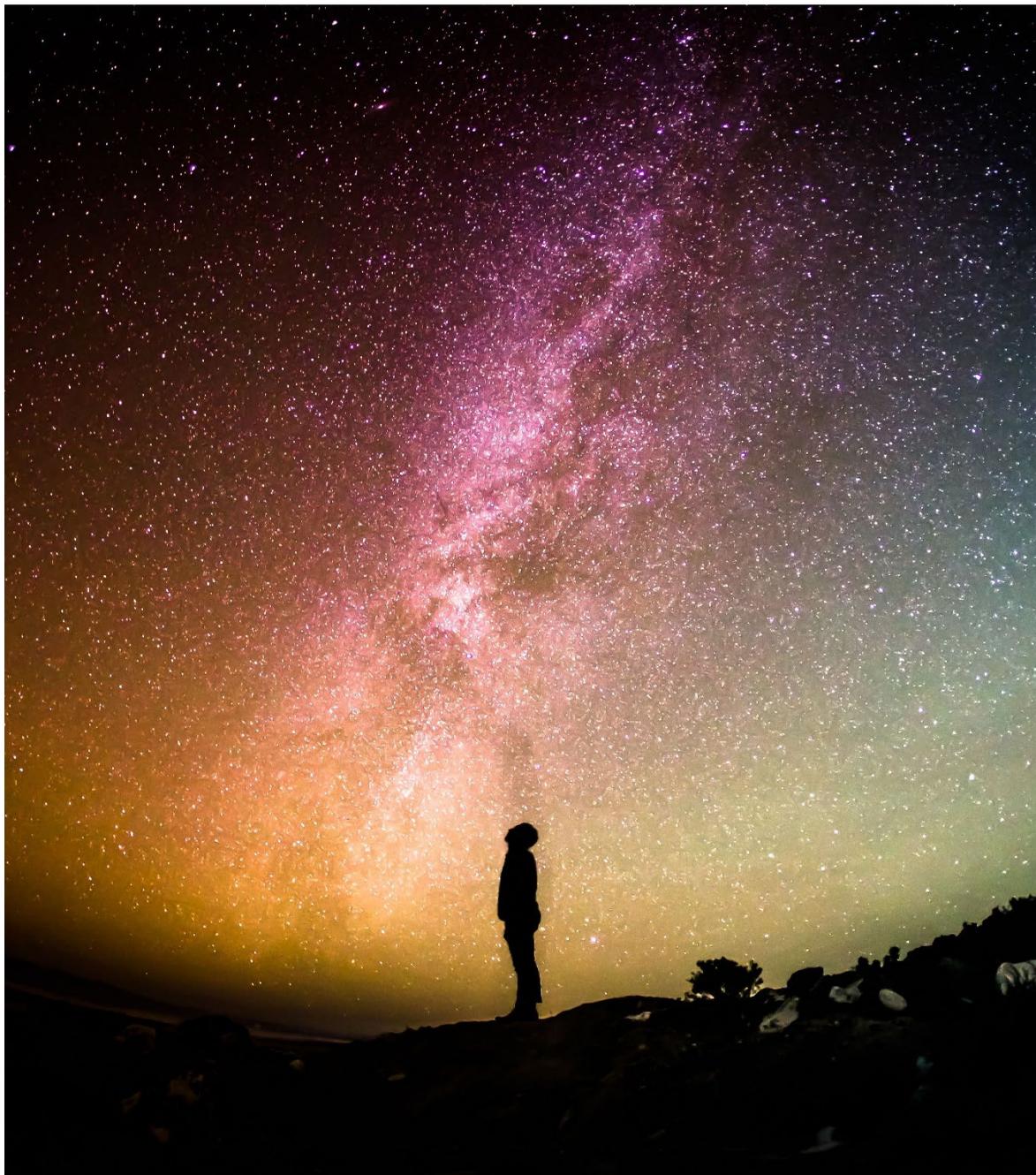




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*advent at westminster*

Sunday, December 2, 2018



# WELCOME

We are so glad to have you here with us! Westminster is a community of people gathering for worship, learning, fellowship, and service. We trust you will receive warmth, compassion, challenge, and encouragement.

## Guest Information

If this is your first time worshipping with us, please stop by our Welcome Desk on the lower level outside the Fellowship Hall. We have a gift for you and would like to help you learn more about ways you and your family can connect here at Westminster.

## Worship and Fellowship

The 9:30am worship service is led musically by the Worship Band. The 11am worship service is led musically by the Chancel Choir and organ. In between services, we gather in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.

## Adults

We offer Church School in conjunction with worship at 9:30am and 11am. Please feel free to explore a list of church school classes and our other adult ministry opportunities on our website at [westpreschurch.org/adults](http://westpreschurch.org/adults) or by visiting the Welcome Desk.

## Children

Children of all ages are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship. Worship materials for ages 3-12 are available in the Narthex outside the Sanctuary.

- 0-24 months: During all services, a nursery is provided for infants through toddlers in Room 113 and is staffed by trained, professional child care workers and volunteer helpers.
- Ages 2 years old-5th Grade: Church School is offered in conjunction with worship at 9:30am and 11am in Rooms 105, 111, and 107. If you would like for your children to attend Church School, please fill out a Child Sign-In Card and send it with them at the Welcoming the Children time in worship. \*
- Grades K-5: During our 11am service, elementary students are invited to participate in JAMS (Junior Arts and Music on Sundays) in Room 106 which engages kids in singing, drama, percussion, and more.

\*Please note that on the first Sunday of the month we do not have Church School for children. We encourage all children to attend worship, so they can participate in communion with their faith community. Alternatively, our nursery will still be available for babies—4 years old in Room 113, and JAMS will still be offered for Grades K-5 at 11am in Room 106.

## Youth

Youth grades 6-12 meet in Room 100 at 11am on Sunday mornings. New youth are welcome.

## Accessibility

The congregation has a variety of resources available, including large print hymnals and Bibles and hearing assistance devices. Please speak to an usher if you need assistance.



Worship at Westminster Presbyterian Church  
9:30am, Sanctuary

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*Gathering*

We invite you to gather for worship with hearts open to encountering the presence of God through song, prayer, and the word of God read and proclaimed.

*Connecting*

Please greet each other by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and responding, "and also with you."

GATHERING SONGS

*Days of Elijah*  
*Best Praise*  
*Baby King*

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

Butch Sherrill

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

PRAYER AND RESPONSE

Caroline Sell

*Oh Lord How Shall I Meet You*

CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

WELCOMING OUR CHILDREN

Sam Perkins

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

*When the Baby Grew Up*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 21:29-36

*"...when you see these things happening, you know that God's kingdom is near."*

MESSAGE

*A Little Bit More*

Ernie Thompson

\*SONG OF THANKSGIVING AND SUNG RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*Communion*

We celebrate open communion, welcoming any who would like to receive the Sacrament.

The elements consist of gluten free bread and grape juice.

All are invited to come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and then partake. Ushers will happily bring communion to anyone for whom mobility is difficult.

## COMMUNION

### Invitation

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

### Words of Institution

#### Communion of the People

#### Communion Music

*Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee*  
*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

#### Prayer after Communion

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*We Are One Body*

\*Worshippers are invited to rise in body or spirit.

#### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS

Alli Westfall  
David White  
Wayne Young

#### WORSHIP LEADERS

Ernie Thompson  
Butch Sherrill  
Sam Perkins  
Caroline Sell

#### MUSICIANS

Jack Atchison, drums  
Flay Blalock, bass  
Kim Harrison, vocals  
Betsy Hyslop, piano  
Greg Hyslop, guitar  
Kris Schoolfield, vocals  
Clint Whitlow, vocals  
Jane Whitlow, vocals  
Pamela Wilkie, vocals



# Worship at Westminster Presbyterian Church

11am, Sanctuary

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## *Gathering*

We invite you to enter into a spirit of reverence as we prepare for worship through our opening prelude. To help preserve the sanctity of the service, please silence all electronic devices and refrain from flash photography.

## *Passing the Peace*

Please greet each other by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and responding, "and also with you."

## **GATHERING**

### PRELUDE

*Veni Emmanuel*

ARR. AARON SHOWS

### WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

Butch Sherrill

### INTROIT

*Light of the World*

SHAWN KIRCHNER

Light of the world, into our darkness come.  
Let heaven on earth your will be done.

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #88

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel* vs. 1,4,6,7

VENI EMMANUEL

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Caroline Sell

### SILENT CONFESSION

### REMEMBERING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Hear and proclaim the good news of the gospel,  
God's amazing gift of grace.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #132

*Good Christian Friends*

IN DULCI JUBILO

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!

## **PROCLAIMING**

### WELCOMING OUR CHILDREN

Ernie Thompson

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE

Luke 21:29-36

*"...when you see these things happening, you know that God's kingdom is near."*

### SERMON

*A Little Bit More*

Ernie Thompson

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

### \*HYMN #82

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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### OUR LIFE TOGETHER

### OFFERTORY

*Keep Your Lamps!*

SPIRITUAL ARR. ANDRE THOMAS

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.  
Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done.

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Music at Communion

*Come to Us, Lord*

JOHN HELGEN

Come to us, Lord come. Here on your earth your will be done.  
Born your people to deliver, a child, and yet a king;  
Born to reign in us forever, now your gracious kingdom bring.  
By your own eternal spirit rule in our hearts alone;  
By your all sufficient merit raise us to your glorious thrown.

#### *Communion*

We celebrate open communion, welcoming any who would like to receive the Sacrament.

The elements consist of gluten free bread and grape juice.

Ushers will pass plates with bread down each row, and you are invited to take a piece and consume. A tray of small cups will then be passed, and you are invited to take one and drink as you receive.

Prayer after Communion

**SENDING**

\*CLOSING HYMN #106

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

\*POSTLUDE

*On this Day Earth Shall Ring*

RAYMOND H. HAAN

\*Worshippers are invited to rise in body or spirit.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ernie Thompson  
Caroline Sell  
Butch Sherrill

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS

Alli Westfall  
David White  
Wayne Young

MUSICIANS

Jonathan Emmons, Organist  
Chancel Choir  
Dan Vittum, David Vance, Sonja Guthrie, and Katie Cox, Brass  
Gilson Fearnow, Percussion

## TODAY AT WESTMINSTER

The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to family and friends upon the death of Audrey Elmore.

We celebrate the birth of Eli Thomas, son of Rob and Kelly Thomas and grandson of Melinda and Lew Thomas.

### Sunday Morning Advent Study

All are invited to join a new Advent study with the Cornerstone Class beginning today at 9:30am in Room 203. The class will be studying "Hidden Christmas: The Surprising Truth Behind the Birth of Christ" by Rev. Timothy Keller. If you'd like to learn more about this class, please email Director of Children and Family Ministries Lynn Turnage at [lynn.turnage@westpreschurch.org](mailto:lynn.turnage@westpreschurch.org).

### Intercessory Prayer List

We have a group of dedicated people who pray each week for those on our intercessor prayer list. If you have a prayer concern and would like to be added to this list, please write your *prayer concern* on your Worship Response Card or visit [westpreschurch.org/care](http://westpreschurch.org/care) and fill out the Congregational Care Connect Form.

### Stephen Ministry

Westminster is a Stephen Ministry congregation. We have a team of members trained to offer confidential support for those grieving, suffering a crisis, in need of long-term care, dying, hospitalized, divorcing, or experiencing any type of loss or crisis. If you would like to speak to someone about support or have interest in becoming a Stephen Minister, please write *Name* and *Stephen Ministry* on your Worship Response Card or visit [westpreschurch.org/care](http://westpreschurch.org/care).

## WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

*Feel free to take notes, draw, or anything else that helps you enter into the spirit of worship.*

Sermon audio is available on our website at [westpreschurch.org/sermons](http://westpreschurch.org/sermons). A PDF of the sermon is also available.

## ADVENT AT WESTMINSTER

December 2

*Advent Celebration and Alternative Giving Sale, 2:30pm—4pm and 5pm—6pm* | Fellowship Hall  
Join us for intergenerational fellowship and crafts, refreshments, and an opportunity to purchase alternative Christmas gifts for your friends and family. Alternative gifts include Amani bead jewelry, handmade crafts, Honor Cards, and special items brought back from international mission trips. We will celebrate and shop from 2:30pm–4pm, pause for the Worship Band Concert at 4pm, and then resume from 5pm–6pm.

Gifts will continue to be available during fellowship time on December 9 and 16 or in the Church Office during office hours December 3—21.

*Worship Band Concert: A Celebration of Betsy Hyslop's Music and Ministry, 4pm* | Sanctuary  
After almost 20 years as our Director of Music Ministries, Betsy will be retiring at the end of December. Don't miss this opportunity to hear Betsy and the Friendly Avenue Worship Band in concert one last time!

*An Advent Service of Wholeness and Healing, 7pm* | Sanctuary  
Holidays are often a time of great joy, but it can also bring grief from death, loss, hardship, or loneliness. This service is a special time to encounter God's love and to experience community.

Advent Quiet Spaces | December 3, 10, 17 at 12pm in the Chapel  
We invite you to experience the beauty of Advent's message through a brief, contemplative worship service on Mondays during advent.

December 9

*Ring Out, Wild Bells* featuring the Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir, 4pm | Sanctuary  
With guest appearance by the North Carolina Brass Band Quintet, you will not want to miss this special Christmas concert inspired by Alfred, Lord Tennyson's poem by the same name. Dinner will follow. RSVP for dinner by writing *Choir Dinner* and *number attending* on your Worship Response Card or visit [westpreschurch.org/advent](http://westpreschurch.org/advent).

December 16

The Greensboro Holiday Jazz Septet presents *Crescent City Christmas Card*, 4pm | Sanctuary  
Come join us for this special holiday concert of Christmas favorites, uniquely arranged by Wynton Marsalis and performed by some of the area's finest jazz musicians.

December 24

Sanctuary  
2pm ▪ led by Children Choir and Youth Band  
4pm ▪ led by Chancel Choir  
6pm ▪ led by Worship Band  
11pm ▪ Communion Service

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Caregivers Support Group

All caregivers are invited to join us Tuesdays, December 4 and 18, from 2pm—4pm in Room 204. For more information, please contact group leader Andee Gable at 336-316-1169 or [lgable@triad.rr.com](mailto:lgable@triad.rr.com).

### Cancer Ministry Christmas Dinner Gathering

All are welcome to this Cancer Ministry event on Thursday, December 6 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Westminster members Marie Wood and Barry Wetzel will share their cancer journeys and how their faith helps them. A \$5 donation is suggested for the meal. RSVP to Administrative Assistant Emily Black in the Church Office ([emily.black@westpreschurch.org](mailto:emily.black@westpreschurch.org)) by Monday, December 3 or write *Cancer Dinner* on your Worship Response Card.

### JOY (Just Older Youth)

All older adults are welcome to join us at noon on Tuesday, December 11 for our monthly JOY luncheon and program. Our program will be a Christmas celebration with Betsy Hyslop, Clint Whitlow and Sam Perkins. If you are not currently on the reservation call list but would like to attend, please contact the Church Office (336-299-3785) or write *JOY* on your Worship Response Card.

### Blood Drive

Give the gift of life in the Westminster Fellowship Hall on Thursday, December 20, 10am—7pm. Schedule an appointment at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). For more information contact Sue Collins (336-870-2960).

## LOCAL OUTREATCH OPPORTUNITIES

### Partnership Village Angel Tree Ministry

Every year, Westminster provides Christmas gifts for the families living at Partnership Village, a Greensboro Urban Ministry transitional housing community. Angels listing the wishes and needs of the families will be available November 25—December 16. Unwrapped gifts are due back to the Church Office by December 16 at 10:30am. Financial contributions are also welcomed. Please make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian, earmarked Partnership Village Families. For more information, please contact Director of Local Outreach Ann Comfort at [ann.comfort@westpreschurch.org](mailto:ann.comfort@westpreschurch.org).

### Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Westminster will ring the Salvation Army bell at the Friendly Center Harris Teeter beginning Saturday, December 1 through Saturday, December 22. This tradition funds a large portion of the services offered by Salvation Army throughout the year. We will ring Monday through Friday 4pm—8pm and Saturdays 10am—8pm in two-hour time slots. To sign up, please visit [westpreschurch.org/advent](http://westpreschurch.org/advent) or by writing *Bells* on your Worship Response Card.



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