



First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023
Holy Communion

Stay at your post.
Keep watch.

On the cover:
Photo by Mary Glynn
Williamson from her
mother, Betty
Williamson's, house.

Waiting is not a very popular attitude. Waiting is not something that people think about with great sympathy. In fact, most people consider waiting a waste of time. Perhaps because the culture in which we live is basically saying, "Get going! Do something! Show you are able to make a difference! Don't just sit there and wait!" For many people, waiting is an awful desert between where they are and where they want to go. And people do not like such a place. They want to get out of it by doing something.

Henri Nouwen, *Waiting for God*

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.

PRELUDE Prelude on "Veni, veni Emmanuel" Paul Fey

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!

About Advent

"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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Awake from your sleep: salvation is near!

The night is far gone; the day is at hand. *(Romans 13:11-12)*

Heaven and earth will pass away,

But the word of God endures forever.

(Mark 13:31)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**Holy One,
you have promised us
that the day of our salvation is near.
Keep us faithful in love and watchful in prayer,
so that we may stand with confidence and joy,
at the coming of Christ, our redeemer and 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 83

STUTTGART

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

CALL TO CONFESSION

In this season,
so many voices with to claim
our attention, our time, and our dollars.
As this font one Voice claims our whole lives:
soul, body, heart, and mind.

In humility, let us confess our faults to the Voice
who proclaims our forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Coming Christ,
you may not find us as you hoped.
We've looked away from signs
we do not wish to see.
We've stopped listening to distress
we do not wish to hear.
We are numb to inconvenient truths.
Keep us alert, O God, to the needs of our neighbors.
Revive our hearts laden with compassion fatigue.
Sharpen our minds clouded by worries.
Sober our lives addicted to privilege.
Show us the signs of your coming,
that we may stand before you,
the Son of man, in whose name we pray.**

(Silent confession)

About Hymn 83

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future. TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744; MUSIC: Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715.

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
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 in response to the Assurance of Pardon as the last phrase.

*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 64:1-9

(Old Testament, page 694 in your pew Bible)

Choir: Lord Jesus, come soon!

Congregation: Lord Jesus, come soon!

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Marty Haugen

Refrain

Lord, make us turn to You, show us Your
face, and we shall be saved. _____

Shepherd of Israel, hearken from your throne
and shine forth,
Oh rouse your power, and come to save us. **Refrain.**

We are your chosen vine, only by your care do we live,
Reach out your hand, O Lord, unto your people. **Refrain.**

If you will dwell with us, we shall live anew in your love,
Oh shine upon us, great Lord of life. **Refrain.**

Mark 13:24-37

(New Testament, pages 50-51 in your pew Bible)

SERMON "What keeps you awake at night?" Guy D. Griffith

"So, stay at your post, watching. You have no idea when the homeowner is returning, whether evening, midnight, cockcrow, or morning. You don't want him showing up unannounced, with you asleep on the job.

I say it to you, and I'm saying it to all:

Stay at your post. Keep watch."

(Mark 13:35-37, The Message)

(A moment for meditation)

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.

The Sermon

The sermon, based on the scripture read in worship, proclaims the good news of the risen Lord and presents the gift and calling of the gospel. Through the sermon, we encounter Jesus Christ in God's word, are equipped to follow him more faithfully, and are inspired to proclaim the gospel to others through our words and deeds.

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.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation
that has already begun, and that God will surely finish.
We do not know when the final day will come.
In our time we see only broken and scattered signs
that the renewal of all things is underway.
We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering
in the world, the church, or our own lives.
But we see Jesus as Lord.
As he stands at the center of our history,
we are confident he will stand at its end.
He will judge all people and nations.
Evil will be condemned
and rooted out of God's good creation.
There will be no more tears or pain.
All things will be made new.
The fellowship of human beings with God and each other
will be perfected.**

(From A Declaration of Faith)

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

Come, Thou Lord Jesus

G.F. Handel/Hopson

Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God, come.
Holy Son of God, Thy truth unseal.
Thy love reveal, Thy truth unseal, Thy love reveal.

Lord, hear Thou in mercy our prayer to Thee,
Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God, For come in Thy might.
Send forth Thy light, come in might, send forth Thy light.

Lord, hear Thou in mercy our prayer to Thee.
Come, Jesus, O holy Son of God. For Thee we long.
Hear Thou our prayer. O hear Thou our prayer.
To Thee be glory now and evermore.
Lord, hear Thou in mercy our prayer to Thee.
Come, Jesus Holy Son of God.
To Thee be glory, To Thee be glory evermore.

To GIVE, please
scan the QR code
below:



Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes

Thou shalt know Him when He comes;
 Not by any din of drums, Nor the manner of His airs,
 Nor by anything He wears;
 Thou shalt know Him when He comes,
 Not by His crown or His gown,
 But His coming known shall be by the holy harmony,
 the holy harmony, which His coming makes in Thee.
 Thou shalt know him when He comes. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Doxology

**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!**

A short hymn of praise to the triune God (God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit).

***PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE**

***INVITATION**

About Great Thanksgiving

***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 -
 ven 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.)

Following the offering and preparation of the table, the pastor invites worshipers to the Lord's Supper using scripture, leading the people in a prayer to the triune God: giving thanks for God's creative power, providential care, and covenant faithfulness, along with particular blessings of the day; remembering God's acts of salvation through Jesus' birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension, and promised return; calling on the Holy Spirit to draw worshipers into the presence of the risen Lord, nourish them in the body and blood of Christ, unite them with Christ in the communion of saints and Church in every place, and send them in mission to the world. The prayer ends with praise to the triune God.

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



Breaking of the Bread

At the table, in full view of the people, the pastor breaks the bread and pours the cup. The use of one loaf and one cup expresses the unity of the body of Christ and the communal nature of the sacrament.

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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Praying together, see page 35 of your hymnal for words.)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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.

Music during Communion

Anthem Keep Your Lamps! Andre Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, *Keep your...*
the time is drawing nigh.

Children don't get weary, *Children don't...*
'til your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over, *Christian journey...*
The time is drawing nigh.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, *Keep your...*
the time is drawing nigh.

SENDING

***HYMN 348** Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending HEMSLEY

About Hymn 348

Despite unclear musical origins, the result here is a characteristic early Methodist hymn tune, notable for its breadth and range. It effectively sets a text of similarly mixed sources, one that Charles Wesley regarded as related to "Thy kingdom come" in the Lord's Prayer. TEXT: Stanzas 1, 3, Charles Wesley, 1758; alt., stanza 2, John Cennick, 1752, alt.; MUSIC: Thomas Olivers, 1763; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

BENEDICTION

Choir: Lord Jesus, come soon!

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

POSTLUDE

Noel Étranger

Louis-Claude Daquin

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

Service in the World

Christian worship and service does not end at the conclusion of the Service for the Lord's Day; we go for the to love and serve the Lord in daily living. In so doing, we seek to fulfill our chief end: to glorify and enjoy God forever.

The *Postlude* is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

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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)

TODAY@ WESTMINSTER

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Dr. Guy D. Griffith
*Associate Pastor for Adult Education and
Spiritual Nurture*

Liturgist

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake
Pastor and Head of Staff

Communion Preparation

Jill Lindner and Don Cobb

Beadles/Acolytes

8:30 AM Jack Sites
11:00 AM Charles Lee

Advent Wreath Lighters

8:30 AM Hunter Mobley and Bradley
Hickman
11:00 AM John and Nancy Thorpe

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Tom Wyllly
11:00 AM Karen Weir

Music

Jordan Haas, cantor
Sam Bacco, percussion
8:30 AM Laudate Youth Choir
11:00 AM Westminster Choir

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.

The deadline for submitting names to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins is Monday, December 11, 2023.

2024 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 2024, 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.

Mask Policy

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

Hearing Aides Now Available

For those needing hearing assistance for services, we offer personal FM Receivers with an ear-piece. These devices are located in the Narthex and the Welsh dresser in the Parlor. There are directions at each location. Ask an Usher for assistance if needed.

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.

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.

Childcare

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

Nursery - Room 146
Toddlers & 2s - Room 152
3s, 4s, 5, & kindergarten - Room 151



“So, stay at your post, watching. You have no idea when the homeowner is returning, whether evening, midnight, cockcrow, or morning. You don’t want him showing up unannounced, with you asleep on the job. I say it to you, and I’m saying it to all: Stay at your post. Keep watch.”
(Mark 13:35-37, The Message)

- 1). What causes you the most anxiety and keeps you awake this time of the year?
- 2). Are you a patient person or is waiting a challenge for you?
- 3). In this Advent season, how can you fulfill verses 33 – 37 imperative to “keep watch!”?

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education

Classes start at 9:45 AM

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Please join others in the Parlor for the Alternative Gift Christmas Market.

Murdoch MacLeods • Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

Faith & Fellowship • 214

Join us for a discussion on A.-J. Levine's book, *Sermon on the Mount*.

Young Families • Overlook Room

Caroline Schuler, Director of Counseling Services at Montgomery Bell Academy, will be speaking.

Spiritual Practices for the 21st Century • 208

Led by Will Wellman

This Sunday, we will study Community: Dinner Groups, Anam Cara, Service



Coffee and Conversation: Sunday School for Parents of Youth and Young Adults

We will meet in the Koinonia Youth Café with Sophie Maness

& Guy Griffith: Exploring Christ and the Birth of Jesus for 7th -12th Grades and Parents.

Contact:

Fran Linley, fran.linley@gmail.com

Youth Ministry

9:45 AM Sunday School

Koinonia Youth Café

(7th - 12th Grade)

Join Guy Griffith & Sophie Maness to learn about Advent and the birth of Christ!

Children & Youth Choirs

4:00 PM Children's Choirs
Tintinnabulation
Intergenerational
Handbell Choir

5:00 PM Laudate Choir

Children's Ministry

9:45 AM • Children's Sunday School

These classes go directly to their rooms...

2s are in room 149, in the preschool hall

3s are in room 161, in the preschool hall

4s are in room 163, in the preschool hall

Godly Play/Kindergarten is in room 183, near the big cross on the corner

5th and 6th are in room 292, upstairs on the Wilson Wing

1st - 4th comes to the Chapel and then will be picked up on the first floor of the Wilson Wing

For info, contact Sophie Maness, smaness@nashvillewpc.org.

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



Looking for homemade cookies, brownies, holiday breads and your favorite Christmas treats? Come to the Parlor and stop at the Youth Bake Sale! Your support will fund SCHOLARSHIPS for upcoming Youth trips, including outreach opportunities and Montreat Youth Conference.

Bring your cash and checks to purchase these delicious homemade goodies -- Enjoy right away or freeze for the holidays!



Alternative Gift Christmas Market 9:45 AM • Parlor

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.



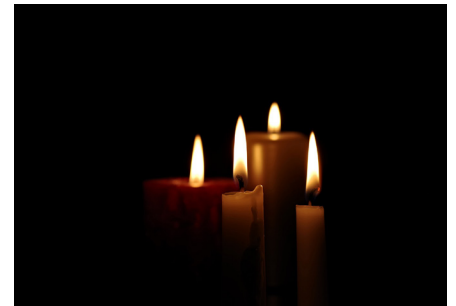
Youth Caroling 6:00 PM • Abe's Garden

Every year the Youth Ministry does some caroling, visiting, and general merriment with the folks at Abe's Garden. **All 7th-12th Graders invited.**

5:50 PM: If you need a ride, meet us in the back parking lot of the church.
6:00 PM: Arrive and check in at Abe's Garden
6:15 PM: Sing & Visit

6:45 PM: Head over to Chipotle

7:30 PM: Pick up at Chipotle



Service of Hope and Healing 7:00 PM • Sanctuary

Many feelings well up in us during the Advent season. Joyful Christmas carols seek to bring good cheer, yet for many experiences of grief and loss, anxiety and health concerns, depression and painful relationships are on our hearts.

Join us as we claim the promises of God in Emmanuel, God-with-us, and pray for Christ's peace to make us whole.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



December 7

Monthly Potlucks

6:30 PM • Lane Russell's home

It's tacky sweater time. Please wear your favorite Christmas sweater and bring a \$10 gift for a white elephant exchange.

Main dish will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts.

RSVP and for more information, contact:
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To learn more about Young Adult Ministry at Westminster, please be in touch with the Co-Chairs:
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Christmas
Variety Show

Westminster Bells

formerly

The Changing Gears Handbell Choir

December 14

10:00 a.m.

Goodpasture Hall

Special Guest Stars

The Westminster Bell Ringers

Jane Kirchner

Sally Mae and John Arnn

Audrey Campbell

Hannah Boles

Susan and Neil Ramsay

Everyone Welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



December 6
4:45 PM
Westminster Café

Special Songwriter Event

A Special EP Release Show featuring Debra Griner.

The show will be followed by the Westminster Wednesday Night dinner at 5:45 PM in Fellowship Hall. Please scan the QR code below to make reservations for dinner.



Click the QR code below to RSVP to the event and learn more about Debra.



December 7
Downtown Presbyterian Annual Waffle Shop
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The Waffle Shop began in 1924 as a fundraiser for the Downtown Presbyterian Church and evolved into a popular holiday tradition. The Waffle Shop marked the beginning of the Christmas shopping season. Over the decades, it has evolved as an event to raise funds to purchase food and supplies to provide weekly meals for the less advantaged members of our community.

Scan the QR code to buy tickets.



December 6
Wednesday Night Dinner
5:45 PM • Fellowship Hall

Please join us for good food and fellowship. Scan the QR code below to register or write it down on the pew pad and drop it in the offering plate. Deadline to register is 12:00 PM on Monday.



Support for Grief and the Holidays

This thoughtful guide with helpful support for those who are grieving during the holidays is available on the Parlor and Narthex tables.

Please also know that the pastoral staff and Bereavement Care Team are here for you as any needs arise.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



December 10
Christmas Caroling
5:00 PM

Join us at the North Entry at 5:00 PM, and we will sing Christmas carols for our friends in the neighborhood.

THEN, we will have dinner in Fellowship Hall. Adults wear your ugliest Christmas sweater - the children will be the judges in a contest for the best - or is it the worst - sweater. We will also be making Christmas cards.

It is a fun night for the entire family. Everyone welcome! Reservations are required for dinner. Scan the QR code to the right to make your reservations.

A graphic with a white rounded rectangle on a background of purple and white flowers. The text inside the rectangle reads: "Save the Date" in green, followed by a decorative line, "Women's Retreat" in purple, "with special guest speaker" in green, "Kate Bowler" in large purple font, another decorative line, and "February 9 & 10" in green.

Save the Date

Women's Retreat
with special guest speaker

Kate Bowler

February 9 & 10

JOIN US



Tuesday - Friday
7:30 AM - Noon

Where you find that 2 or 3 are gathered... "I'm there!"
Matthew 18:19-20



Volunteer Opportunities

The Westminster Café is run by volunteer servers and bakers. If you are interested in helping with either/both of those needs, please contact Beth Drake. We have folks serving from 7:30 - 10:00 AM and 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM. It's a great way to meet new friends.

Café Christmas Schedule

To give our volunteers a break, the Café will be closed from December 22 through January 1. Please come visit us on January 2. We hope you have a blessed and peaceful Christmas!



ADVENT SCHEDULE

December 3, 10, 17

9:45 AM • Parlor

Alternative Gift Christmas Market & Youth Bake Sale

December 3

6:05 PM • Abe's Garden

Youth Caroling

December 3

7:00 PM • Sanctuary

Hope & Healing Service

December 7, 14

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

December 7

7:00 PM • Sanctuary

Advent Candlelight Concert with Choir and Instrumentalists

December 10

Christmas Caroling in the Neighborhood

5:15 PM • North Parking Lot

Followed by dinner at 5:45 PM

(reservations required)

December 14

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

December 14

10:00 AM • Goodpasture Hall

Westminster Bells

Christmas Variety Program

December 17

8:30 & 11:00 AM

Advent Choral Services with Choir, Soloists, and Instrumentalists

December 21

10:00 AM

Christmas Café, Carols & Cookies

Join us in the Westminster Café and enjoy singing Christmas carols and decorating cookies.

December 24

Christmas Eve Services

11:00 AM - Morning Worship Service

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)

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, December 3

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
Alternative Gift Christmas Market
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 12:15 PM Communion@Home Lunch
- 4:00 PM Tintinnabulation
Children's Choirs
- 5:00 PM Journey with Jesus
Laudate Choir rehearsal
- 6:00 PM Youth @ Abe's Garden
- 7:00 PM Service of Hope & Healing

Monday, December 4

- 10:00 AM Tai Chi
- 11:45 AM Centering Prayer
- 5:00 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, December 5

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

Wednesday, December 6

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 7:30 AM Westminster Café
- 9:30 AM Westminster Bells
- 10:00 AM Tai Chi
- 4:45 PM Debra Griner Release Show
- 5:45 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:00 PM Room In The Inn
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball
- 7:00 PM Westminster Choir

Thursday, December 7

- 7:30 AM Westminster Café
- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study
- 10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting
- 7:00 PM A Light in the Darkness Concert

Friday, December 8

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 7:30 AM Westminster Café
- 10:00 AM Tai Chi
- 5:00 PM Pickleball

Saturday, December 9

- 11:30 AM AA

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

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December 7
7:00 PM

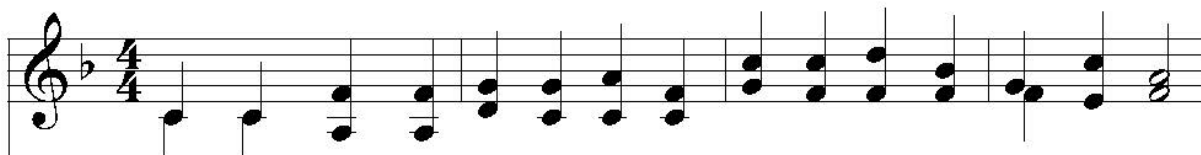


Light
in the
Darkness

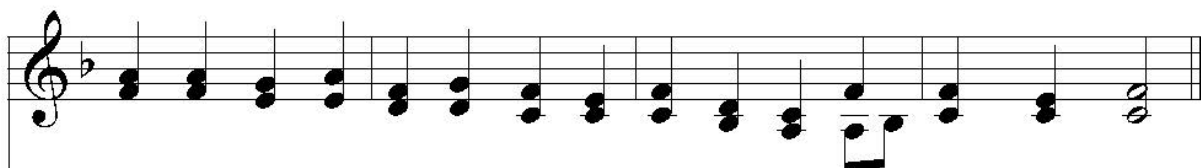
**A Concert of Choral & Instrumental
Music for Advent & Christmas**

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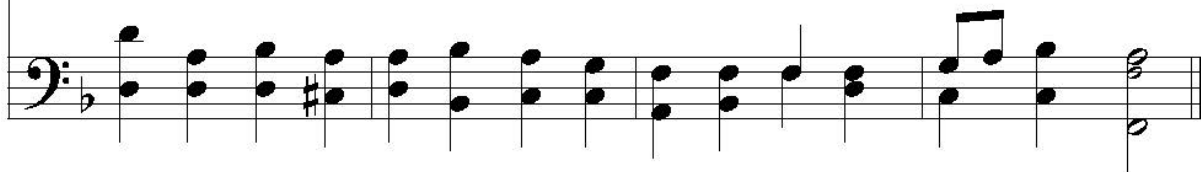
83 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.



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348 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

1 Lo, he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
2 Now re - demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed,
3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,

once for our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand,
comes in sol - emn splen - dor near; all the
high on thine e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior,

thou - sand saints at - tend - ing join to
saints this world re - ject - ed thrill the
take the power and glo - ry; claim the

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sing the glad re - frain: Al - le -
trum - pet sound to hear: Al - le -
king - dom as thine own. Come, Lord

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
Je - sus; come, Lord Je - sus; come, Lord

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
Je - sus. Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

