



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship for December 27, 2020

The First Sunday of Christmas

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

PRELUDE

What Child is This

GREENSLEEVES

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

All: Alleluia! Christ is born!

One: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,
on them light has shined.

All: Alleluia! Christ is born!

One: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.
And the government shall be upon his shoulder;
and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

All: Alleluia! Christ is born!

◆INVOCATION

◆SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HYMN

Joy to the World!

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

SPECIAL MUSIC

The First Noel
Nancy Parrish and Lauren Smoak

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Micah 7:18-20

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Drop the Mic(ah): Hear Forgiveness!

HYMN

Love Has Come

◆AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (1983)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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.

RENEWING OUR PERSONAL COMMITMENTS

◆OFFERING SONG

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

◆PRAYER OF DEDICATION

◆BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

◆POSTLUDE

Sing We Now of Christmas

FRENCH CAROL

◆*Please stand, if able*

Leading the service today: Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Janie Bruce, Youth and Children;
Nancy Parrish, Music; Meg Dorsel, Livestream.

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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Love Has Come

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Capo 3: (D) F (Bm7) Dm7 (Em7) Gm7 (A) C

1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

(D) (Bm7) (Em) (A7) (D)
 F Dm7 Gm C7 F

Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all
 Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

(A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A) (G) (D)
 C F Dm F C B^b F

heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of
 glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her
 Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

(Em7) (F#7) (G) (A) (Bm) (A7)
 Gm7 A7 B^b C Dm C7

joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

(D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A) (A7) (Dsus) (D)
 F C B^b C F C C7 Fsus F

Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.
 Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Here is a chance to sing a familiar French carol tune with new words, the most important clearly being "Love." The senses "seen and heard" (as in Acts 4:20 and elsewhere) organize the first two stanzas, while the third holds the summary statement: "Love is the gift of Christmas."

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

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.

"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 (select the 2021 Pledge button). Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!!

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS.

The church office will be closed Monday, December 28, 2020. Thursday, December 31, 2020 the church office hours will be 9:00 am to 12:00 pm., and closed Friday, New Year's Day.

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.

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

NEXT SUNDAY

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

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

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.



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

Heather MacInnes
504 Shem Butler Court
Charleston, SC 29414

Mission of the Week

Healing Farms
703 Yew Street
Charleston, SC 29407

College Student

Kirkland Smith
327 Clayton Drive
Charleston, SC 29414

Church Family

Brenda Jonsson
William and Leslie Jonsson
Erik, Kyle

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
Tim Platts
Nathan Ward

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