

# *Westminster At Worship*

## *4th Sunday of Advent Children's Christmas Program*

December 20, 2020

10:30 a.m.



### **GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRELUDE**

Wendy Tally

#### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

God will give you a sign, watch for a young girl who will become pregnant. She will have a son and will name him Emmanuel, which means "God With Us." Come let us praise the one who sent Emmanuel to live among us, let us worship God!

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

We have an amazing God, who was able to change the world. Who cared for even the meek and powerless. Who sent God's son to lift up the lowly. This loving God calls us into the presence of the creator and giver of life. Please join me in the Prayer of Confession.

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, giver of all good things, we acknowledge that we don't always show you the love you deserve. That we often ignore the needs of our neighbor and don't take care of the earth you have provided for us. We don't always act like we are children of God.**

**Loving Lord, please change our hearts and minds so they are more like you and reflect you to the world around us. Help us to seek peace, and share your love with the world.**

**Now hear these silent confessions from our hearts.**

**— Time for silent confession of sins —**

## **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

As the Angel's proclaimed. "Do not be afraid. Good news has come that will be for ALL the people!" The Gospel is the story of a baby. A baby that has no limit to what he is able to do. A baby who turned the world upside down! This baby was given the name Jesus which means "God saves" because he will save US, his people, from sin.

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**People: In and through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

### **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

#### **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM "DO NOT BE AFRAID"**

1. When the World Feels Scary
2. Mary, The Favored One
- Solo: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
3. Mary Visits Elizabeth
4. Joseph Has a Dream
- Duet: "Do You Hear What I Hear?"
5. Tough Questions
6. Caesar Augustus
- Song: "O Come all Ye Faithful"
7. Mary and Joseph Arrive in Bethlehem
- Small Ensemble: "Away in a Manger"
8. Wait a Minute
9. The Shepherds Hear the Good News  
Solo: "The Friendly Beasts"
10. The Magi and King Herod
- Small Ensemble: "We Three Kings"
11. This is Just the Beginning
12. Mary Gets the Last Word  
Song: "Joy to the World"

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PEOPLE: 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.**

## **OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

Let us magnify the Lord, rejoicing in the one who scatters the proud, lifts up the lowly, and fills the hungry with good things. In struggle and in joy, God is faithful to us. We bring forth our offerings — our tithes, our treasures, our time, and our hearts, to demonstrate our faithfulness to God.

## **OFFERING**

Wendy Tally

## **DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## **UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Holy God, like Mary, our souls magnify you. Our spirits rejoice in you, our savior. For you the mighty one, have done great things from us. Holy is your name. O Faithful One, accept these gifts of our hearts and hands. May they be multiplied and magnified as the living presence of Christ in the world. Amen.**

## **BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD**

## **HYMN OF DEDICATION**

*"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*

## **CHARGE**

May the peace of God, which surpasses all  
understanding, guard your hearts and minds. In  
Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

***Go into the world, and “Do Not Be Afraid.”  
Live as people of peace.  
Believing that Jesus turned our world upside down.***

## **BENEDICTION**

Wendy Tally

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 20, 2020

**SEASONAL SUNSHINE:** The Spiritual Growth committee has been working to find ways for people to feel more “present” at church, even if they are unable to be physically present here on Sundays. We are working on a project called Seasonal Sunshine. This is a craft kit that the church will deliver or mail to you. Projects will be simple yet fun to complete, and the finished project will be featured throughout the church during the Christmas/Winter season. It is an easy, enjoyable way to put your own creativity to work and showcase it at church, even if you are not in the building (and even if you you don’t see yourself as being crafty or creative)! It would be great to see everyone come together to make something beautiful for our church! Our first project is a Thumbprint Snowflake for Christmas/Winter which we want to showcase in the sanctuary during the Advent/Christmas season! This project is for people of ALL AGES! Please let Nikelle know if you would like a kit ([cedirector@wpcbc.org](mailto:cedirector@wpcbc.org)), and we will arrange to get you one!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has contributed a Seasonal Sunshine ornament!



**PER CAPITA & OFFERING ENVELOPES:** If you have not paid your 2020 per capita (\$29.00), you can still get that in this month. Offering envelopes for 2021 will be available for pick-up at the church during regular office hours.

**THE WIRED WORD ADULT FAITH FORMATION:** Join us on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Enjoy lively conversations about current events in the news and the Bible passages that relate to those events. Any questions regarding the class or for Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at [\*\*parishassoc@wpcbc.org\*\*](mailto:parishassoc@wpcbc.org).

**SPIRITUALITY OF AGING:** Our Spirituality of Aging groups have begun gathering in groups of twos over the phone. We realize this is not the way we would have all hoped to have gathered this Fall, but for the ten to twelve who have signed up, it has become a way to remain connected during these coronavirus days. For these “two-by-two” conversations, we are using “*On the Brink of Everything*,” a beautiful book of reflections on what we can learn as we move closer to “the brink of everything.” This book is written by beloved and bestselling author Parker J. Palmer. It’s never too late to join in! If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our “two-by-two” discussion format, please give Rev. Linda a call.

**JOIN US ON FACEBOOK:** Westminster Presbyterian Church - Bay City.

## *This Week at Westminster*

### **Today, Sunday, December 20, 2020**

10:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Program

### **Tuesday, December 22**

6:00 p.m. Book Club via Zoom

### **Wednesday, December 23**

1:00 p.m. The Wired Word via Zoom

### **Thursday, December 24**

1:00 p.m. Meditations on Christmas - online worship

4:00 p.m. Bay County Christmas - online worship

7:00 p.m. Lessons of Hope - online worship

### **Thursday, December 24**

Merry Christmas!

### **Next Sunday, December 27**

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

# *A Light in the Darkness*

## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

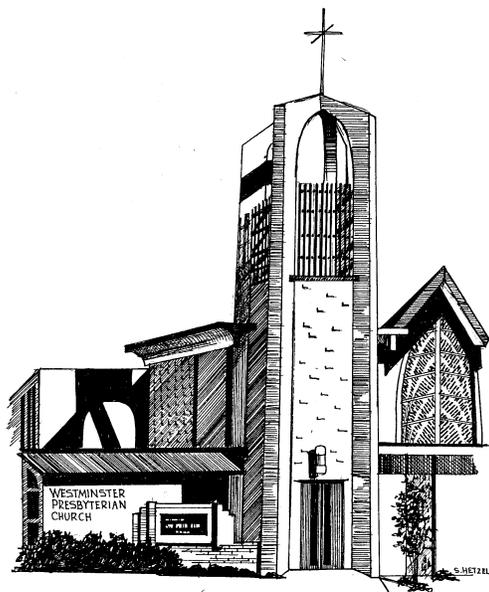
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**JOIN US  
ONLINE!**



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### **Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

lunch 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.