

*Westminster Presbyterian Church*  
*The Lord's Day Morning Worship*

December 27, 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. "Almighty God, who has given us Your only-begotten Son, the brightness of Your glory, and the express image of Your person, to take our nature upon Him, and to be born of a pure Virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; till Christ is perfectly formed in us, and we are made partakers of a Divine nature, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen."

Welcome and Announcements

*Minute for Missions*

\*The Call to Worship

Galatians 4:4,5

*Minister:* But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

*All: to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.*

*Minister:* Let us worship God!

The Lord's Praise

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Elder Warren

\*Hymn #218: *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* Regent Square

*Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye 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 fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light:*

*[Refrain]*

*Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar; seek  
the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: [Refrain]*

*Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: [Refrain]*

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

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

*Minister:* Let us confess our sins:

*All: Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness, according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified when You speak, and blameless when You judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me ... Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow ... Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit ... The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:5

*Minister:* I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*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

Elder Warren

\*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 #216:

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

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*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.*

*Flocks were sleeping: shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus  
rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.*

The Lord's Word

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Warren

Scripture

Luke 2:17-20

Sermon *How to Celebrate Christmas*

Our Commitment

\*Hymn #211:

*God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

God Rest You

*God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,  
to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;*

*Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

*From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;  
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:  
how that in Bethlehem was born the son of God by name. [Refrain]*

*"Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright;  
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright, to free all those  
who trust in him from Satan's pow'r and might." [Refrain]*

*The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind, and left  
their flocks a-feeding, in tempest, storm, and wind: and went to  
Bethlehem straightway, the Son of God to find. [Refrain]*

\*Benediction

Pastor Herring

Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

## Morning Worship Sermon Outline

Text: Luke 2:17-20

Title: How to Celebrate Christmas

I. Tell others about it (v.17)

II. Wonder at the event (v.18)

III. Ponder the event (v.19)

IV. Glorify and Praise God because of the event (v.20)

## 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.*

**Next week is the first Sunday** of the month and we will be coming to the Lord's table. Be sure to prepare. LC #171 *How are they that receive the sacrament of the Lord's supper to prepare themselves before they come unto it?* They that receive the sacrament of the Lord's supper are, before they come, to prepare themselves thereunto, by examining themselves of their being in Christ, of their sins and wants; of the truth and measure of their knowledge, faith, repentance; love to God and the brethren, charity to all men, forgiving those that have done them wrong; of their desires after Christ, and of their new obedience; and by renewing the exercise of these graces, by serious meditation and fervent prayer.

**This morning we welcome Pastor Wayne Herring** to the Westminster Pulpit. Wayne Herring is a native of Brandon, MS. and a graduate of Mississippi State University and Reformed Theological Seminary. He has been a Presbyterian Minister for almost 50 years. He is married to Dr. Dena Gibson and they live on a farm outside of Raymond, MS. Between them, they have 21 grandchildren.

**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 #28:** *How is Christ exalted?*  
Christ is exalted by His rising from the dead on the third day, His going up into heaven, His sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and His coming to judge the world at the last day.



Missionaries of the Week  
Homebound

Jim and Mary Alice Patterson  
Jackie LaBarre

Pray for those with birthdays: Gordon Sluis, 30

Bible Readings: Zec 10:1-Gen 4:26; Rev 18:1-Mt 3:6; Ps 146-1:12;  
Prov 30:33-1:9

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