



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

## Order of Worship for December 20, 2020

### The Fourth Sunday of Advent

In-Person and Online at 11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE

See, Amid the Winter's Snow  
The Wexford Carol

ARR. TODD MARCHAND  
ARR. J.A.C. REDFORD

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

The Couch Family

*In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (from 1 John 4)*

One: The Word of the Lord  
All: **Thanks be to God!**

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We wait for the coming of the Lord with Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.  
All: **Come, Lord Jesus!**  
One: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
All: **We wait for you with expectation. Come, Lord Jesus!**

HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and Everlasting God, as we bow in your holy presence, we are aware of the awful depth of our sinfulness. We have fallen so far short of the holiness to which you call us. Forgive our stubborn waywardness, and empower us by your Holy Spirit to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, according to the example set for us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

(Silent Confession)

◆RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

◆SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
All: **And also with you.**

# TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Micah 6:1-8

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Drop the Mic(ah): Hear Justice!

◆AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (1983)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

◆BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

◆POSTLUDE

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

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◆*Please stand, if able*

Leading the service today: Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Lissa Long, Pastor; Janie Bruce, Youth and Children; Robin Zemp, Music; Meg Dorsel, Livestream.

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from CCLI License #2778901

Musicians:

Susan Messersmith, trumpet

Greg Schoonover, trumpet

Brandon Nichols, horn

Chris Lindgren, trombone

Tom Joyce, trombone

## O Come, All Ye Faithful 133

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come  
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,  
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -  
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all  
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

*Refrain*

born the King of an - gels!  
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed!  
 glo - ry in the high - est! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let  
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

# 143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
 3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions  
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;  
 beam a - far; seek the great de - sire of na - tions;  
 Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 yon - der shines the in - fant light: come and wor - ship,  
 you have seen his na - tal star:  
 to the e - ter - nal Three in One:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king!

This familiar carol was first published as a poem in the Christmas Eve 1816 issue of a newspaper the author edited in Sheffield, England. The tune name celebrates the location of a prominent Presbyterian Church in London, sometimes called the "Presbyterian cathedral."

# 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.  
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir-gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car - nate de - i - ty,  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

Brought together in the mid-19th century, the text and tune of this familiar carol began in quite different forms. The text had ten stanzas and began, "Hark, how all the welkin rings." The tune was created for a festival celebrating Gutenberg's introduction of moveable type.

## FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

The Prophet Micah called people to hear the Word of the Lord. Memorably, he prophesied about the coming of one who would rule over God's people. *"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."* (5:2) The prophecy is fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. During this festive season, we'll listen for God's Word to us through Micah, asking God to get our hearts ready for the coming of the King!

November 29	Micah 1:1-7	Drop the Mic(ah): Hear Advent!
December 6	Micah 4:1-5	Drop the Mic(ah): Hear Renewal!
December 13	Micah 5:1-5	Drop the Mic(ah): Hear Peace!
Today	Micah 6:1-8	Drop the Mic(ah): Hear Justice!
December 27	Micah 7:18-20	Drop the Mic(ah): Hear Forgiveness!

## WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

We are delighted that you have joined us for in-person or online worship, and we hope you are encouraged and strengthened in the faith. If you have a prayer request or questions about faith, life, or being part of the Westminster family, we invite you to reach out by call or text to one of our pastors.

Pastor Daniel Smoak: 843-872-1001

Pastor Lissa Long: 843-810-2232

For more information about Westminster or to subscribe to our weekly ENews and email updates visit our website at [www.westminstercharleston.org](http://www.westminstercharleston.org)

## 2020 YEAR END GIVING

As we approach the end of the church's fiscal year, please be aware that the church books will close December 31, 2020. In order to be recorded for 2020, all contributions will need to be received by December 31. If you are attending in-person service, you can give your offering at that time. You can also mail your check, bring to the church office, or take advantage of the safe and convenient online giving. Thank you for your faithful and generous support of the missions and ministry of Westminster. Together we have been able to navigate these uncertain times and are looking forward to continued blessings and service in 2021. If you have any questions or need any information, please don't hesitate to call Tommye Owen at 843-766-8311, ext 105 or [finance@westminstercharleston.org](mailto:finance@westminstercharleston.org).

## "FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU," DECLARES THE LORD, "PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE." JEREMIAH 29:11

THANK YOU to those who have already made your financial commitments for 2021! Our goal is 100% participation, so if you have not yet turned in your commitment card (they are available in the narthex), you may do so by placing it in the offering plate or making your pledge at [www.westminstercharleston.org](http://www.westminstercharleston.org) (select the 2021 Pledge button). Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!!

## ANXIOUS TO TALK ABOUT IT

Small groups are being formed for a 12 week study on Racial Justice. Those interested will be gathered into groups of up to 8 people to be facilitated by members of the Racial Justice Listening Group. Beginning in January, Zoom and in-person options available on Mondays 7:30 - 8:30 pm and Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:30 am. For more information, view the RJLG report (with study description), view the Pause and Refresh presentation, and sign-up online at [www.westminstercharleston.org](http://www.westminstercharleston.org).

## HIGGS PIGGS SMOKING TURKEYS IS CANCELED

## *The Season of Advent*

ADVENT is the Latin word for “coming.” For Christians it refers to the church season that prepares for the coming of Jesus Christ as God in human flesh – the incarnation. We celebrate his humble birth, his coming to us now, and his coming again in glory at the end of time.

The round shape of the Advent Wreath is a symbol of God's never-ending love for us. The evergreens represent everlasting life, and the purple candles are for him who comes royally as King of kings and Lord of lords. The pink candle is for the joy of the season, and in the center of the wreath is the white Christ candle lit on Christmas Eve. The candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love; and remembering the promises of God with prayer.

The Christmas tree is adorned with lights and Chrismons. Lights remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. Chrismons are symbols that illustrate aspects of the Christian faith.

### ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT WESTMINSTER

#### **December 20: The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- 11:00 Morning Worship; In-person and livestreamed
- 6:00-7:30 A drive-thru nativity. Scenes from the Christmas story recreated in the parking lot. Drive through with friends and family.

#### **December 24: Christmas Eve**

- 11:00 am Three 45 minute services for all ages. We'll conclude with singing in the parking lot.
- 5:00 pm Reservations are required and can be made on the church web-site.
- 7:00 pm (the 5:00 and 7:00 services are full)

#### **December 27: The First Sunday of Christmas**

- 11:00 Morning Worship; In-person and livestreamed

#### **January 3: Epiphany**

- 11:00 Morning Worship; We gather to worship the one who is a light to the nations. The Lord's Supper; In-person and livestreamed

\*all events follow COVID protocols.

### CHRISTMAS EVE AT WESTMINSTER

The 5:00pm and 7:00 pm Worship Services are filled to capacity so we've added an additional service on Christmas Eve at 11:00. Reservations are required for attendance and can be made at [www.westminstercharleston.org](http://www.westminstercharleston.org) or by calling the church office. If you have made a reservation for the 5:00 or 7:00 pm Services and your plans have changed, please contact the Church Office. While we won't be able to have the costumed Christmas Pageant this year, all three services will be family-friendly, last about 45 minutes, and conclude with carols (and candles at 5 & 7) in the parking lot. COVID protocols observed. The 5:00 and 7:00 services will be livestreamed.

### DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE HYMN?

One that comforts you? One that brings joy to you? At this time when we cannot sing together, we want to bring you opportunities to sing at home. Send us a request for a hymn you would like to hear, and we will create a video with someone from the Music Ministry playing the hymn along with some background information about it. The videos will be posted online for you to use and enjoy. To view the videos or make a request, check out [westminstercharleston.org/hymns/](http://westminstercharleston.org/hymns/)

## COVID PROTOCOLS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

### When You Arrive

1. Everyone is required to wear a mask upon entering the church. If you don't have a mask, the ushers will have plenty available for you and your children (older than 2). Wearing a mask, along with social distancing, is the best way for us to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among our church family, especially given the fact that up to half of all people who have the virus don't feel or display any symptoms.
2. Hand sanitizer will be available and should be used upon entering.
3. In the sanctuary, every other pew will be roped off and closed to provide as much social distancing as possible. Hymnbooks, Bibles, and other materials normally found in the pews have been removed. You may bring your own Bible to use during the service; the hymns are printed in the bulletin. In order to minimize touch contamination, please pick up your own bulletin from the narthex table.
4. Ushers will guide you and your family to a properly distanced seat, starting with the front of the sanctuary. Please graciously allow them to do so in order to maintain social distancing while safely maximizing occupancy.
5. All restrooms will be open for use, one at a time please.

### During the Service

1. We will not be singing, as singing has been found to increase significantly the risk of spreading the virus.
2. During time for children, the children will remain with their family and not gather on the chancel steps.
3. Offering plates will be at the entrances/exits to receive your offering.
4. Please keep your mask on through the entire worship service.
5. If you have young children, this may be their first time back in the sanctuary in a long time. You may be worried about how they will behave, if they will make too much noise, or if they will be too wiggly. Please don't worry at all! We welcome the signs of life- especially after going so long without it! Please note: we won't have the worship bags (with crayons and coloring pages) available for children, but you are welcome to bring things from home.

### After the Service Ends

1. The ushers will dismiss the congregation by row from the side aisles, beginning at the rear of the sanctuary, in order to keep us distanced as we exit.
2. Please place your used bulletins in the recycling baskets at each exit or take them home with you. Please do not leave them on the pews.

### JOIN US FOR DISCIPLESHIP!

**CHILDREN** - Join us in Sunday School Zoom at 9:00 am.

- Meeting ID: 867 718 0847
- Passcode: 1776

**YOUTH** - Check your emails! Mrs. Janie has a great schedule planned for Middle School and High Schoolers. If you haven't received an email, please let the Church Office know.

**ADULTS** - We meet each Sunday morning from 9:00 - 9:45am via Zoom to study the scriptures together. Come join us! NEW Meeting ID: 856 1961 4490 Passcode: 12345



# POINSETTIAS

## GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Our beloved son, Bill, by Howard and Jenny Fulwiler  
My son, Wesley, by Tommye Owen  
Addison "Addie" Gentry by Chris, Carrie, Tanner and Riley Gentry  
Our son, John William Bruce, by Mike and Allyn Bruce  
Agnes H. & D.T. Livingston, Jr. by Rita, Tom, Dave, & John Livingston  
Rita G. Spivey, Maggie & Evelyn Spivey, Frances Spivey Williams by Rita, Tom, Dave & John Livingston  
Our parents, Ed and Mary Overcash, by Tom and Lynda Higgins  
Our parents, John and Clara Higgins, by Tom and Lynda Higgins  
George and Margaret Austin by Randy and Mary Davis  
William and Mary Davis by Randy and Mary Davis  
Family members of Kay Hudson and Mike and Sherry Niblock by Kay Hudson and the Niblock family  
William Dwight Fulwiler by Robert and Sylvia Coker  
Our loving mother and grandmother, Linda Fariior, by Chuck, Christine, Olivia, Chase and Faith Towne  
Mr. and Mrs. W.N. Russell, Sr. by Carole Russell  
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Small, by Carole Russell  
Walter Russell, by Carole Russell  
Hal Jonsson by his family  
Krisiti Mikles by Kevin Mikles  
Jerry Seay by Jim and Shirley Seay  
Frank and Shirley Aydlett by Nancy Mallard  
Tootie Adams by Meg Powell  
Jessie Elizabeth Georgen, Bob's mother, by Bob and Beth Georgen  
Mary B. Bowden, Beth's mother, by Bob and Beth Georgen  
Norman W. Shepard, Deab (Buddy) Jones, by Brenda and Henry Shepard  
Ruby T. Jones, by Brenda and Henry Shepard  
Tootie Adams by Jerry and Sue Smoak  
Dr. and Mrs. Edward D. Sumner, by Don and Georgiana Sumner  
Our parents, Susie and Robert Pell, by Sandy and Debbie Pell  
Barbara and Richard Streett by Brenda C. Haile  
Winnie and Kennerly Corbett by Brenda C. Haile

# POINSETTIAS

## GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF:

Sammy Almedia by Robert Luhn

Their Grandparents by Cameron and Nicholas Patrick

Our daughters by John and Fran Ligon

Brenda Jonsson by Doug and Frankie Earnst

My Family by Brenda C. Haile

Ellyn Winkles, our caring and thoughtful Deacon, by Sandy and Debbie Pell

Pastor Lissa Long, by Don and Georgiana Sumner

Grayson, Carolina, Abigail, Elloise and Alayna by Jerry and Sue Smoak

Roberta L. Shepard by Brenda and Henry Shepard

Ike and Ruby Mae Eisenhower by Brenda and Henry Shepard

Tommy Owen by Beth and Bob Georgen

Staff of Westminster for keeping us together as a church family in this tough year

by Jean and Lance Lewandowski

Carolyn Drose by Beth and Bob Georgen

Our wonderful Westminster Presbyterian Church family from Charlie and Meg Powell

My children, English and Will, by Gloria Purcell

## Westminster Prays

Joe Smith	Meg Powell	Summer Garris	Andria Sanchez Freeman
Carol Cummings	Keith Gordon	Mary Ashley Barbot	Chrissie Bosworth
Bruce Yarnall	Shirley Seay	Doris Fox	Ginger Sieftring
Bill Myers	Larry Salley	Joyce Aydlett	Martin Davis
Anna Lee Myers	John Ligon	Daryn Baker	Kevin Ritzel
Dart Willer	Dot Dangerfield	Curtis Sponseller	Gloria Underhill
Bill Pennekamp	Lydia Crosby	Sean Fitzgibbon	Jeff Bryant
Kate Pennekamp	David Morris IV	Thom Penney	Rosalind Howell
Sara McCoy	Brian Carlow	Nikolai Fruth	Barbara Johnston
Love Moody	Frances McLean	Allan Scott	Michael Morgan
Molly Griggs	David Kerr	Riley Nunes	Lydia Howell
Karen Dangerfield	Chris Thrasher	Mary Martschink	Ken Pugh
Lisa Wilcox	Sharon Hutchinson	Sally Rogers	Lee Zack
Harold Fountain	Harper Croft	Marilyn Camburn	Joye and Kurt Teachman
Holli Hughes	Deb Sloan	David Wiggins	Nita Rodemann
Fran Ligon	Gary Brooks	Jamie Brooks	Ann Froneberger
Ashley Snider	Hanger Family	Ginger Greene	

### Friend of the Week

Shirley Kruger  
920 Clairmont Ave.  
Decatur, GA 30030

### Mission of the Week

Back Pack Buddies  
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.  
Charleston, SC 29407

### College Student

Caitlin Shelor  
2036 Egret Lane  
Charleston, SC 29414

### Church Family

Beth Janssen  
Joe and Lee Jeter  
Karen Johnson

## WESTMINSTER SESSION

### Class of 2021

Allyn Bruce  
John Dounian  
Norman Hook  
Dale Norman  
Michael Patrick  
Paul Patrick

### Class of 2022

Nancy Dixon  
Sandra Pell  
Kendall Ramsay  
Carole Russell  
Nathan Snider  
Graham Wade

### Class of 2023

Matthew Akery  
David Boyd  
Earl Frasier  
Brenda Gibson  
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