

Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church

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The Rev. Dr Radford Rader

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First Sunday of Advent

Gathering

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PRELUDE "Veni Emmanuel" Barr

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Rader

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE Kristin Downer and Payton Bonino

Congregational Response "He Came Down"

He came down that we may have faith.

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Hallelujah, forevermore."

PRAYER (Unison)

God of glory: we gather in wonder with what may be happening in the days ahead. Keep us faithful in waiting and watching we pray. And grant us your peace. Amen.

HYMN "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Hyfrydol

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;

from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;

dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,

born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;

by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

CALL TO PRAYER Elder Anne Nussle

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God, we aspire to love and trust you, but so often we get in the way of ourselves. We see only the deep sadness of the world; we fear things will never get better. We fail to see the light that shines in the darkness and the good at work in this world. We have come close to giving up that you will ever come in glory and redeem your creation. Save us, Lord! Renew

*HYMN

“Christ is Coming!”

Unser Herrscher

Christ is coming! Let creation from her groans and labor cease;
let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase;
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Come, O blessed Prince of peace

Earth can now but tell the story of your bitter cross and pain;
we shall yet behold your glory, Lord, when you return to reign;
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Let each heart repeat the strain.

With that blessed hope before us, flutes are tuned and harps are strung;
let the mighty advent chorus onward roll from tongue to tongue:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Let each heart repeat the song.

Long your exiles have been pining for your promised rest and home,
but in heavenly glory shining, soon the risen Christ shall come:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Joyful shout the victory psalm.

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 and clicking “Donate now.”

OFFERTORY

Variation on "Nettleton"

Behnke

*DOXOLOGY

“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; in the Lord, I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Unison)

Lord, as we wait your coming again, we seek to be busy about your work. We seek to increase your kingdom on earth. We offer our talents and our financial gifts as stewards of what you have entrusted to us. In our dedication, we pray that you will show us how best to spend them for your name’s sake. Amen.

*HYMN

“The Days Are Surely Coming”

Llangloffan

The days are surely coming says God to all the earth,
when you will see my promise: salvation come to birth.
My righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land
and you will be delivered by my almighty hand.

The days are surely coming says Christ the promised one,
when you will read my warning in moon and stars and sun.
Though earth and heaven tremble, stand up and do not fear,
for I am your redeemer, and I am drawing near.

The days are surely coming when we will know at last the
fullness of God’s presence, God’s promise come to pass.
Then righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land
and we will be delivered by God’s almighty hand.

Sending

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Sleepers, Wake!”

Manz

*All who are able may stand

Announcements

FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY:

Given anonymously in honor of Kendra who fills the sanctuary with wonderful sounds – organ, piano and “fiddle”. Thank you!

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. 28th – Dec. 12th. 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.

CHRISTMAS DCF GIFTS: We had a great response to the gifts for children through the DCF (Department of Children and Families) this past Sunday. Twenty-five of the twenty-seven names have already been taken. We hope to receive more names soon, so look for the sign-up outside the sanctuary as you enter or leave the worship service. Many, many thanks to those who have already participated.

Financial results thru 9/30/21

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Collections for the year	\$ 457,520	\$ 373,992
Expenditures for the year	\$ 457,520	\$ 439,305
Amount over (under) needs	\$ 0	\$ (65,313)

Liturgist: Elder Anne Nussle
Organist: Kendra Cochenour
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