

*Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church*  
*The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Sumner*  
*December 26, 2021*

*Gathering*

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PRELUDE "Adeste Fideles" Candlyn

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Sumner

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

One: We no longer have to wait and yearn for God, for God has come.

ALL: GOD IS NEAR, EVER NEAR.

One: We no longer have to wait and long to hear from God, for God has spoken.

ALL: GOD IS SPEAKING.

One: We no longer have to wait and imagine the day of our salvation, for the Savior has come to bring hope to the weary.

ALL: GOD IS HERE.

One: Let us celebrate this good news of Christmas!

CAROL 143 "Angels from the Realms of Glory" Regent Square  
Verses 1,2 &4

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight  
o'er all the earth; you who sang creation's story  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!

Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
yonder shines the infant light: [Refrain]

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:  
[Refrain]

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

(unison)

Great and glorious God, through Jesus Christ our Savior you showed the world what a new age of grace might be like. Yet we cling to the glories of the present age—worldly passions and destructive patterns; our paths are rough instead of smooth. We have walked through the darkened valleys of life. Cleanse us anew, free us from things that shackle us, and help us to be aware that Jesus joins us on our human journey to make your people both holy and whole. We add praise and thanks to our confession today! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

“Infant holy, infant lowly for his bed a cattle stall,  
oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing  
Christ the babe is Lord of all! Christ the babe is Lord of all!”

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST LESSON

Luke 2: 15-20

ANTHEM

“Noel/Peace Canon”  
Quartet

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 28: 16-20

ONE: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“People Must Know”

Rev. Sumner

CAROL 136

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”

Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills, and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. [Refrain]

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior’s birth. [Refrain]

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

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

"Let Our Gladness Have No End"

Leavitt

## SUNG RESPONSE

"What Child is This?"

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come, one and all, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### HYMN 134

"Joy To the World"

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

## *Sending*

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"

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## Announcements

### FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY:

Pete & Patty Zahn, in celebration of the holidays.

Tom, Shannon, Charlotte, Olivia, and Alex, to the Glory of God and in honor of Herb & Lorraine Jones. Merry Christmas!

John & Doris Kennedy, in celebration of their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### FINANCIAL RESULTS THRU 11/30/21 -

	Budgeted	Actual
Collections for the year	\$ 503,272	\$ 432,046
Expenditures for the year	\$ 503,272	\$ 485,522
Amount over (under) needs	\$ 0	(\$ 53,476)

### COMING UP

**JANUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>      New Year Holy Communion, 8:45 & 11.00**

**JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup>      8:45 & 11:00 worship**

**JANUARY 16<sup>th</sup>    8:45 Scottish Heritage Service  
11:00 Kirkin' O the Tartans!**

### UPCOMING OFFICE HOURS

**DECEMBER 27                      OFFICE CLOSED**

**DECEMBER 28 – 31              8 a.m. to 12 p.m.**  
(Deadline for money to be dropped off to count for 2021 is 11 a.m. on December 31<sup>st</sup>.)

### UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES:

For John Locke, Tuesday 1/4, 10:00 am.

For Tom Noden, Sat. 1/8 2:00 p.m.

***Masking is required for all unvaccinated people and strongly encouraged for all others in attendance.***

For George Painter, Sat. 1/15, 10:00 am.

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Presbyterian Church (USA)  
P.O. Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Or by calling: 1-800-728-7728 to give by credit card.

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