

***CLOSING HYMN #38**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE #6**

Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

**Jesus comes with clouds descending;
See the Lamb for sinners slain!
Thousand, thousand saints attending
join to sing the glad refrain:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign!**

***POSTLUDE**

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!

Malcolm Archer

*Those who are able please stand.

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us! We invite you to participate in the many activities, small groups, classes, and fellowship opportunities at Westminster. If you would like to join Westminster, new members are received each Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. & Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m. in the Conference Room (Friendly Ave. - the first room on the left in the upstairs hallway, next to the church office & Connecting Point or Lake Brandt - the room to the left as you exit the sanctuary). You may join by profession of faith, transfer of church letter, or reaffirmation of faith.



Sunday, December 18, 2011 11 a.m.

We are glad you are with us today. We trust you will receive warmth, compassion, hope, challenge, and encouragement.

PRELUDE

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Karl Osterland

I. Fanfare

II. Trio

INTROIT

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Olga Tsipis, mezzo-soprano

Lance Dorman & Tanner Dorman, handbells

Chancel Choir

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Ike & Barbara Jones

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Restore Us, O God

Betsy Hyslop

Restore us, O God, let Your face shine on us.

We look to you for our salvation. Turn once again, draw near to us.

Lord, your people are longing for the warmth of our touch.

Restore us, O God, let Your face shine on us.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of great darkness - on them has light shined.

All: **Praise the Lord! Give thanks for the Light! Let us worship God.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE #41**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

***WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence PICARDY
Chancel Choir

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Lord,
as we wait and watch and yearn and ache,
we look for signs of your coming.
You enter our world to bring your unconditional love.
You call us to love you,
to love our neighbors,
to love even our enemies.
We confess that often love is not in our hearts
and we lack courage to show love in our actions.
We need your mercy; we long for the coming of your Light.
We wait, but we also pray, come quickly, Lord.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: . . . Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #11 (verse 1)**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You? VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

O Lord, how shall I meet You, how welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You, my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my breast,
To do in spirit lowly all that may please You best.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

After this time and if parents wish, they may escort their children to join age-appropriate church school classrooms. Ages or grade numbers are on the children's room doors. A nursery is provided for the entire service for children birth to two years old.

ANTHEM

Mary, Did You Know? Jack Schrader
Chancel Choir

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would someday walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?
This child that you delivered will soon deliver you.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand?
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
When you kissed your little baby, then you kissed the face of God.

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again,
the lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy was heaven's perfect Lamb?
This sleeping child you're holding, is the great, "I AM!"

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

To a Maid Engaged to Joseph Rusty Edwards
Chancel Choir
Claire Haskins, flute

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38 (page 56 in the New Testament)

RESPONSE

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Annunciations Bill Waterstradt
Fourth in the Sermon Series - *When God Draws Near: Promise*