

# *Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church*

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## *Gathering*

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PRELUDE

“This is My Song” (Finlandia)

Sibelius  
Bell Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Sumner

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is in his house today. Our salvation is in him.

All: **We have come to be with the Lord; we have come to worship and give thanks!**

\*HYMN

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

St. George Windsor

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.

God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.

Come to God’s own temple come; raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God’s own field, fruit in thankful praise to yield,  
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.

First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;

from each field shall on that day all offenses purge away;

give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,

but the fruitful ears to store in God’s garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.

Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,

there forever purified, in thy presence to abide:

come, with all thine angels, come;

raise the glorious harvest home.

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

**O God of good gifts, we have received much from you; but we want more and too often live afraid of running out. We withhold from our neighbors in need when we could share more.**

**Save us from selfishness and turn us to grateful generosity. Help us to live more like your Son, Jesus, who gave us his all that we might enjoy abundant life.**

A TIME FOR SILENT, PERSONAL CONFESSION  
WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*RESPONSE

Praise my soul the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

Congregational Response:

Zacchaeus was a wee little man; a wee little man was he.

He climbed up in a sycamore tree for the Lord he wanted to see

And as the Savior passed that way, he looked up in the tree.

And said, "Zacchaeus you come down, for I'm going to your house today...for I'm going to your house today!"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 33:1-11

Now Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maids. He put the maids with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. He himself went on ahead of them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near his brother. But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. When Esau looked up and saw the women and children, he said, "Who are these with you?" Jacob said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." Then the maids drew near, they and their children, and bowed down; Leah likewise and her children drew near and bowed down; and finally Joseph and Rachel drew near, and they bowed down. Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company that I met?" Jacob answered, "To find favor with my lord." But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself." Jacob said, "No, please; if I find favor with you, then accept my present from my hand; for truly to see your face is like seeing the face of God—since you have received me with such favor. Please accept my gift that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have everything I want." So he urged him, and he took it.

BELL CHOIR

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

W.C. Dix

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay

back four times as much.” Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“THANKSgiving”

Dr. Rader

\*HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our God” (Stanzas 1 and 2)

Nun Danket Alle Gott

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers’ arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in God’s grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

RECEPTION OF TITHES and OFFERINGS

This congregation continues to need offerings to support the staff and missions we have. You may mail checks to us or have your checks mailed regularly from your bank at no cost to you. Otherwise, you may give by credit or debit card by going to [www.wbts.org](http://www.wbts.org) and clicking “Donate now.”

OFFERTORY

“We Gather Together”

Beck

\* DOXOLOGY

“Now Thank We All Our God” (Stanza 3)

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given, the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was and is and shall be ever more.

\*DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND PROMISES

(Unison)

God of great blessing, we offer and dedicate to you the gifts of this day. We also present to you our promises of giving in the year ahead, trusting in your promise to continue to provide what we need. We dedicate ourselves to be faithful in our giving, providing for ministry and mission in and through this church and through our generosity in other ways and situations presented to us. May our stewardship always give you glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*HYMN

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Beach Spring

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred: ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

### *Sending*

#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Voluntary on 'Old 100'"

Purcell

\*All who are able may stand

### *Announcements*

#### FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY:

By Pete & Patty Zahn, for grateful thanks. We know all things come from our Heavenly Father.

By Kitty French, in loving memory of her husband Jim and her brother Tom for their birthdays.

THE THANKSGIVING DISPLAY is courtesy of Renee Doyle.

THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be this Tuesday, November 23rd at 7 p.m. All Saints Lutheran Church, 751 Dunlawton Avenue. Non-perishable food items can be brought as an offering, or checks may go to Grace Episcopal Church, writing in the Memo: "Food Pantry."

THE HANGING OF THE GREENS church decorating time will be Tuesday, November 30th beginning at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SHUT INS bags with names will be available in Fellowship Hall from Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. The list of names for cards will be in the bulletin and also in Fellowship Hall on the table. Please put personalized cards without envelopes in the bags. Someone will be there if there are any questions.

#### Financial results thru 9/30/21

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Collections for the year	\$ 411,768	\$ 314,068
Expenditures for the year	\$ 411,768	\$ 396,561
Amount over (under) needs	\$ 0	\$ (82,493)