



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023
1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



"THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS BEGINS"

Leading In Worship

Pastor of Spiritual Formation: Rev. Dr. Michelle Junkin

Interim Pastor of Care and Fellowship: Elder Kim Mitchell

Director of Worship and the Arts: Kevin Wilkinson

Music Associate: Anne Dawson

Organ: Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

Carillon: Lisa Hart

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WORSHIP ORDER

1st Sunday of Christmas
January 1, 2023

Prelude

Time of Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Praise the Lord! Let all the angels praise the Lord.

Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him, shining stars;

praise him, highest heavens.

Let them all praise the name of the Lord!

**God commanded, and the universe
was created, fixed in place forever.**

Praise God,

Kings and all peoples, princes and all other rulers,
girls and young men, old people and children too.

**Let us all praise the name of the Lord,
and worship the Prince of Peace.**

- based Psalm 148

*Hymn of Praise (No. 113)

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Call to Confession

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all
and teaching us to renounce what is evil in this world.

- based Titus 2:11-12

Prayer of Confession

God of the manger,

As the new year begins and the radio stations

go back to their regular routine,

**we, too, find ourselves returning to the regular cadence of life,
already forgetting the gift of your coming into the world again.**

But when we look more closely

we still see people and places

that need to hear your good news,

to feel your good news.

Forgive our complacency.

Send us to the places and the people that need to feel your love.

Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Christ our Savior came into the world,
that he might redeem us from our sin
and claim us as his people.

We are always already loved! Thanks be to God!

- based on Titus 2:14

***Response to Forgiveness:** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (refrain)*

VENI EMMANUEL



Sacred Space

***Passing of the Peace**

***Song of Community**

LORD OF THE DANCE

I Dance in the Morning (refrain)



Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Isaiah 63:7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo

Gesú Bambino

Pietro A. Yon

Anne Dawson, mezzo soprano; Steve Thompson, piano

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light. The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced, and at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced. O come let us adore Him, o come let us adore him, o come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord. Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night that gave the world its Christmas rose, its King of Love and Light. Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell, from paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell. O come let us adore Him, o come let us adore Him, o come let us adore Him Christ, the Lord.

Second Reading

Matthew 2:13-23

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

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Thanks be to God.

*Scriptural Acclamation

GO TELL IT

Go Tell It on the Mountain (refrain)

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

Sermon: "The Work of Christmas Begins"

Rev. Dr. Michelle Junkin

***Hymn of Response (No. 137)**

HE CAME DOWN

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Affirmation of Faith

from The Confession of 1967

The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides all in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries.

Offertory

***Doxology:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

GREENSLEEVES

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here be-low.

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, 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, the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

***Hymn of Sending (No. 132)**

IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

***Blessings, Charge, and Benediction**

Postlude

*This sign is an invitation, to all who are able, to stand as they offer God thanks and praise.

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Visitors



We are so glad you've joined us for worship today! Please scan the QR code, fill out your contact information, and our hospitality team would love to connect with you!

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Give



"The willingness to give is a sign of life. The fruit tree gives of its fruit, and we know it is alive. When it no longer gives, we know real life has gone out of it. The heart that hoards the blessings of God is no longer alive with spiritual power. To give is to live."

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All announcements, more details, and signups are available on the Weekly Update page!

WPC Women - Van Gogh

Join us for a Van Gogh experience! Wander through entrancing, moving images that highlight brushstrokes, detail, and color- truly illuminating the mind of the genius. Purchase a ticket for a WPC Women's outing at the exhibit on **January 8th at 1pm.**

Childcare is available with an RSVP by Jan 4th.

Purchase your ticket in the WPC App or at wpcokc.org/weekly-update!



Men's Night Out

Attention gentleman! The WPC Men are meeting **January 26th** at Hideaway on Western. Join us at **6:30 pm** for dinner, drinks, and fellowship!

Childcare is available with an RSVP by Jan 23rd.

Register in the WPC App or at wpcokc.org/weekly-update!



PINT*



* PRESBYTERIANS INTO THEOLOGY

PINT Night

Presbyterians Into Theology will be meeting at the Big Friendly **January 19th at 6:30pm.** Come have a drink and explore theology and your faith in a fun, safe, and thought-provoking environment!

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Godly Play - Training

Godly Play is Westminster's children's education program. Making meaning through story, wonder, and play. Nurturing spiritual lives by honoring the centrality, competency, and capacity of children. Anyone hoping to volunteer with Kingdom Kids is welcome to sign up and receive the **free training, January 14th.** **Sign-up in the WPC App or at wpcokc.org/weekly-update**

Sunday School Volunteers Needed!!



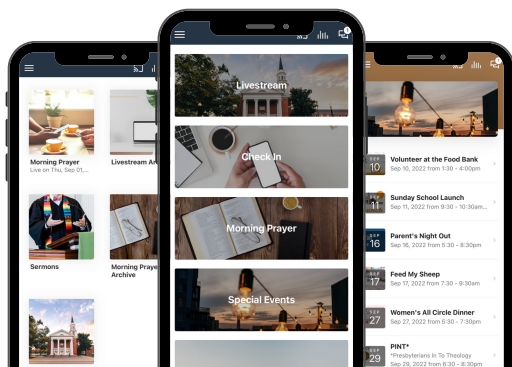
Want to help out with the Children's Sunday School? Sign-up to volunteer for one of three (3) responsibilities! Scan the QR code or go to wpcokc.org/weekly-update!



Feed My Sheep Grocery Packing & Delivery

The January Feed My Sheep grocery delivery is right around the corner! Volunteer to sort and pack groceries or deliver groceries! **Sign up to serve in the WPC App or at wpcokc.org/weekly-update!**

Jan. 19 • 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | Pack
Jan. 21 • 7:30 am | Pack
Jan. 21 • 9:00 am | Deliver



Download Our App!

"Check In" and let us know you're worshipping with us today!

SAT

- 1.1 • One Service Sunday (10:30 am)
- 1.5 • January Session Meeting
- 1.6 • Deacons - the home of Jane Kenney
- 1.8 • Women's Event - Step Inside Van Gogh
- 1.14 • Godly Play Training - Shartel Campus
- 1.19 • Feed My Sheep Grocery Packing
- 1.19 • PINT Night - The Big Friendly
- 1.21 • Feed My Sheep Grocery Packing & Delivery
- 1.26 • WPC Men's Dinner - Hideaway Pizza