

Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church
The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Sumner
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Sacrament of Holy Communion

Gathering

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PRELUDE "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Bell Choir

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE Troy, Michelle, and Amelia Coke

SUNG RESPONSE

"He came down that we may have hope; he came down that we may have hope; he came down that we may have hope. Hallelujah for evermore."

PRAYER RESPONSE (Unison)

Hopeful God: you see things we cannot see and know things we do not yet know. Keep us hopeful in waiting and watching, we pray. And grant us your peace. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Sumner

HYMN "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" *Veni Emmanuel*

O come O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Come Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

CALL TO PRAYER Janet Lindfors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God: confessing is like walking into a dark cave, seeing nothing, hearing nothing. We do not know what we will find there. Maybe we will find old hurts or desires that we thought were long buried.

But it is only in the deepest dark that we can see the little light that is always present, that sliver that comes from a holy place that gives us hope, that sliver of light that looks like grace. Hear our prayer O Lord. As we confess, discover us with your light that shines in the darkness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE

Veni Emmanuel

“Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel.”

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5;31

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day . . . God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

ANTHEM

“Advent Prayer”

James E. Clemens

THE SECOND LESSON

John 1: 1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“See Hope”

Rev. Sumner

HYMN

“Live into Hope”

Truro

Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God’s own jubilee!

Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be,
the right to have one’s daily bread, to hear God’s Word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

"Hark the Glad Sound"

Hildebrand

SUNG RESPONSE

St Louis

"O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray,
cast out our sin and enter in be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angel the great glad tiding tell
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER CONTINUES WITH SOLO RESPONSES

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.

THE COMMUNION

HYMN

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"

Valet, will ich dir geben

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you a right?

Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!

O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my breast,

to do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.

Love caused your incarnation; love brought you down to me;

Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.

O love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace

in love all love's excelling, our lost and fallen race.

You come, O Lord with gladness, in mercy and good will,

to bring an end to sadness and bid our fears be still.
In patient expectation we live for that great day
when your renewed creation your glory shall display!

Sending

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Savior of the Gentiles, Come”

Pachelbel

Announcements

FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY:

Beth & Vic Bako & Family, in loving memory of Edith and Fred Smith.
Marianne Sabatka, in memory of her sister, Jackie and in celebration of her daughter, Jacque’s birthday.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SHUT INS bags with names will be available in Fellowship Hall until December 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.

DONATION ENVELOPE BOXES for 2022 are available for pickup in the Fellowship Hall. If your box is not there, please write your name on the list at the table and our finance secretary Janet will be in contact with you soon.

Financial results thru 10/31/21

	<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)