

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 11, 2022**



**Westminster  
Presbyterian  
Church**

Cover photo by  
Donovan Drake.

## GATHERING

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

**PRELUDE** Meditation on “In the Bleak Midwinter”

Prelude on “Veni, veni Emmanuel”

Paul Fey

### 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:*

**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.)*

“Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I will say, Rejoice.”

The world says, “Worry,”  
**and we say, “Rejoice.”**

The news says, “Fear,”  
**and we say, “Rejoice.”**

The world says, “Be happy,”  
**and the church says, “Be faithful.”**

#### *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. Composed in 2021, these hymn settings are a refreshing take on modern composition. As an organist and improviser, Paul Fey’s music is idiomatic and informed by traits of the common practice period.

“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.

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**Holy God, your prophets have long spoken  
of the one who would come to save us.  
Now the promise is fulfilled;  
now your kingdom has come near.  
Send us as messengers of your way,  
to go and tell all the world  
of the wonders we have seen  
and the good news we have heard;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(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.)*

## **\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 88**

VENI EMMANUEL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
*(verses 1-4, and 7)*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

The life of faith is not only about being faithful to God.  
It is knowing that God is faithful to us.

Trusting that God will never turn away from us,  
let us tell the truth about our lives.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of majesty and glory,  
we are thirsty for your grace.  
You made a way for us in the wilderness,  
and still, in our foolishness, we go astray.  
We hide our eyes from your presence.  
We do not listen to your Word.  
We are lifeless when we ought to dance  
and speechless when we ought to sing.  
Forgive us, O Lord.  
Speak peace to our fearful hearts,  
strengthen our weak hands,  
and make firm our feeble knees  
as we seek to follow in your holy way. Amen.**

*(Silent confession)*

### *About Hymn 88*

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of the 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources. TEXT: Latin prose, pre-9th cent.; MUSIC: Plainsong; adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1852; arr. John Weaver, 1988.

### *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.

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

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

**\*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.**

**Isaiah 35:1-10**

*(Old Testament, pages 663 in your pew Bible)*

*Choir:* Lord Jesus, come soon!

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

**Canticle, Hymn 100**    Luke 1:46-55

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

**Matthew 11:2-11**

*(New Testament, page 11 in your pew Bible)*

*Choir:* Lord Jesus, come soon!

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

#### SERMON

“Living Hope”

Donovan Drake

*(A moment for meditation)*

#### \*HYMN 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

#### Presentation

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Obedying 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.**

“Lord Jesus, come soon!” which we sing responsively after each scripture 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*

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.

#### *About Hymn 106*

This engaging Advent text based on Isaiah 40:3-5 and Psalm 24:7-10 has been in use in the Church of Sweden for almost two hundred years. It is set to a version of an even older Swedish tune, which in turn seems to be derived from a German folktune that spread to Scandinavia. TEXT: Frans Mikael Franzen, 1812; MUSIC: *Then Swenska Psalmboken*, 1697.

## *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.

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

### **\*Profession of Faith**

*(The Apostles' Creed)*

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.**

**Baptismal Anthem** (8:30 a.m.)

John Ylvisaker

I was there to hear your borning cry. I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child with faith to suit you well,  
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on,

You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,

I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,

I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old,

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

(11:00 a.m.)

Fred Gramann

God bestows on each one a name as a gift and blessing,  
That we might be showered in grace evermore without ceasing.

God bestows on each one a name as a gift and blessing,  
That we might be showered in grace evermore without ceasing;

For the Lord has called us his friends, as a perfect gift of love,  
That we each might know God's name, who reigns in heaven above,

God bestows on each one a name as a gift and blessing,  
That we might be showered in grace evermore without ceasing.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERING**

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

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, ...*

To GIVE, please scan the QR code below:



*"Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain"*

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.

He who made the stars in the heaven,  
 He who fashioned the earth and the sea,  
 From time eternal, He was Alpha and Omega, He.  
 Behold your Lord! He will come in power and glory,  
 He will rule with mercy and truth,  
 Hope of the nations, Light of the world, 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.

**Anthem** (11:00 a.m.)

Hope for Resolution

Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory

Of the Father's love begotten, E'er 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.

Oh, that birth, forever blessed, when the virgin full of grace,  
 by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare the Saviour of our race.  
 And the babe, the world's redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,  
 evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heav'n adore hm, Angel hosts his praises sing,  
 Pow'rs, dominions bow before him, And extol our God and King.  
 Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring  
 evermore and evermore.

<i>Thula sizwe, ungabokhala,</i>	Nation, do not cry.
<i>uJehovah wakho uzokunqobela.</i>	Jehovah will protect us.
<i>Inkululeko, sizoyithola,</i>	We will attain freedom.
<i>uJehovah wakho uzokunqobela.</i>	Jehovah will protect us.

**\*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!**

In its juxtaposition of a European chant melody and an anti-apartheid song from South Africa, this piece is a celebration of diversity.

The arrangement reflects our respect for divergent musical styles and points us toward our innate (though sometimes neglected) potential for peaceful coexistence.





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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

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake  
*Pastor*

#### Liturgist

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

#### Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Jane Kirchner  
11:00 AM Ann Harris

#### Advent Wreath Lighters

8:30 AM The Christie Family  
11:00 AM The Green Family

#### Beadle

11:00 AM Hugh Mixon

#### Presenting Elder for Baptism

8:30 AM Elaine Williams  
11:00 AM Leighton Liles

#### Music

8:30 AM Laudate Choir  
11:00 AM Gloria and Jubilate Choirs (Ally Hard and Roberta Rodgers, directors); Westminster Choir; Sam Levine, flute and soprano saxophone; Rob Sorbo, percussion

Dr. John Semington  
*Director of Music Ministries*

Dale Nickell  
*Organist and Associate Director  
of Music Ministries*

### Baptisms

*The sacrament of baptism will be  
administered today  
at the 8:30 AM worship service to*

*Dana McGarty Hildebrand*

*Noah John,  
son of Dana and Ned Hildebrand*

*Elliott Arnold,  
son of Dana and Ned Hildebrand*

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

*Simmons Annette,  
daughter of Ryan and Barrett Wood*

### Poinsettias—LAST DAY to Order

Poinsettias will once again grace our Sanctuary for Christmas Eve worship services. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO PLACE YOUR ORDER.**

Please order online, complete a form available at the Information Desk, or email to Terri Eckert at [teckert@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:teckert@nashvillewpc.org).

A donation of \$10 per name is requested.

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# 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).

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### Recorded Worship Services

To watch a service later in the day or the week, go to [nashvillewpc.church](http://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.

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### 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.

## Second Sunday Fellowship Time!

*Now every month in the Parlor*

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

- specialized coffee and treats
- meet new friends, greet old ones

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## Spotlight on Missions

Join us in the Parlor this morning, as we spotlight a few of our missions and educational opportunities at WPC. We want to make sure everyone can GET*connected!*

Be sure to stop by and sign up for an activity at one of these tables:

Alternative Christmas Gift Market  
Living Waters for the World  
Worship Service Ushers

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## BAPTISM



Baptism Sunday is the second and fifth Sundays of each month except during Lent.

If you would like more information about baptisms at Westminster, please contact Sophie Maness, 615.292.5526, [smaness@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:smaness@nashvillewpc.org).

If you would like to schedule a baptism, please contact Hannah Sims, 615.292.5526, [hsims@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:hsims@nashvillewpc.org).

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# TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

## Adult Education

Classes start at 9:45 AM

### **Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall**

The Advent season represented in art.  
Led by Guy Griffith

### **Faith & Fellowship • 214**

*Do you send God to Voicemail?*

We ask God to hear us, but do we listen for God?

### **Murdoch MacLeods • Library**

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

### **Young Families • Overlook Room**

The Footsteps of Paul through Greece and Turkey.

Led by Jonathan Cole

### **Parents of Youth, Young Adults Room 10**

We welcome Bonnie Smith Whitehouse, Belmont professor of English, Episcopalian lay leader at St. Augustine's, and author of *Seasons of Wonder: Making the Ordinary Sacred through Projects, Prayers, Reflections and Rituals*. We will get into the advent holiday spirit with Mrs. Whitehouse as we hear from her about her process in writing and implementing her highly acclaimed 52-week family, activity, oriented devotional.

## Children's Ministry

9:45 AM • Sunday School

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## Youth Ministry

9:45 AM • Sunday School

9:45 AM • Confirmands

6:05 PM • Youth Group

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## Children & Youth Choirs

4:00 PM • Alleluia, Gloria, Jubilate and Tintinnubulation will rehearse today.

5:00 PM • Laudate and Chiming Children will rehearse today.

# TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



## Alternative Christmas Gift Market Parlor

### *It isn't too late to pick out a gift.*

Give Christmas gifts to friends and family while also giving to those in need – visit us at the market or from the comfort of your own home. This year, the Hands On Mission Committee has chosen to feature eighteen local and international non-profit agencies and WPC missions.

### **December 11** **Christmas Caroling in the Neighborhood** **5:15 PM**

Caroling with the Westminster Community is back! Please join us at the North Entrance to carol in the Westminster neighborhood!

Members of our choir will keep us in tune, and we'll bring Christmas cheer to our church neighbors. ***This event is for all ages*** and includes some fun Santa and glow-in-the-dark accessories to keep us in the spirit!

If you would like to stay for dinner and have not made reservations, please contact Sophie Maness, smaness@nashvillewpc.org.

## 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:

Mike Koban, Finance Committee Chair  
mkoban@prodigy.net

Suzanne McLemore, Treasurer  
suzannegm58@gmail.com

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

November 30, 2022

	Month	Year to Date
Income:	\$244,934	\$2,846,381
Expense:	<u>\$252,152</u>	<u>\$2,947,051</u>
Net Income (loss):	\$(7,218)	\$ (100,669)

## Year-End Contributions

Please note that the church receives the largest percentage of contributions in December. These contributions ensure that we can continue to support the many organizations that are partners in ministry with Westminster.

The office will be closed on Friday, 12/23 and Monday, 12/26. If you have not had an opportunity to make your 2022 Generosity pledge payment, please visit or call the office on 12/27 through 12/30. All year-end contributions must be post-marked or received by 12/31/2022.

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# GENEROSITY

"You are the light of the world."

Matthew 5:14

The Christmas season is typically a time of generosity, hope and hospitality. We see it in the Salvation Army bell ringers. In 1891, a Salvation Army captain placed a red iron pot at the foot of Market Street and was able to feed the poor of San Francisco for Christmas. The concept spread across the nation and is now a universal sign that Christmas is coming to those in need.

Some of you are volunteering to ring the Salvation Army bell next week continuing this tradition. Just as the sound of the bell reminds us of helping those in need, so too does the contagious hospitality we see, feel and touch at Westminster. Living Waters, Habitat for Humanity, Alternative Christmas, Room In The Inn, Monroe Harding, Preston Taylor Ministries and Westminster Disaster Assistance to name just a few - all embody healing and bring hope to those who are weary and powerless. Like the red iron pot, Westminster is a symbol - a path of hope - thanks to your generosity.



Please scan the QR code above to make a 2022 payment.

As we consider our pledges for 2023 and fulfill our pledges for 2022, let us remember the hospitality that Westminster fosters to care for those who are most vulnerable, desperate and weighed down. As we spend these weeks anticipating Christ's birth and celebrating this good news, may we remember where we are from as we imagine together where the Holy Spirit will lead us next. Our joyful giving transports our hearts to where we would find Jesus - with the poor, the lonely, and the marginalized. We know that our most treasured gifts are the ones with the most love behind them. We have seen that there is great love in creating paths of hope for others by using our light to help them find their way.

- Kelly Christie  
Generosity Chair



Please scan the QR code above to watch the WHC video, to make a 2023 pledge, and to make a 2023 payment.

# JOIN US

**December 12**

**Women's Covenant Group**

**Goodpasture Hall**

**11:30 AM • Fellowship BYO lunch  
(drinks provided)**

**12:00 PM • Program**

Please join us for a discussion with John Semingson about music in the Advent season.

Please contact Janice Kemp or Margaret Wheeler for more info.

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**December 14**

**Changing Gears Handbell Choir  
Christmas Variety Show**

**11:00 AM • Goodpasture Hall**

We hope you will join us for this wonderful holiday tradition.

Program includes:

- Two Christmas Pieces from the CG Handbell Choir
- Jane Kirchner on Flute and Sally Mae Arnn on Piano
- Audrey Campbell recites a new poem
- Hannah Sims on vocals and John Arnn on Piano
- Susan and Neil Ramsay on Saxophone and Hammered Dulcimer

If you would like to stay for lunch (\$10), please call the office, 615.292.5526, or email Sherri Givens, receptionist@nashvillewpc.org.

Deadline: Monday, 12/12 @3:00 PM.



**Everyone Welcome!**

Public Performance  
December 16 • 10:00 a.m.  
Goodpasture Hall

We hope you will join us for this wonderful holiday tradition.

# JOIN US



**Tuesdays through Fridays**  
**Westminster Café**  
**8:00 AM - Noon**

Where you find that 2 or 3 are gathered...  
I'm there!

Matthew 18:19-20

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**December 15**  
**Men's Coffee**  
**10:00 AM • Westminster Café**

Open to men of all ages! Come for good coffee, delicious goodies and great fellowship. No reservations are required to join.

Discussion topic:  
Early Christmas Memories



Do you need a last minute house warming or Christmas gift? Westminster Café now has Gift Cards and Gift Bags Available in the cafe! We are open from Tuesday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.



**March 15-27, 2023**  
**Holy Land Study Trip**

Donovan Drake will be leading a study trip to Israel & Jordan.

If interested, or for more info, please contact Keith Cole, [keithc@wittetravel.com](mailto:keithc@wittetravel.com).



# ADVENT SCHEDULE

December 11  
**Christmas Caroling in the Neighborhood**

5:15 PM • North Parking Lot

December 14  
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
**Salvation Army Bell Ringing**

December 14  
11:00 AM • Goodpasture Hall  
**Changing Gears Handbell Christmas Program**

December 18  
8:30 & 11:00 AM  
**Advent Choral Services with Choir, Soloists, and Instrumentalists**

December 24  
**Christmas Eve Services**

2:00 PM – The Family Christmas Eve Service with Children’s Choirs

5:00 PM – Candlelight Service and Communion with the Westminster Choir & Sam Levine

8:00 PM – Candlelight Service and Communion with the Westminster Choir & Sam Levine

10:30 PM – Candlelight Service and Communion with the Laudate Youth Choir & Alumni  
(9:15 PM rehearsal)

December 25  
11:00 AM (ONLY)  
**Christmas Day Service with Brass Quintet**

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# EVERY MEMBER HAS A MISSION



## Wednesday Evenings Room In The Inn

Room In The Inn has many opportunities for engagement for singles, families, or small groups Wednesday nights through March 2023.

Please scan the QR code below to read more about the opportunities and to sign up for one or more.



## Warm Coats Needed Cockrill Elementary

Gently worn and new coats and standard school attire are needed for Cockrill Elementary Students: navy, black or khaki pants, shorts or skirts, solid collared shirts in girl and boy sizes 4-16.

Please bring these to the bin labeled Cockrill across from the church office. Thank you.

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# CONGREGATIONAL CARE

## Grief and the Holidays

A helpful piece to support those grieving – or otherwise struggling - at the holidays is available on the Parlor table, the Mayfair entrance desk, and the Narthex table.

This sheet of ideas seeks to offer tips for those facing the holidays grieving or carrying heavy burdens.

Please seek out a member of the ministry staff if you would like additional support; Heidi Hudnut-Beumler also has additional resources. Remember: You are never alone, and nothing will ever separate you from the everlasting love of God. In this community of faith, we are committed to caring for each other's needs and sharing each other's burdens.

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

## Sunday, December 11

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 12:00 PM Youth & Families Committee mtg
- 4:00 PM Children's Choir Rehearsals
- 5:00 PM Journey with Jesus  
Laudate Choir Rehearsal
- 5:15 PM Caroling and Dinner
- 6:05 PM Youth Group

## Monday, December 12

- 9:30 AM Congregational Care Holiday Party
- 11:30 AM Women's Covenant Class
- 11:45 AM Centering Prayer
- 5:00 PM Pickleball

## Tuesday, December 13

- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:00 AM Harvard Handbells

## Wednesday, December 14

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 10:00 AM Tom McDow Bible study
- 11:00 AM CG Christmas Variety Show
- 5:30 PM Earth Care Task Force
- 5:45 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:00 PM Room In The Inn
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball
- 7:00 PM Westminster Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, December 15

- 8:00 AM Westminster Café  
Yoga
- 10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting  
Women's Bible study  
Men's Coffee
- 3:00 PM Bereavement Care Team
  
- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 10:00 AM CG Handbell Christmas Show
- 5:00 PM Pickleball

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# Hymn #1

## 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



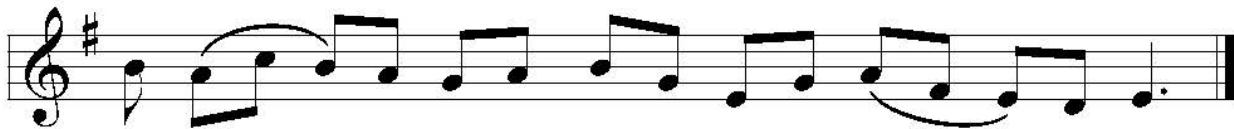
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge  
tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 6 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.

- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;  
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

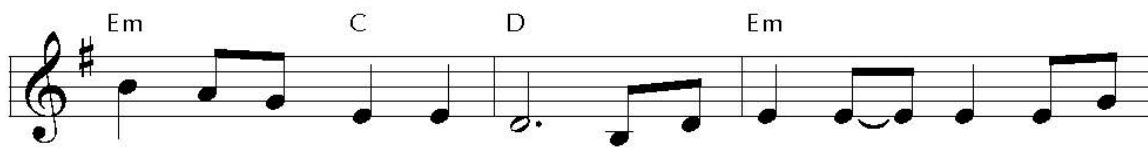
## Canticle, Hymn 100

# 100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

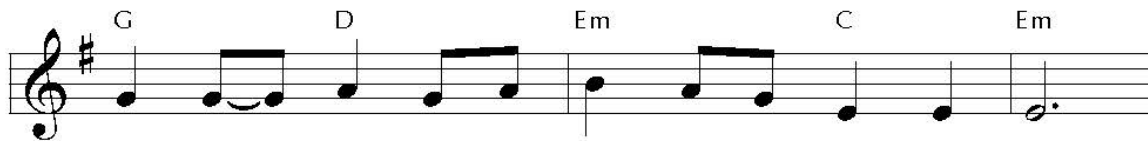
### Canticle of the Turning



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 -



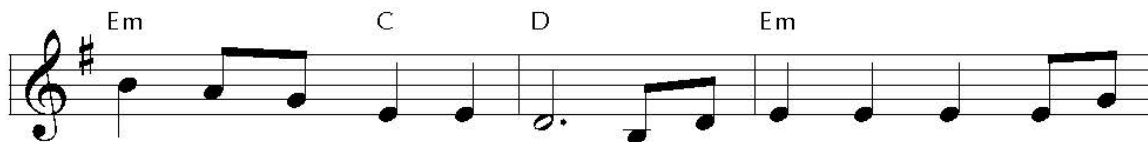
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



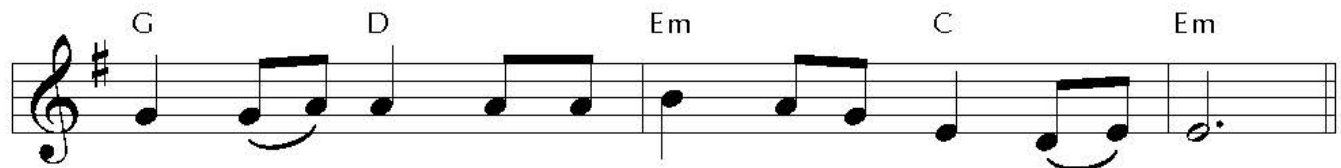
won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



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

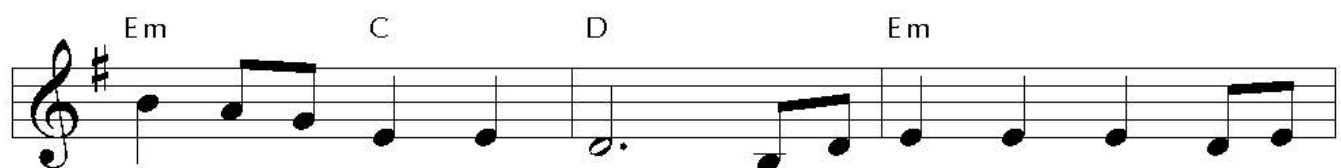


name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

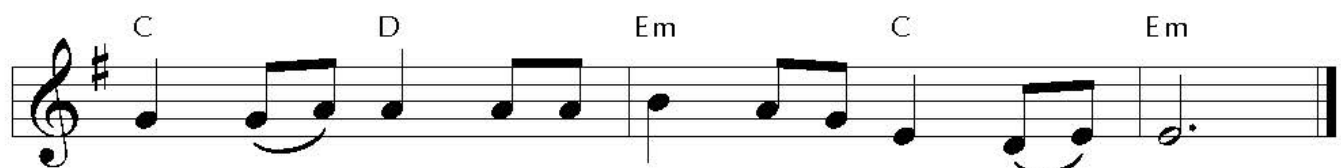
*Refrain*



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



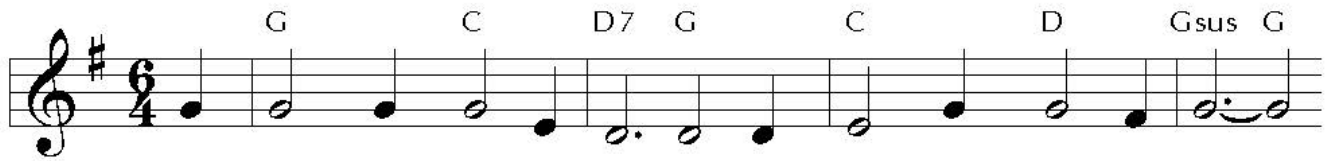
fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



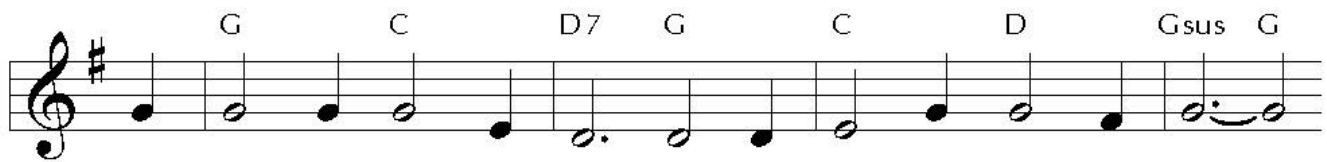
dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Hymn #2

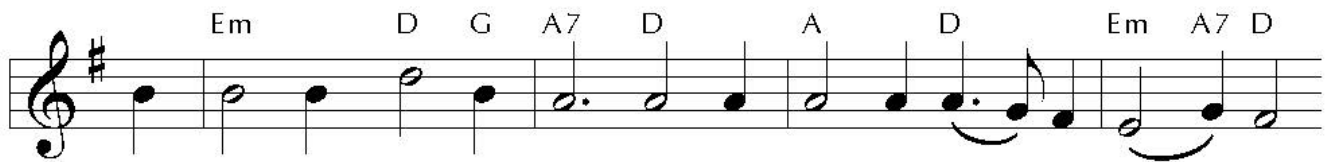
# Prepare the Way, O Zion 106



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace,



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
 and ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



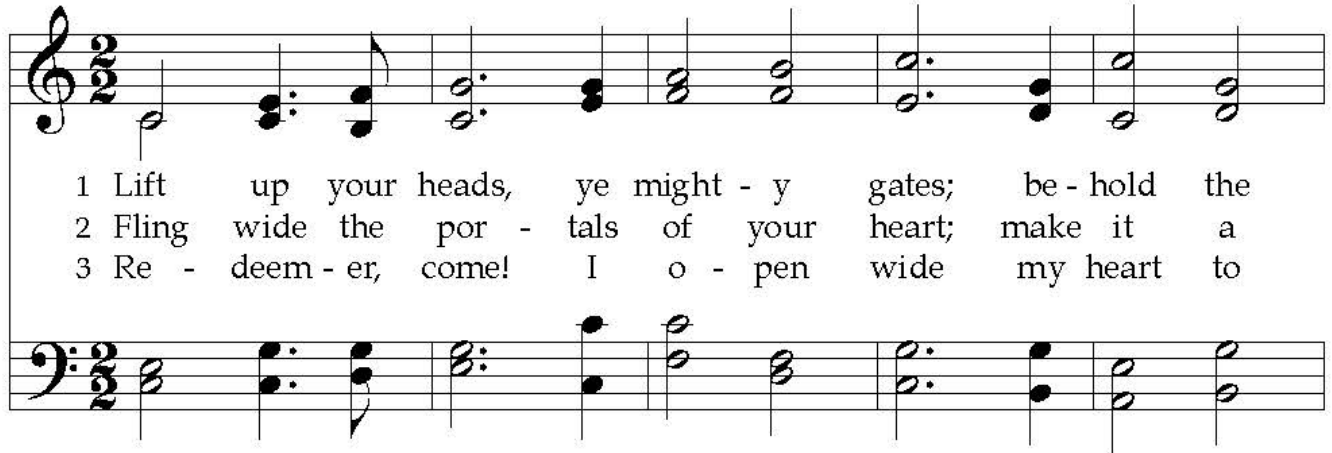
Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
 All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.



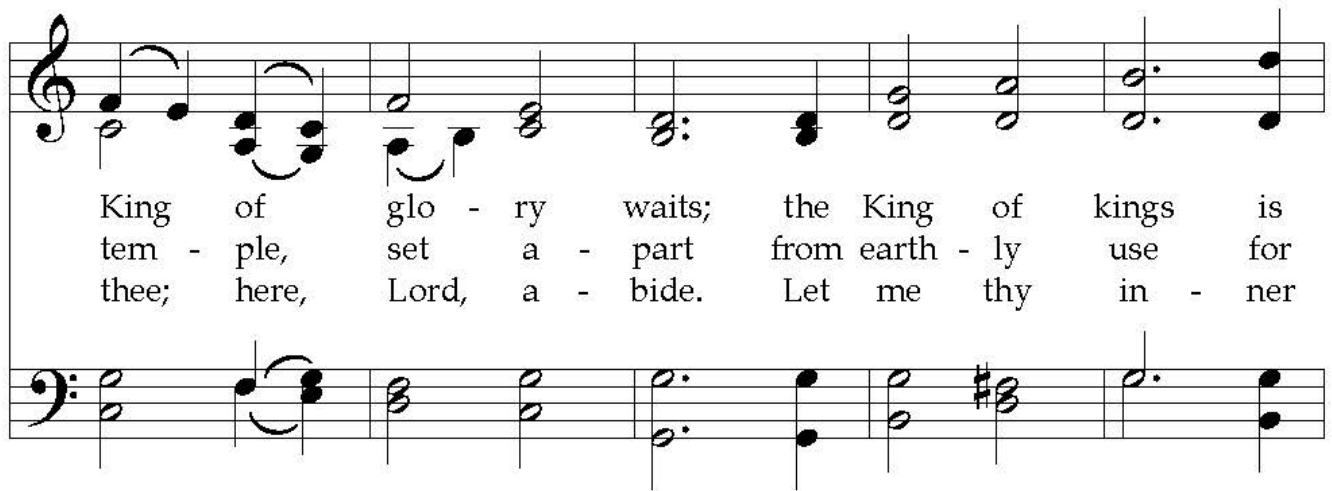
O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

Hymn #3

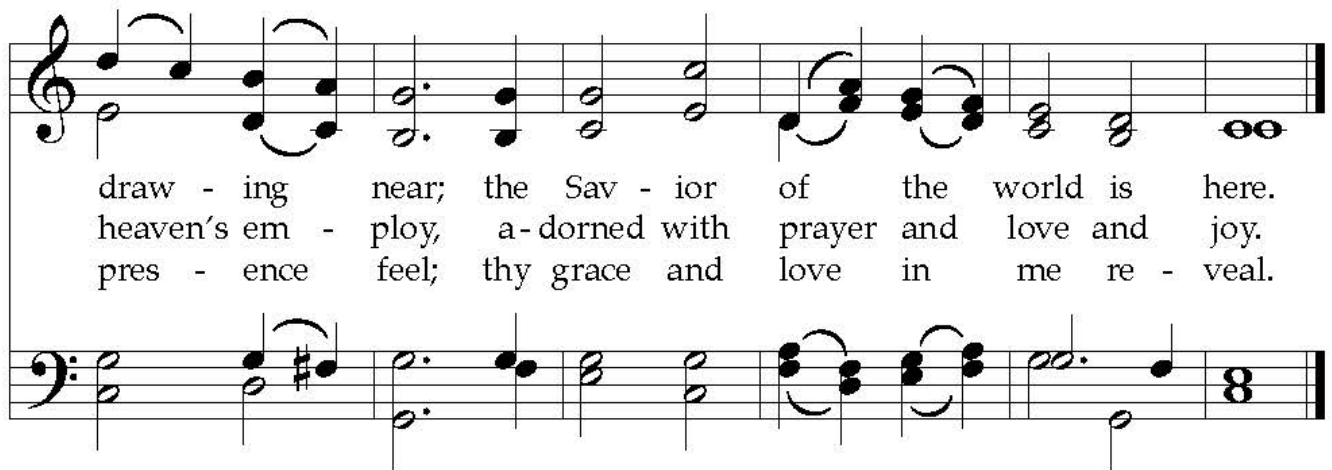
# Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to



King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner



draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.