

SIGNS *of* PROMISE



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | LORD'S SUPPER

THE CANDLE *of* PEACE

DECEMBER 6, 2020

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

Christopher Edmonston, Pastor

Chip Pope, Associate Pastor for Youth and their Families

Cate Church Norman, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

Kirsten Homdrom, Associate Director of Music

Karl Zinsmeister, Director of Music

Carol Hardman, Nancy Honeycutt, soprano

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Wayne Rogers, tenor

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WHITE MEMORIAL
— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

ORDER OF SERVICE

Greeting

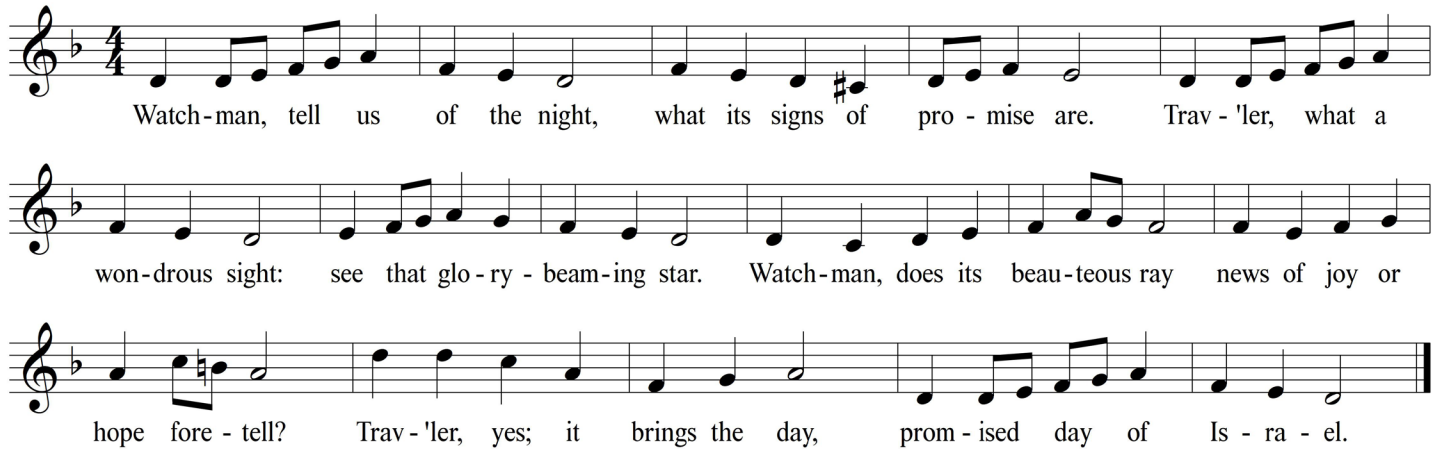
Prelude - *Moderato cantabile molto espressivo* from *Sonata in A-flat Major, Op. 110*

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Glory to God, Hymn 97, stanza 1



Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of pro-mise are. Trav-ler, what a
won-drous sight: see that glo-ry - beam-ing star. Watch-man, does its beau-teous ray news of joy or
hope fore-tell? Trav-ler, yes; it brings the day, prom-ised day of Is-ra-el.

One: Lord, you were favorable to your land:

All: You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

One: you forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.

All: Restore us again, O God of our salvation.

One: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Psalm 85: 1, 2, 4a

The first candle of Advent is the candle of hope!

Today we light the candle of peace!

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

Isaiah 11:6

Let us pray.

God of all peoples,

your servant John came baptizing
and calling for repentance.

Help us to hear his voice of judgment,
that we may also rejoice in his word of promise,
and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day
when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace. Amen.

Hymn 96 - *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

Prayer of Confession

**Hear our prayer, O Lord: we say we want peace, but we choose conflict.
We say we long for peace, but look upon our neighbors with eyes of judgment.
We declare we desire peace, but war rages upon the earth.
Too many have died on our streets, in our work places, in our schools, and on battlefields.
We throw ourselves upon your mountain of grace, and pray that you will forgive us.
Help us to see a day when your children fight no more,
and your dawn of peace breaks upon every shore.
In the name of Jesus, guide and shape us into the peacemakers that he called blessed.
Amen.**

Sacrament of Baptism

(11:00) Mindy Hill Dailey; Sheri Hill Kaylor; and Rebecca Hill White

New Testament Lesson

Mark 1:1-8

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;
³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”
⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all
the people of Jerusalem were going out to him,
and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.
⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist,
and he ate locusts and wild honey.
⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me;
I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.
⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

A Time with Young Disciples

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.
³A voice cries out: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.
⁵Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’
⁶A voice says, ‘Cry out!’ And I said, ‘What shall I cry?’
All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.
⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.
⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, ‘Here is your God!’
¹⁰See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.
¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Sermon - Signs of Promise: "The Comfort of Peace"

Musical Offering – *Lost in the Night*

Kyle Haugen

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

SANCTUS

PICARDY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, reign - ing God of
pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry,
all cre - a - tion seeks your light! Bles-sed is the one who
comes in your name. Bles-sed be the Lord most high!

Bread And Cup

Prayer After Communion 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.**

Responding in Faith

Join us as we welcome our new members: Ashton and Daniel Allen; Lauren and Michael Allen; Susan Bach; Julia and Stephen Black; Matthew Brookby; Genevieve and Alex Brooks; Alex and Greg Carrick; Pearce and Kenneth Coe; Abby and Mark Costin; Mindy and Adam Dailey; Judy Glover; Sheri Kaylor; Lorraine King; Etta Buckman and Robert Long; Ellen and Andrew Mueller; Vicki and Yates Parker; Matt Rollins; Emily Tyler; Rebecca White; and Hilary Zaytoun

Affirmation of Faith

(adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

Hymn 123 - *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Stanzas 1 and 2: singing | Stanza 3 speaking | Stanzas 4 and 5: singing

Charge and Benediction

The congregation is invited to remain seated/logged on for the Postlude during the season of Advent.
Following the Postlude, in-person worshippers are asked to depart through the doors at the front of the Sanctuary.

Postlude – *Reverie*

William Grant Still (1895-1978)

Chiming of the Trinity

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JOYS & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Ann Maria Wingfield Butler – November 28, 2020
WMPC family members: daughter and son-in-law,
Lizzy and Bobby Mottern and granddaughter Bea.

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Sarah Paige Harris, born November 24, child of Brooke and Travis Harris.

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Music included in today’s service

Moderato cantabile molto espressivo from *Sonata in A-flat Major, Op. 110*;
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HYMN 97 *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*; Text and Music Public Domain

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96 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our
 4 Stretch forth your hand; our health re - store, and

nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 straight the way for God with - in, and let us all our
 ref - uge and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 make us rise to fall no more. O let your face up -

for he brings glad ti - dings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.

This hymn shows how once-unconnected parts can work together. The text about John the Baptist was written in Latin in the 18th century and translated into English in the 19th century. Similarly, the 17th-century melody was adapted to its present form in the 19th century.

123 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace-ful wings un - furled,
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf-fered long;
 4 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
 5 For lo, the days are has-tening on, by proph-ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world:
 be - neath the heaven-ly hymn have rolled two thou-sand years of wrong;
 who toil a - long the climb-ing way with pain - ful steps and slow,
 when with the ev - er - cir-cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gra-cious King":
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov-ering wing,
 and we at war on earth hear not the tid - ings that they bring;
 look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift-ly on the wing:
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,



the world in sol - emn still-ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless-ed an - gels sing.
 O, hush the noise and cease the strife to hear the an - gels sing!
 O, rest be-side the wea - ry road, and hear the an - gels sing.
 and the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT WMPC?

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 6

Joy Gift

4:00-5:30 p.m. | Zoom | Drive down McDonald Lane

All are invited to drive down McDonald Lane and see the magic of the Christmas Story unfold as they make their way to the decorated tree where you can place an unwrapped new toy or food for families in need. There will be live music and much more!

TUESDAY | DECEMBER 8

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

7:30 a.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)

WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 9

Boxed Dinners To Go

Pick-up between 5:00-6:30 p.m. | McDonald Lane

Don't forget if you ordered soup or spaghetti sauce, today is the day to pick-up!

Midweek Advent Evening Prayer

6:30 p.m. | Live Stream

This Advent season we invite you to share Wednesday evenings with us as a time of reflection, prayer and music.

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 10

Keenagers

10:00 a.m | Zoom

If you are 55 years old +, we invite you to join Keenagers via Zoom on Thursday as we share favorite Christmas memories and traditions. Please contact Tonya Higgins at thiggins@whitememorial.org to receive your Zoom link.

HOLIDAY MEALS FOR FAMILIES

Instead of our usual turkey collection this year, we will send checks to agencies offering meals. If you would like to help with Thanksgiving/Christmas meals please give online at www.whitememorial.org/register (designate Holiday Meals) by December 6.

CHRISTMAS SHARE

Christmas Share, an alternative giving program, has put over one million dollars in our community and toward our international partnerships. Started almost 30 years ago by Presbyterian Women, it continues to be an important Christmas outreach opportunity. One check is sent to each agency for the total amounts contributed. [You can find forms online to make a donation](#) or contact Gloria Johnson at gjohnson@whitememorial.org for more information.

COATS, HATS AND GLOVES

The Presbyterian Women are collecting coats, gloves, knit hats and scarves for cold weather in all sizes. These can be dropped off in the red bins in front of the Witherspoon Building.

ADVENT GREENERY/MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA

Contributions in memory of a loved one or in honor of a family member, friend, or member of the church family are welcomed. Contributions may be made for any amount. All of those honored or memorialized will be listed in the bulletin on December 20 and Christmas Eve services. All requests must be in the church office by noon on Monday, December 14. [Forms can be found online](#). Questions? Contact Rebecca Turner at rturner@whitememorial.org.

NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR NEW OFFICERS

The Churchwide Nominating Committee starts meeting in mid-January to consider nominations for church Elders and Deacons, class of 2024. Nominations are now being accepted. Please give prayerful consideration to placing a church member into nomination for these critical leadership roles. The nomination form can be found at: www.whitememorial.org/church-officers. All recommendations must be received by January 11, 2021. This form may be 1) returned electronically to rturner@whitememorial.org; 2) dropped off at the church; or 3) mailed to the church office.

GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN 2021 UPDATE

As of Wednesday, December 2, we have received 670 pledges totaling \$3,152,966. If you have not already, please consider making a pledge at www.whitememorial.org/generosity.

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Will the generous donors of Yum Brands, Cigna Corp., and Vanguard Index stocks please call Jody Grayson at 834-3425, ext 204 to identify your gift so that we can give you proper credit?

Registration for most events can be found on our website www.whitememorial.org/register