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Westminster Presbyterian Church

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Lessons and Carols

December 18, 2022

11:00 AM

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude — O Come, O Come, Emmanuel — Arr. Richard Price

♦Lighting the Advent Candle of Love — The Stansell/Frye Family

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!

♦Carol No. 133 — O Come, All Ye Faithful — Adeste Fideles
Congregation

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels! O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

True God of true God, Light from light eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation; sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

The First Lesson — John 1:1-14

♦Carol — Of the Father's Love Begotten — Divinum Mysterium
Congregation

Choir: Of the Father's love begotten, ere 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!

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

Today: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am — Blue Christmas A special service designed for those who aren't feeling so joyful during the holidays.

11:00 am — Lessons and Carols A festival of readings and singing that point us to the Messiah's birth.

December 24: (Saturday) Christmas Eve

3:00 & 5:00 pm — Families & Young Children Two options to attend. We recreate the nativity with help from the congregation and all the children who wish to participate. Costumes provided; it's wiggly and wonderful.

7:00 pm — Carols and Candlelight A more reverent service with traditional carols, a sermon, and candle lighting.

5:00 and 7:00 pm will both be livestreamed.

December 25: Christmas Morning!
Luke 2:1-20

11:00 am — Worship for the whole family Come as you are.
One service only
No Sunday School, Nursery or Children's Church

January 1: New Year's Day
Matthew 2:1-12

11:00 am — Start the New Year with The Lord's Supper
Come as you are. One service only.
No Sunday School.
Nursery and Children's Church available

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS IN YOUR INBOX!

December we're sending out daily devotionals, prepared by some of the Westminster leaders, during the season of Advent and Christmas. These devotionals are based in Scripture and the lyrics of three hymns: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel; Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus; and Hark! The Herald Angels Sing. Each devotional will be delivered via email with a link to the hymn lyric for the day. If you are already on the WPC email list (receiving the Tuesday/ Sunday ENews), you're all set. If you would like to receive the devotionals, please subscribe to the ENews at wpc-charleston.org.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, December 18

9:00 am	Worship Service, Blue Christmas
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service, Lessons and Carols
2:00 pm	Christmas Drop-In, Pastor Lissa's home
6:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting, Room 4
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Tuesday, December 20

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office

Wednesday, December 21

7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall Room 3

Saturday, December 24

3:00 pm	Worship Service, Families and Young Children
5:00 pm	Worship Service, Families and Young Children
7:00 pm	Worship Service, Carols and Candlelight

Sunday, December 25

11:00 am	Worship Service
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

The church office will be closed Monday, December 26 and Tuesday, December 27.

Choir: By his Word was all created; he commanded; it was done:
heaven and earth and depths of ocean, universe of three in one,
all that sees the moon's soft shining, all that breathes beneath the sun,
evermore and evermore!

All: O, that birth forever blessed when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race,
and the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!

All: O ye heights of heaven, adore him. Angel hosts, his praises sing.
Powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent; every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore!

THE SECOND LESSON — Isaiah 9:2-7

CAROL — In the Bleak Midwinter — GWYNETH WALKER
Sanctuary Choir

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan;
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Heaven cannot hold him, nor can earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter a stable warm sufficed
our Lord God Almighty, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there;
cherubim and seraphim thronged the evening air;
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss,
worshiped the beloved with a tender kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would give a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him. I would give my heart.

TIME FOR CHILDREN — Laura Patrick

Following Children's Time, children ages 2-3K (Wee Church) and 4-5 K (Children's Church) will gather in the narthex with adult leaders and then be led to the Children's Building. Parents may pick them up following the service.

THE THIRD LESSON Luke 1:26-35,38

♦CAROL NO. 347 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence PICARDY

Congregation

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish as the shadows clear away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high!"

THE FOURTH LESSON Matthew 1:18-24a

♦CAROL NO. 132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice IN DULCI JUBILO

Congregation

Good Christian friends, rejoice; with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice; with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice; with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all; to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

THE FIFTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7

CAROL Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella GWYNETH WALKER

Sanctuary Choir

Bring a torch, Jeannette, Isabella, Bring a torch, to the cradle run!
It is Jesus, good folk of the village; Christ is born and Mary's calling.
Ah! ah! beautiful is the Mother! Ah! ah! beautiful is her Son!

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

Women of Westminster are invited to come and enjoy a Christmas Drop-In at Pastor Lissa's home Sunday, December 18 between 2:00-5:00 pm. Please feel free to bring a daughter, a sister, a neighbor or niece with you! 94 Blairmore Drive Charleston, SC 29414 (Shadowmoss)

2022 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, 2022. In order to be recorded for 2022, all contributions will need to be received by December 31. You can 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. 2022 Giving Statements can be accessed through your online Realm account. If you need to have it printed for pick up or mailed, please contact the church office. 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@wpccharleston.org. For online givers, please make sure to update your "giving fund" to 2023 pledge starting in January. That drop down will be available by 1/1/2023. This is particularly important if you have set up for automatic weekly or monthly giving.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you would like Offering Envelopes for 2023 please contact the church office. 843-766-8311 or office@wpccharleston.org

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2023

THANK YOU to those who have already made those commitments for 2023! Our goal is 100% participation, so if you have not yet turned in your 2023 estimate of giving card (they are available in the narthex), you may do that by placing it in the offering plate or making your pledge online at www.wpccharleston.org. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!!

VIRTUAL FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

Please let us know you're here by completing the Virtual Friendship Register. Simply scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to open or find on our website under the Quick Links, Virtual Friendship Register

WAYS TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Church Pew Envelope: Place cash or check in the Pew Envelope and drop it in the Offering Plate in the Narthex.
Online: Click the "Give Now" button in the top right of our homepage at wpccharleston.org.
Text: Text "charlestonwpc" to 73256. Thank you for giving.

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. In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. To us, these 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 in Holy Spirit 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 life.

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

- We are delighted you have joined us for worship, and we hope you are encouraged and strengthened in the faith.
- New here? Please fill out a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate.
- The nursery is available for children 2 and under in the Children's Building. We'll gather pertinent information upon check-in and be able to contact you during the service should a need arise.
- Parents who need to step out of the sanctuary for a while to tend to the needs of infants or small children can find privacy down the hall in the church parlor, family restroom, or in the church nursery.
- Worship bags and worship worksheets are available in the narthex for preschool and elementary age children.
- Following Time for Children (11:00 only) children age 2-5k (Wee Church and Children's Church) will gather in the narthex with adult leaders and then be led to the Children's Building. Parents may pick them up following the service.
- Hearing devices, magnifying sheets, and large print hymnals are available in the narthex.
- If you have a prayer request or questions about faith, life, or being part of the Westminster family, we invite you to reach out to one of our pastors.

  o Pastor Daniel Smoak, 843-872-1001
  o Pastor Lissa Long, 843-810-2232
- For more information about Westminster or to subscribe to our weekly ENews and email updates visit www.wpccharleston.org

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO JOIN THE WESTMINSTER FAMILY?

Here's how you can do it.

1. Please fill out a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate or you may fill out an online New Member form under the visitor tab at wpccharleston.org or using the QR code.
2. One of our Pastors or someone from the Membership Committee will quickly be in touch, providing an opportunity individually or with a group to learn more about the church.
3. On a Sunday morning, you'll attend a meeting with the Session for reception into membership. We'll handle paperwork if you're transferring from another church or arrange baptism if you've never been baptized.
4. That same Sunday morning, you'll be introduced to the congregation during worship.

Questions? Speak with an usher or one of our pastors following the service.

NEW HERE? MAKE SOME CONNECTIONS AT WESTMINSTER

Connections: An opportunity for those visiting or new who want to meet others and learn more about LIFE at Westminster. The next Connections Class is January 8, 2023. We meet from 10:00 – 10:40 in Pastor Daniel's office at the end of the Admin Hall. Kids are welcome or can go to Sunday School/Nursery. Save your spot at the January 8 Connections class by emailing office@wpccharleston.org.

Quiet, all, don't waken the baby; Quiet, all, and whisper low.
Silence as you gather around him, Lest your noise awaken Jesus.
Hush! hush! Quietly now he slumbers; Hush! hush! Quietly now he sleeps!

Softly to the little stable. Softly for a moment come; Look and see how sweet is Jesus,
See how he smiles! With cheeks so rosy! Hush! hush! Quietly now he slumbers; Hush! hush!
Quietly now he sleeps! Ah! ah! beautiful is the Mother! Ah! ah! beautiful is her Son!

THE SIXTH LESSON — Luke 2:8-14

♦CAROL NO. 113 — Angels We Have Heard on High — GLORIA

Congregation

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come,
adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

THE SEVENTH LESSON — Luke 2:15-20

♦CAROL — Rise up, Shepherd, and Follow — GWYNETH WALKER

Sanctuary Choir

There's a star in the East on Christmas morn; Rise up, shepherd, and follow;
It will lead to the place where Jesus is born; Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Refrain:
Follow, follow; Rise up, shepherd, and follow. Follow the Star of Bethlehem;
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Leave your sheep and leave your lambs; Rise up, shepherd, and follow;
Leave your ewes and leave your rams; Rise up, shepherd, and follow. [Refrain]

If you take good heed to the angel's word; Rise up, shepherd, and follow;
You'll forget your flock, you'll forget your herd; Rise up, shepherd, and follow. [Refrain]

THE EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-2, 7-11

♦CAROL NO. 145 What Child Is This GREENSLEEVES

Congregation

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

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.

THE NINTH LESSON Colossians 1:15-20

♦CAROL NO. 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN

Congregation

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

♦BENEDICTION

♦POSTLUDE And the Glory of the Lord ARR. JAMES STANTO

♦Those who are able, please stand.

Musicians:
Susan Messersmith, trumpet
Greg Schoonover, trumpet
Brandon Nichols, horn
Chris Lindgren, trombone
Tom Joyce, bass trombone

Readers:
Meredith Boyd, Henry Earnst, Grahame Long,
Pastor Lissa Long, Abbie Mobley, Pastor Daniel Smoak, Olivia Towne.

Acolytes are Cora Parrish and Brooke Patrick.
Ushers are the Fergusons, John Dounian and Son.
Children's Church volunteers are Anne Camburn and Janie Bruce.
Wee Church volunteers are Abbie and Tyler Mobley.