

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Inviting All. Exploring Faith. Experiencing God.

WORSHIP, 7:00 PM

DECEMBER 24, 2022

A Journey of Light

A Christmas Celebration with Candles, Carols, and Communion



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER!

We're delighted to worship with you tonight and hope your experience of worship is meaningful and uplifting. Please note that assisted listening devices are available at the back of the sanctuary. Any of our greeters will be happy to offer you assistance.

Parents: As children of all ages are welcome in worship, we do not have nursery care provided for tonight's service. The nursery is open, for parents who need to change a diaper, etc. Also, all children are welcome to use any of the resources in our Pray Ground (located behind the pews).

Our worship service is always livestreamed and there are multiple cameras in the sanctuary. You may be on camera during your worship experience with Westminster.

** Everyone who is comfortably able to stand is welcome to do so during the portions of worship marked with an asterisk.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Luke Tyler

WELCOME

Rev. MargaretAnne Overstreet

THE LIGHT OF ANTICIPATION

Carol: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verse 1) - GTG #88

A Litany from the Iona Community

Leader: Christ is coming.

People: Among the poor, among the proud, among the persecuted, among the privileged: Christ is coming.

Leader: He is coming to make all things new!

People: In the private house, in the market place, in the wedding feast, in the judgement hall: Christ is coming

Leader: He is coming to make all things new!

People: With a gentle touch, with an angry word, with a clear conscience, with burning love: Christ is coming.

Leader: He is coming to make all things new!

People: That the kingdom might come, that the world might believe, that the powerful might stumble, that the humble might be raised: Christ is coming.

Leader: He is coming to make all things new!

People: Within us, without us, among us, before us, in this place, in every place, for this time, for all time: Christ is coming.

Leader: He is coming to make all things new!

Time with the Younger Disciples

Scripture: Micah 5:2-5a (NRSVUE)

Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem (verses 1, 3) - GTG#121

THE LIGHT OF PREPARATION

Scripture: Isaiah 40: 3-5, 9-11(NRSVUE)

Invitation to Confession

Sung Confession: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (verse 1) - GTG#82

THE LIGHT OF ANNUNCIATION

Scripture: Luke 1:26-27, 30-33, 38 (NRSVUE)

Carol: O Come, All Ye Faithful (verse 1) - GTG#133

THE LIGHT OF INCARNATION

Scripture: Luke 2: 1-7 (NRSVUE)

Carol: Away in a Manger (verse 1) - GTG#115

THE LIGHT OF PROCLAMATION

Scripture: Luke 2: 8-14 (NRSVUE)

Carol: The First Nowell (verse 1-2) - GTG#147

THE LIGHT OF REVELATION

Scripture: Luke 2: 15-20 (NRSVUE)

Carol: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (verses 1-3) - GTG#119

THE LIGHT OF DECLARATION

Meditation

THE LIGHT OF CONSECRATION

Presentation of Offerings

Offertory: "O Holy Night" performed by Steve Peake

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Telling the Story

SCAN TO GIVE!

Use your
smartphone
camera to scan this
code and give
online.



Sharing the Bread and Cup

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer After Communion

THE LIGHT OF CELEBRATION

Service of Candles

Carol: Silent Night (verses 1-4) - GTG#122

BLESSING

And all God's people said: **Alleluia! Amen.**

LEAVING MUSIC

Please feel free to take your Poinsettia tonight.

Thank you!



Holiday Office Hours

For Christmas, since the Holiday is on a Sunday, the office will be closed Mon. & Tues., Dec. 26 & 27. The office will also be closed Mon., January 2nd for New Year's Day.