

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WEST END PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 27, 2022 | 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR T. WES

PRELUDE

"LISTEN FOR HIS COMING"

MARK HAYES

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

ROBIN & LAWTON BAKER

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Jesus, you are the hope of the world. This Advent help us slow down and listen to your voice. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

"PEACE, PEACE, PEACE"

STILL, STILL, STILL

"Hope, hope, hope - the light of Christ is hope. In all our darkness Christ is shining, leading upward, faith refining. Hope, hope, hope - the light of Christ is hope."

Before this morning's worship service begins, please greet one another in Christian love, taking special care to welcome those who you do not know. May all who enter know that West End Presbyterian Church is a warm and welcoming congregation.

Please pass the Friendship Pads down the pew to your neighbor.

WEARING A MASK during worship is optional. They are located at each entrance for your convenience.

Please join in reading those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

✠When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body and/or spirit.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, remind us that you have formed us with your own hands, made us in your own image, and placed us in this world to be stewards of your good creation. Made for generous relationships, we have retreated into ourselves. Created for the purpose of making your goodness known, we allow lesser tasks to occupy our time. Forgive our failure to live in the way you made us to live. Renew within us the knowledge of your love so that we may live joyfully and gratefully, sharing what we have. For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who offered himself for us, and opens to us the way of eternal life.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

With the coming of Christ, God has given us the gift of forgiveness, even seventy times seven. God reaches out to offer us new life, a new day, a chance to begin again – loved and beautiful, even as on the first day of creation. Trust the promise of the Gospel: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

HYMN OF WELCOMING NO. 115

“AWAY IN A MANGER”

MUELLER

“Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky look down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.”

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

ELIZABETH NIX

Children of all ages are invited to join us on the steps during a time for the child in us all.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD READ

ISAIAH 2:1-5

PAGE 594, OT, PEW BIBLE

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Before reading from the Bible, we seek the illumination of the Holy Spirit and call upon God to make us receptive to the life-giving Word that comes to us through both the reading and proclamation.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“COMFORT YE..E’VRY VALLEY” FROM MESSIAH

G.F. HANDEL

THE WORD READ

MATTHEW 24:36-44

PAGE 26, NT, PEW BIBLE

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“STUDY WAR NO MORE”

PASTOR T. WES

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONFESSIO OF 1967 9.08

In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor and won the victory over sin and death for all.

✠ HYMN NO. 93

"LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES"

TRURO

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

"OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN"

ARR. MARK HAYES

✠ DOXOLOGY NO. 606

OLD HUNDREDETH

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, our hope and our help, receive our gifts as seeds of gratitude for your gift to us in Christ Jesus. Bless these seeds with growth so that hope will sprout in people who struggle with despair, and places trying to rebuild after devastating loss. Be their hope and their help, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE FOLLOW GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠ HYMN 105

"PEOPLE, LOOK EAST"

BESANÇON

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE

"BESANÇON"

ARR. WAYNE WOLD

The Presbyterian Church (USA) is a confessional church. Confessional means to declare, acknowledge, or affirm what Christians hold to be true. The twelve confessional documents that make up the Book of Confessions: Part I of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) point to the oldest confession in Christianity, which is "Jesus Christ is LORD". When we recite together the Affirmation of Faith, we are rising up together in body or in spirit by responding as one what we declare to be true as our ancestors in every time and place did before us.

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 FLOWERS GRACING THE SANCTUARY TODAY
ARE GIVEN BY MARILYN & JENNIFER THOMAS
IN MEMORY OF RICHARD LEE THOMAS, HUSBAND AND FATHER.



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