



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Do Justice · Love Kindness · Walk Humbly

January 1, 2023

First Sunday of Christmas – Communion Sunday

The Service of Worship

** Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able.*

Please observe silence and turn off all mobile devices during the preludes.

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

ORGAN PRELUDES

Organ Carols

Prelude on *Divinum mysterium*

Monica Umstaedt Rossman

Hermann Schroeder

Wilbur Held

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cheryl Barton Henry

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Hymn **108, vs. 1:**

Divinum mysterium

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega; he the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore! Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *Adapted from Psalm 145:1-4*

Alex Stayer-Brewington

I will praise you, my God and bless your name for ever and ever.

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; God's greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

With praise and blessing, from one generation to the next, let us worship God.

*** THE HYMN NO. 301 LET US BUILD A HOUSE (ALL ARE WELCOME)**

Two Oaks

THE ACT OF CONFESSION

Why do we confess our sin?

Because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

But why do we do this together?

Because we are a community, a covenant people.

Then let us confess our sin.

God of grace and truth,

In Jesus Christ you came among us

As light shining in darkness.

We confess that we have not welcomed the light,

Or trusted good news to be good.

We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,

Expecting little and hoping for less.

**Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope,
So that we may receive the fullness of your grace,
And live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

A TIME OF PERSONAL SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

arr. David N. Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 581

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Marietta Wynands

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Root of Jesse, plant your Word within us, so that we may understand what you would have us understand
and love as you love. Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 132:11-12, Matthew 1:1-17

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

"Finding Our Roots"

Cheryl Barton Henry

MOMENTS OF SILENCE

* THE HYMN NO. 109 BLEST BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL (SONG OF ZECHARIAH)

Merle's Tune

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from "Sanctified Art"

We believe in a God who promised to Noah, who inspired Joseph, who spoke with Moses, who danced with Miriam, who chose Joshua, who grieved with Bathsheba, who chastened David, who made Solomon wiser than he would have been, who nudged Naaman's servant girl, who emboldened with the truth Elisha and Micah and Isaiah and Habbakkuk, who assured Esther, who sent dreams to Joseph, and who caused Mary to ponder.

We believe in a God who has been loving, inviting, transforming, and challenging us from generation to generation. And we believe that same God is here with us now, saying, "You too are mine. Look for what I am doing in you." Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Chorale Prelude: The Old Year Now Has Passed Away (*Das alte Jahr vergangen ist*)

J.S. Bach

* THE DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We observe Communion by intinction. You are invited to come forward via the center aisle to receive the bread, then dip it into one of the cups. Our communion bread is gluten-free. The cups nearest the pastors contain grape juice; the cups on the outside contain wine. You may use the element most meaningful to you. Please return to your seats by the outside aisles. If you are unable to come forward, please signal the pastor circulating during the serving of communion.

The Invitation

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Consecration of the Elements

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

The Prayer After Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* THE HYMN NO. 143 ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

Regent Square

* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* MUSICAL BLESSING

Hymn 108, vs. 4:

Divinum mysterium

This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word.
Now he shines, the long-expected. Let creation praise its Lord,
evermore and evermore! Amen.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Magnificat Fugue

J.S. Bach

For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

January 1

Welcome Station *Volunteer Needed*

Ushers Jennifer Krantz and Tim Miller

Offering Counter Rebekah Perry

Sound Technician Don Smith

Live Stream Technician Tim Vann

January 8

8:30 am Service

Ushers Diana Monroe, Elsa Woods

11:00 am Service

Welcome Station *Volunteer Needed*

Ushers *Volunteers Needed*

Lector David Anderson

Offering Counter Tali Benignus, Harriette Frank

Sound Technician Wes Bolton

Live Stream Technician *Volunteer Needed*

We love our Worship Volunteers!

To sign up, visit <https://bit.ly/WPCworshipvolunteers>, or scan the code with your mobile device.



Prayers & Cares List

View the list at <https://bit.ly/InOurPrayers>, or scan the code with your mobile device.

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Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^b C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa-ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be-yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe-ly live, a place where saints and chil-dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil-dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban-quet hall on ho-ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi-sions heard and loved and trea-sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for-give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a-new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus-tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out-cast and the
 as words with-in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F B^b

vi-sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit-ness and as sym-bol of God's grace; here as
 Je-sus, is re-vealed in time and space; as we
 strang-er bear the im-age of God's face; let us
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

love of Christ shall end di-vi-sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je-sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel-come;
 bring an end to fear and dan-ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf-ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F

all are wel-come; all are wel-come in this place.

Blest Be the God of Israel

Song of Zechariah

G C D Em Cmaj7 D

1 Blest be the God of Is-rael, who comes to set us free;
 2 God from the house of Da-vid a child of grace has given;
 3 On those who sit in dark-ness the sun be-gins to rise,

G C D C Am7 D G

who vis-its and re-deems us, who grants us lib-er-ty.
 a Sav-ior comes a-mong us to raise us up to heaven.
 the dawn-ing of for-give-ness up-on the sin-ner's eyes.

C Am D G Am Am7 D

The proph-ets spoke of mer-cy, of free-dom and re-lease;
 Be-fore him goes the her-ald, fore-run-ner in the way,
 God guides the feet of pil-grims a-long the paths of peace.

G C D C Am7 D G

God shall ful-fill that prom-ise and bring the peo-ple peace.
 the proph-et of sal-va-tion, the har-bin-ger of day.
 O bless our God and Sav-ior with songs that nev-er cease!

This 20th-century British paraphrase of the Song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79) broadens the implications of what John the Baptist's father says in order to affirm that God's work is ongoing. The tune is named for the composer's oldest sister, who was his first piano teacher.

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MERLE'S TUNE
 7.6.7.6.D

143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far; seek the great de - sire of na - tions;
 Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant light: come and wor - ship,
 you have seen his na - tal star:
 to the e - ter - nal Three in One:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king!

This familiar carol was first published as a poem in the Christmas Eve 1816 issue of a newspaper the author edited in Sheffield, England. The tune name celebrates the location of a prominent Presbyterian Church in London, sometimes called the "Presbyterian cathedral."



JANUARY 1 WEEKLY UPDATE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunities to learn, worship, connect, and serve

NEXT SUNDAY: GiFT: Big Scrumptious Faith-filled Feast **Sunday, January 8, 9:45-10:45am**

Bring a dish to share to begin the new year with a Big Scrumptious Faith-filled Feast! We'll eat, pray, sing, and share stories about the wonderful things God has done in our lives and the world. This GiFT (Generations in Faith Together) is for all ages, but especially for families with children and youth 4 years old – Grade 7. Childcare is available for younger children. Sign up to bring a dish and volunteer at <https://bit.ly/Jan8GiFT>.



NEXT SUNDAY: Explore the Gospel of Matthew with Your Pastors **A Ten-Week Study, beginning Sunday, January 8, 9:45 - 10:45am (in person)** **OR Wednesday, January 11 at Noon (hybrid)**

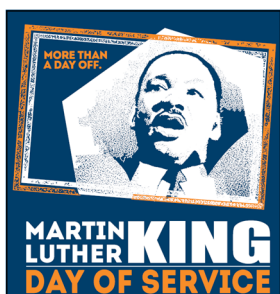
Matthew is the gospel that begs us to see how everything in our lives, from work and family, and friends to dreams, and even our ancestry, are all fulfilled in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Join your pastors in this study of the Gospel of Matthew to see where you fit into this Good News understanding of faith and community as a large and expanding net resulting from God's grace. Register today at <https://bit.ly/WPCMatthew>.



Announcing... January 2023 Month of Service

A special invitation from your Local Missions Committee

Nothing chases away winter's cold like the warmth of Christian service! With the witness of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr to guide us, your WPC Local Missions Committee declares the month of January a time to highlight the spiritual discipline of service. This month we're offering exciting opportunities we hope will stretch your imagination about service and call you to continued faithfulness. Here's how you can participate in our Month of Service at WPC:



MLK Day (January 16) Morning of Mission Sign up to come to the church from 9:00am - 1:00pm to be part of several neighborhood teams that will serve our town. Lunch will be included! Look for more information and sign up soon.

Housing for New Hope Point in Time Count of the Homeless in Durham County Once per year, Durham County seeks to count the number of persons experiencing homelessness in our community. You can help with any of three teams: 1. The Count Team, which goes out on Jan 25, 7:30-11:30 p.m., to canvas and conduct interviews with unsheltered people. 2. The Goodie bag Team prepares snack bags for those unsheltered and volunteers who work on Jan 25. These are due to HNH by Jan 20. 3. The Service Based Count Team will check in with persons who access community services in the days after the count to confirm whether they were housed or unsheltered on the night of Jan 25. Learn more and sign up at <https://housingfornewhope.org/sign-up-point-in-time-count/>.



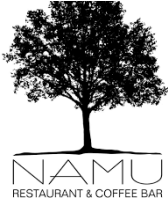
Regular Weekly and Monthly WPC Service Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel continues its Weekly Wednesday Grocery Giveaway to 500-600 households; sign up now at <https://bit.ly/IglesiaPresEmanuel>. Urban Ministries Durham distributes three meals a day, seven days a week, to an average of 150 hungry folks; sign up to serve at <https://bit.ly/WPC-UMD>.

WPC's 20+ Mission Partners all have service opportunities available! They can be explored on our website, <https://www.wpcdurham.org/local>.

Mission Pilgrimage to New Bern March 26-31 Partnering with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, this will be a week of service, spiritual growth, and fellowship. We'll spend our days assisting with simple home repairs for people still recovering from Hurricane Florence. We'll also take some time to learn more about God and the gift of one another as we practice our faith and experience the cultural (and culinary!) traditions of eastern North Carolina. Everybody 12 and up is invited to participate in this joint venture between our Youth Ministry and Global Missions Committees. The cost is \$175 per person (scholarships available). Register by Jan 9 at <https://bit.ly/2023newbernmission>. Questions? Contact Alex (alex@wpcdurham.org) or Cherrie (cherrie@wpcdurham.org).



Finally, we invite everyone in the congregation to record some service you have done this month and dedicate it in honor or memory of someone(s) or a cause you care about at <https://bit.ly/WPC2022MLKmonth>. These "love stories of care in the miniature" will be shared with the congregation as a prayer of our care and encouragement to us all. Thank you!



Women's Fellowship at Namu Wednesday, January 25, 7:00pm

Attention, women of WPC: Come on out to Namu on **Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00pm** to enjoy a cold or warm beverage outside and catch up with your church friends...and maybe make some new ones. Questions? Contact Carol Mansfield (carol.anne.mansfield@gmail.com) or Cherrie Barton Henry (cherrie@wpcdurham.org).

New Members' Class Begins February 12, 2023

Are you interested in taking your Christian discipleship to the next level? Come learn more about joining our Westminster Church family as a member. Our next Inquirers' Class will begin Sunday, February 12, during the Church School hour (9:45 - 10:45am) and continue for four weeks through March 5. You'll have time with our pastors, program staff, and WPC members as we learn together. At the class's end, you can decide to join the church, or wait to make that decision. Visit <https://bit.ly/Feb23inquirers> to register.



All Church Retreat, March 3-5 at Montreat Conference Center

Join your Westminster friends of all ages for a time of relaxation, fellowship, and exploration of the theme, *When Did We See You?* at our **All Church Retreat, March 3-5 at Montreat Conference Center**. We begin Friday evening with group-building and fun for everyone. Saturday includes intergenerational programming, plus plenty of free time for crafting, hiking, rock hopping, board games, or exploring Black Mountain. Topping off Saturday's fun is a BBQ and square-dance! We'll close with worship for all ages on Sunday morning.



The cost for two nights of lodging at Assembly Inn ranges from \$150 for a single (sleeps two) to \$300 for a suite (2 rooms with adjoining bath, sleeps 4). The Retreat fee is only \$75 per family or \$30 per individual. For details on lodging, meals, and more, visit <https://bit.ly/2023WPCretreat>. Questions? Contact Jim Broyles (jim.broyles.2014@gmail.com) or Marietta Wynands (marietta@wpcdurham.org).



Christmastide | FROM GENERATION
TO GENERATION

God dwells with us

EVERYWHERE AND ALWAYS

Right here.

That's where God is.

In the sun that turns our bedroom gold,
in the creaks of this old house, and in birthday candles on the cake;
in clean sheets, sock feet, and porch-sitting;
in pancakes for breakfast and pancakes for dinner;
in the swell of a lit candle, in fireplace conversations;
in your grandmother's carrot cake, and the smell of evergreen.
God is in the seed-starters on the porch,
and the space between my bones;
in garlic butter, early mornings, and twinkle lights.
Certainly in dancing and laughing, in cups of coffee,
in the art hung on the fridge, snail mail, long phone calls,
and *oh how I love yous*. God is right here.

God pulled up a seat. God has traveled all the way to the heart.

Tell the next generation.

WESTMINSTER THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 1 – New Year's Day, Communion Sunday

11:00am Worship – Sanctuary/YouTube
No Godly Play or childcare.

Monday, January 2 – Church Office Closed

Montreat College Conference, January 2--5

Tuesday, January 3

10:00am WPC Staff Meeting – Room 105
7:00pm Congregational Care Committee – Zoom
7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry – Parlor

Wednesday, January 4

1:45pm Food Distribution at Iglesia Emanuel Presbiteriana
Sign-up: <https://bit.ly/IglesiaPresEmanuel>
5:30pm Property Management Meeting – Room 105/Zoom
7:00pm Global Missions Committee Meeting – Zoom

Thursday, January 5

12:00pm Men's Book Group – Zoom
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Music Room

Sunday, January 8 – Baptism of the Lord

8:15am Nursery opens for infants and toddlers – Room G7
8:30am Worship – Sanctuary
9:45am GiFT: Big Scrumptious Faith-Filled Feast – Fellowship Hall
Bible Study Elective: The Gospel of Matthew
Confirmation Class – Youth Suite
10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Music Room
11:00am Worship – Sanctuary/YouTube
Godly Play (4 yr - 1st Gd) – Parlor
5:30pm Youth Group Epiphany Party – Fellowship Hall

WESTMINSTER LEADERSHIP

SESSION

Moderator: Chris Tuttle **Clerk:** Sally Keener

2023 Class: Suze Bear, Ruth Caccavale, Collin Phillips, Geoff Vaughn, David Wilcox

2024 Class: Brad Davis, Michelle Ferguson, Mark Hill, Helen Tharrington

2025 Class: Mary DuBard, Gray King, Logan Toms, Laurel Trantham

DIACONATE

Co-Moderators: Ellen Vogel, Ashley Barnes **Clerk:** Sarah Motsinger

2023 Class: Jim Elkins, Eleanor Hill, Pru Meyer, Sarah Motsinger, Tom Tolley, Ellen Vogel, Elsa Woods, Sara Wylie

2024 Class: Shannon Allee, Charlie Atwater, Ashley Barnes, Sam Bryan Jr, Suzanne Graham, Rachel High, Sarah Reuning

2025 Class: Melissa Katrincic, Page Page, Madison Rauscher, Bill Stokes, Nathan Swiggett, Kaitie Yeoman

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