

Westminster Presbyterian Church
The Lord's Day Morning Worship

December 20, AD 2020

10:55 AM

The Preparation for Worship

Prelude

Let us prepare ourselves for worship. Use this time for silent prayer and meditation on the Word. "O Lord, who has given us cause for perpetual joy by the coming of Your Son our Savior among us; Raise up Your power, we pray, and possess us with a mighty sense of Your wonderful love; that whereas through the cares of this life we are sorely impeded and hindered in running the race that is set before us, we may be anxious for nothing, but thankfully commending ourselves in everything to Your bountiful grace and mercy, the peace of You our God, which passes all understanding, may keep our hearts and minds; through the satisfaction of Your Son our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, world without end. Amen."

Welcome and Announcements

*The Call to Worship

II Corinthians 8:9

Minister: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

All: that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor.

Minister: Let us worship God!

The Lord's Praise

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Reiber

*Hymn #196: *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 ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.*

*Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth
we long to hear! O'er the hills the angels singing news,
glad tidings of a birth: "Go to him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth."*

*Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall; this the
everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.*

*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.*

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Confession of Sin from *The Book of Common Prayer, 1549*

Minister: Let us confess our sins:

All: Almighty God father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Your divine majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous to us, the burden of them is intolerable: Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us most merciful Father, for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter, serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your Name: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 55:6,7

Minister: Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

All: Amen.

*Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.

And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Lord's Gifts

Offertory Prayer

Pastor Reiber

*The Doxology

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***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him,
all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'ly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Hymn #208: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Adeste Fideles
O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him born the King of angels;

*Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

*God of God, Light of Light; lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God, begotten, not created; [Refrain]*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of
heav'n above; glory to God in the highest; [Refrain]*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning: Jesus, to thee be
all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing; [Refrain]*

The Lord's Word

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Reiber

Scripture

Luke 1:26-38

Sermon *Christ the King – The Sure Mercies of David*

Our Commitment

*Hymn #214: *Angels We Have Heard on High* Gloria
*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Benediction

Pastor Reiber

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Remember to Prepare Your Hearts For Communion Christmas Eve.

Morning Worship Sermon Outline

Text: Luke 1:26-38

Title: Christ the King – The Sure Mercies of David

Introduction

I. Christ coming into the world is realistic encouragement

II. Christ come into the world as King is the consolation of His people.

III. Why do we need such a King with such a Kingdom?

A. Because only Christ came into the world and overcame sin and satan.

B. Because only Christ the King came into the world to deliver you from the tyranny of sin and bring you into His kingdom of righteousness and liberty.

C. Because in Christ the King alone there is hope for now and eternity.

Announcements

Welcome to Westminster – *The Westminster family extends a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. We pray that God's rich blessings in Christ may be yours. We are delighted to have you with us this Lord's Day.*

Our guest accompanist this morning is Rachel Story. Thank you for sharing your music with us this morning.

Join us this Thursday Evening for the Christmas Eve Worship Service with Communion at 5:30 PM.

Tithes and Offerings may be given at the collection points on either side of the front and rear of the sanctuary as offering plates will not be passed.

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Westminster Shorter Catechism #27: *How was Christ humiliated?* Christ was humiliated: by being born as a man and born into a poor family; by being made subject to the law and suffering the miseries of this life, the anger of God, and the curse of death on the cross; and by being buried and remaining under the power of death for a time.



Homebound Mildred Coleman
Pray for those with birthdays: Patsy Faulk, Emily Hendrix,
24; Martha Leese, Tyler Karel, 26
Bible Readings: Hag 1:1-Zec 9:17; Rev. 11:1-17:18; Ps 139-
145; Prov 30:15-32

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