WESTMINSTER
Presbyterian Church
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"Where each member is a minister, called in Christ to serve God and neighbor."

Sunday, November 22, 2020
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WE GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: Arioso 
Leo Sowerby

WESTMINSTER CHIMES – Striking the Hour

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Love your neighbor as yourself by doing all you can to minimize infection risk:
- Maintain 6' distance between yourself and others with whom you do not live.
- Stay seated throughout today’s service.
- Don’t touch your face.
- Use the hand sanitizer available in the Narthex.
- During hymns, you may sit quietly and meditate on the words of the songs, you may hum, or sing quietly.
- Take your bulletin home with you or please leave it in the pew where you have been sitting.

...Let us worship God...

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 105:1-4,7) (congregation in bold)

Give thanks to the Lord; call on His name; make His deeds known to all the people!

For He is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!

Sing His praises; tell of His wonderful works, and glory in His holy name! Let those who seek the Lord rejoice!

For He is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!

Search for God, and for His strength. Never stop looking for Him.

For He is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!
1 Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thankful praise to yield,
3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
4 Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
from each field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,

God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there forever purified, in thy presence to abide:

Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.
but the fruitful ears to store in God's garner evermore.
come, with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

by St. Boniface

Eternal God, the refuge and help of all your children, we praise you for all you have given us, for all you have done for us, for all that you are to us. In our weakness, you are strength, in our darkness, you are light, in our sorrow, you are comfort and peace. We cannot number your blessings, we cannot declare your love: For all your blessings we bless you. May we live as in your presence, and love the things that you love, and serve you in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
CALL TO CONFESSION

In the midst of our thanksgiving, let us pause in silence to recall how we so often lose sight of the gifts of each day and of their Giver.

(a moment of silence)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we know that we forget about you, we forget to love you, we forget to help our neighbors, we forget to thank you.

Forgive us.

(a moment of silence for private confession)

Grant us clear minds to know you, new hearts to love you strong hands to serve you. Help us live this day, this week, and always so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God did not send Christ into the world to condemn the world, but to be its Savior. We can trust God’s word. We are a forgiven people.

Thanks be to God!

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be. World without end, Amen, Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous
will answer him. 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord;  Praise to You, O Christ!

MESSAGE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN

"Open My Eyes"

OPEN MY EYES

1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou send-est clear.
3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth ev-ery-where.

Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev-ery-thing false will
O-pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren

set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
dis-ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy

will to see. O-pen my eyes; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!
will to see. O-pen my ears; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!
will to see. O-pen my heart; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We Believe that:

Through Jesus Christ, God calls His people in every age to love and serve Him. He sends His Spirit upon the Church and anoints Christians to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to witness to the presence and power of the Kingdom of God, to speak the truth in love, and to build up the Body of Christ. (Luke 4:18,19; Ephesians 4:13,15)

Our Lord Jesus Christ calls us, a congregation drawn from many geographic sections of our city, at this time and in this place to minister to His name to the needs of all persons. Christ commissions us to minister daily to those in our congregation, in the inner-city of Lynchburg, in our neighborhoods, and at our places of work and play. He commands us to give of our resources to minister through others to the whole world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

PRESENTATION OF AND PRAYER FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

RESPONSE

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

HYMN *  "Now Thank We All Our God"  NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:

who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
the God who was, and is, and shall be ever more.

CHARGE and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
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THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

November 22 - 29, 2020
NO Fellowship until further notice.

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence so that we may be at peace so that we may worship you with all our mind, heart, and spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We welcome all who worship with us today at Westminster Presbyterian Church, and we invite you to join us as we celebrate the difference that God’s grace is making in our lives.

SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS

Week of: November 22, 2020
Sunday School: Cary Roberts
Acolyte: Jerry Ferguson
Ushers: Valerie Harris & Angela Hart
Collection Counter: Robert Roberts
Nursery: Lee Thulin

Week of: November 29, 2020
1st Advent Candle Lighter: Harris Family
Sunday School: Cary Roberts
Acolyte: Jerry Ferguson
Ushers: Charlie Ross & Robert Roberts
Collection Counter: Robert Roberts
Nursery: Lee Thulin

LOOKING AHEAD:

Week of December 6, 2020
Congregational Meeting
2nd Advent Candle Lighters: Roberts Family
Sunday School: Cary Roberts
Acolyte: Jerry Ferguson
Ushers: Chris Harris & Jeff Evans
Collection Counter: Charlie Ross

Week of December 13, 2020
Sunday School: Cary Roberts
Acolyte: Jerry Ferguson
Ushers: Richard Mahler & Robert Roberts
Collection Counter: Jeff Evans
Nursery: Lee Thulin

Remember These and Others in Prayer:
*Becky Maxey  *Louise Motley  *Maymie Keys  *Reinhild Sydnor  *Queen Webb  *Paula Wyatt
*Stuart & Barbara Turille  *Eloise Peters  *Pat Heath  *Helen Hester
*Jane & Jimmy Reed  *Helen (Riley) Ross  *Sharee & Jeff Evans
*Valerie Harris’s cousin’s little boy, Nolan
*Julia Crim & son, Tom Campbell.
*Men and women serving in the military & their families.
*Pastor Kristie and husband, Brian. Brian is now at his own home! He will continue with therapy.
*John Evans now at home from hospital – needs cards, calls & visits.
*David Oliver has been in the hospital again.
*Bob Wilson was hospitalized briefly from a fall. Bob had a pacemaker inserted.

Hanging of the Greens – please join us this Saturday, November 28th, at 9:00 a.m. We will have snacks, coffee, music, lots of decorations, and a lot of fun.

A Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, December 6th for the purpose of electing two Elders and one Trustee for the Class of 2023.
Meetings & Events:

Sat., Nov 21 - Blessing Place 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sun., Nov 22 - Worship 11:00 a.m. - Christ the King Sunday
Wed., Nov 25 - Zoom - Fellowship 6:45-8:30ish p.m.

**Thurs., Nov 26 - THANKSGIVING DAY—Office Closed**

Sat., Nov 28 – **HANGING OF THE GREENS** at 9:00 a.m.
Sun., Nov 29 – (Sunday School 9:30 a.m., In-Person & Zoom) Worship 11:00 a.m. -

**1st Sunday of Advent – Lectionary Year B 2020-2021**

Wed., Dec 2 – Zoom - Fellowship 6:45-8:30ish p.m.
Sat., Dec 5 – Blessing Place 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Sun., Dec 6 – Christian Education Committee Meeting**

Sun., Dec 6 – (Sunday School 9:30 a.m., In-Person & Zoom) Worship at 11:00 a.m. - **2nd Sunday of Advent - Communion**

Sun., Dec 6 – **Congregational Meeting immediately following worship**

**Tues., Dec 8 - Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting at 4:00 p.m.**

Wed., Dec 9 – Zoom - Fellowship 6:45-8:30ish p.m.
Sun., Dec 13 – (Sunday School 9:30 a.m., In-Person & Zoom) Worship at 11:00 a.m.

**DEC. 14 – CHIMES DEADLINE for January 2021 Chimes**

Wed., Dec 16 – Zoom - Fellowship 6:45-8:30ish p.m.
Sat., Dec 19 – Blessing Place 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Sun., Dec 20 – (Sunday School 9:30 a.m., In-Person & Zoom) Worship at 11:00 a.m. LESSONS & CAROLS

**Wed., Dec 23 through January 4 – Christmas & New Year Holidays – Office Closed**

Sun., Dec 27 – (Sunday School 9:30 a.m., In-Person & Zoom) Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Fri., Jan 1 – Office Closed - HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021

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Create a Christmas Book Advent Calendar: Have you ever heard of a *Christmas book Advent calendar?* It’s so simple and yet so fun. And best of all, it’s the perfect way to incorporate read-aloud time into our children’s holiday traditions. What better way to improve upon it than to involve all our loved ones at WPC?

**Here’s How It Works:** Folks could donate a book (or two, Valarie Harris will be putting a set together for her kids and a set for the Thulins’) especially with a little note or story written inside explaining its significance. That could be as simple as "I loved this book when I was a kid!" Books that already hold special memories for our church members could then be passed on to our youth, who I can tell you- love books! They do NOT need to be brand-new store bought! Valerie will wrap and label and organize them, and **each day from December 1-24th the kids will get to open a book!** So there’s no minimum we would need, but if even a few folks donated it would make it such a special treat! **Deadline is December 1st**

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**ALERT! SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS** begins today, November 22, and will continue next Sunday. **Pledge Sunday will be December 6.** Our theme this year is **LIVING HOPEFULLY,** based on Romans 15:13 - "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Because of the pandemic, we are foregoing our traditional meal gatherings at which we learn about our budget and then celebrate our financial giving in support of God’s work here at WPC. However, the Stewardship and Finance Committee will be keeping us all informed through mailings and the bulletins. Please pray for the committee (Robert Roberts, Holcomb Hughes, Charlie Ross, Jeff Evans, and Pix Mahler) as they develop the budget for 2021. Most of all, pray that God will guide each of us as we make our personal decisions regarding our pledges of financial support. Stewardship is a Spiritual discipline for Christians every season of the year, but one we emphasize here at WPC each autumn. Let us dare to make our theme **LIVING HOPEFULLY** guide us in our decisions so that we are able to serve Jesus Christ and continue our ministries here at Westminster Presbyterian Church in the upcoming year.

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**POINSETTIAS** - Please sign up on the order form outside the office to order your **beautiful poinsettia. Deadline December 15th. They will enhance our sanctuary for Lessons and Carols Service December 20th.** You may take your poinsettia home after the Lessons and Carols Service. The price will be announced later. They will be around the same price as last year.