain
will be no more,
and all will gather at the Table to sing
an endless and perfect "Alleluia!"

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 Psalm 122, Hymn 400

Psalm 122 is among the most joyful of the pilgrimage psalms, because it sings of finally reaching Jerusalem, the home of the Temple. This rejoicing spills over into prayers for peace inspired perhaps by the placename Jerusalem, from roots meaning "to establish peace" (shalom).
TEXT and MUSIC:
Bernadette Farrell, 1993.

Affirmation of Faith

Responding to the word proclaimed, we affirm our faith in the holy, triune God. The affirmation of faith is drawn from sentences of scripture or the creeds, confessions, and catechisms.

To GIVE, please
scan the QR code below:



THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

Now Thank We All Our God (*from Cantata 79*)

J.S. Bach

Now thank we all our God With heart and hand and voices,
Who from our mother's arms Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.

Who wondrous things hath done In whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mother's...

Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

André Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children don't get weary, 'til your work is done.
Christian journey soon be over, The time is drawing nigh.
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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!**

*PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

*INVITATION


*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...
and peace shall reign over all the earth.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
san - na in the high - est, ho san - na in the high - est.

(The congregation may be seated.)

You are holy, O God of majesty...
dedicated to your service.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.
Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God... in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Singing together, see the inside back cover of your hymnal.)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Communion

The Presbyterian Church (USA) practices "open Communion" without regard to denominational affiliation. All who seek to become more faithful to Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(The people will move to Communion stations as directed by the ushers. The celebrant will give each worshiper the bread. The worshiper dips the bread in the cup and partakes. An appropriate response is "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." Please return to the pews, using the side aisles.)

Music during Communion

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

César Franck

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum; Dat panis caelicus figuris terminum: O res mirabilis! manducat Dominum: Pauper, pauper, servus, et humilis.	Bread of the angel host Sent down from God above; Body of Christ our Lord in token of his love: O gift most wonderful! Christ as our sacrament: Humble, lowly, all share his sacred feast.
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Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
he 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!

By his Word was all created; he commanded, it was done:
heaven and earth and depths of ocean, universe of three in one,
all that sees the moon's soft shining, all that breathes beneath the sun,
evermore and evermore!

This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word.
Now he shines, the long-expected. Let creation praise its Lord,
evermore and evermore!

O 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!

Seldom has the wonder of the Incarnation been expressed so beautifully as in this text, created in the era when the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds were being codified and mindful of similar theological affirmations. It is set here to a plainchant melody from the late Middle Ages. TEXT: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 5th cent.; MUSIC: Plainsong Mode V.

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)

TODAY@ WESTMINSTER

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Margie Quinn

Director of Youth and Young Adults

Liturgist

The Rev. Dr. Guy D. Griffith

Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Spiritual Nurture

Communion Preparation

Tiffany Hines

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Jennie Renwick

11:00 AM Bob Hines

Music

8:30 AM Laudate Choir

11:00 AM Westminster Choir;
Sam Bacco, percussion

Dr. John Semingson

Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell

Organist and Associate Director of Music Ministries

Poinsettias

Poinsettias will once again grace our Sanctuary for Christmas Eve worship services.

If you would like to give a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a friend or family member, please place your order online, complete a form available at the Information Desk, or email to Terri Eckert at teckert@nashvillewpc.org.

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 11, 2022.

2023 Sanctuary and Parlor Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for the Chancel urns in the Sanctuary or the refectory table in the Parlor during 2023, please email Terri Eckert at teckert@nashvillewpc.org to select your Sunday. Please note that reservations for flowers do not carry over from year-to-year. Arranged by members of Westminster's talented Flower Guild, this is a wonderful way to celebrate or honor your loved ones.

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.

Recorded Worship Services

To watch a service later in the day or the week, go to nashvillewpc.church and scroll down to the *Worship Service Archive*. Click on the service you would like to watch.

Looking for large-print hymns? They can be found on the Welsh dresser in the Parlor and by the window in the Narthex.

Dial-A-Sermon

Dial 629.206.1073 after 10:15 AM each Sunday morning to listen to the sermon. The sermon is available all week.

Mask Policy

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville is mask optional. The balcony will remain masks required.

Childcare

Classroom 146 - Babies
Classroom 152 - Toddlers
Classroom 151 - 2s & 3s
Classroom 160 - 4s, 5s, & Kindergarten

Childcare is available from 8:15 AM to 12:00 PM.

With all the new activities and classes opening up at the church again, it is hard to keep up with all the dates and times. Please feel free to take your bulletin home. Otherwise, please recycle your bulletin by placing your copy in the baskets located on the Parlor table or in the Narthex.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, November 27

8:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Worship

Monday, November 28

11:45 AM Centering Prayer
5:00 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, November 29

7:30 AM Bible Study
8:00 AM Westminster Café
9:00 AM Harvard Handbells
2:00 PM Benevolence Committee Mtg

Wednesday, November 30

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
8:00 AM Westminster Café
8:15 AM Photine's Well - St. Teresa study
9:30 AM Changing Gears handbells
10:00 AM Tom McDow Bible study
5:45 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 PM Room In The Inn
7:00 PM Men's Basketball
Westminster Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 1

8:00 AM Westminster Café
Yoga
10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting
Women's Bible study
7:00 PM Session

Friday, December 2

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
8:00 AM Westminster Café
5:00 PM Pickleball

Saturday, December 3

11:30 AM AA

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

Contacts:

If you have questions about a certain event listed on our calendar, please contact a member of our program staff.

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Hymn #1

367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,
3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har - vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:



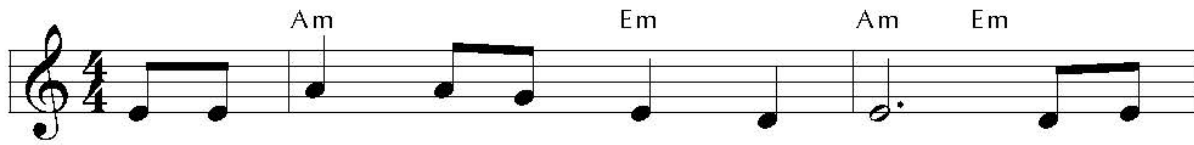
Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!



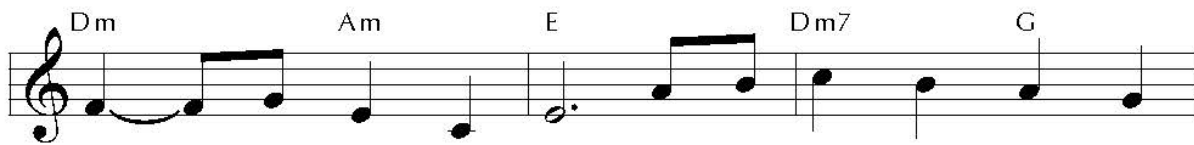
Psalm 122, Hymn 400 (All sing)

400 I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say

(Psalm 122)



1 I re - joiced when I heard them say: "Let us
2 Like a tem - ple of u - ni - ty is the
3 It is faith - ful to Is - rael's law, there to
4 For the peace of all na - tions, pray: for God's
5 For the love of my friends and kin I will

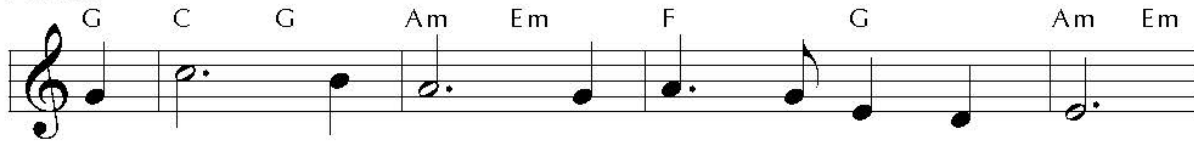


go to the house of God." And now our feet are
cit - y, Je - ru - sa - lem. It is there all tribes will
praise the name of God. All the judg - ment seats of
peace with - in your homes. May God's last - ing peace sur -
bless you with signs of peace. For the love of God's own

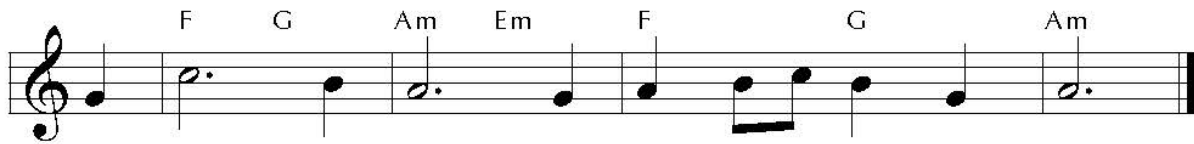


stand - ing in your gates, O Je - ru - sa - lem!
gath - er, all the tribes of the house of God.
Da - vid were set down in Je - ru - sa - lem.
round us; may it dwell in Je - ru - sa - lem.
peo - ple I will la - bor and pray for you.

Refrain



Sha - lom, sha - lom, the peace of God be here.



Sha - lom, sha - lom, God's jus - tice be ev - er near.

Hymn #2

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

