

IN OUR PRAYERS

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UPCOMING SERMON

Next Sunday, December 20th, our sermon title will be "The Hardest People to Love" with Scripture readings from Luke 1:26-38, 46-55. Bring a friend or friends to join us or tune in on Facebook at 11!

ANGEL TREE

Our angel tree recipient this year is Lakeview Assisted Living right here in Westminster! If you took an angel from the tree, please have those wrapped gifts returned by December 18th. A list of paper goods has been emailed to the congregation. If you would like to participate in that drive, check the Amazon wish list sent out in our weekly updates.

VIRTUAL SOUP AND STUDY CONTINUES!

If you'd like to join our discussion on the Advent Devotional this year, *Out of the Hardest Things*, please email Rev. Audrey to get the Zoom link!

CHRISTMAS EVE SIGN-UP

If you would like to worship in person in our sanctuary, please be sure to RSVP using the link in our weekly updates. The parking lot will be open for a drive-in worship experience! You'll be able to tune in to our very own FM radio station and listen, or you can still live-stream worship on our Facebook page! If you have questions or need help signing up, please contact Rev. Audrey.

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

November receipts:	\$12,036.11	YTD: \$132,532.28
November expenses:	\$ 17,759.29	YTD: \$115,799.31
+/-	- \$5,723.18	YTD: + \$16,732.97

*This month's report reflects our largest bill, which is our annual insurance bill.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday in Advent

December 13, 2020

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING

Prelude: “The First Noel”Smart

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath.....John Johnston

Hymn 384, verse 3: “Soon and Very Soon”Crouch

Prayer of Invocation

Lord, you bring glad tidings to the poor. Let us hear. You heal the brokenhearted. Heal us too. You free the prisoners from their jails. Free us from ourselves. Loving God, please come to us, and send us out, forgiven, to the poor, the brokenhearted the imprisoned.

***Hymn 106:** “Prepare the Way, O Zion”Franzen

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Holy God, we confess that all too often we hesitate to speak or act when we see people being treated unjustly. Forgive us, O God, for the times when we have been happy to hear the gospel without truly living it. Forgive us for uncaring attitudes when we base our opinion of another person's worth on what they own, or how they look; on what they say, or how they live, rather than accepting them for who they are—people made in your image. Forgive us when our longing to live simply and with humility is defeated by selfish desires—for pursuing profits before seeking your will. Heal, restore and bless us, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.
(a moment of silent reflection)*

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

THE WORD

Anthem: “Mary Did You Know” Lowery
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water? Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters? Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new? This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you. Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man? Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm the storm with his hand? Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod? When you kiss your little baby, you kiss the face of God. Mary, did you know? (Did you know?) The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again The lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the lamb! Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation? Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations? Did you know that your baby boy is Heaven's perfect Lamb? That sleeping child you're holding is the great I am. Mary, did you know? (Mary, did you know?)

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Sermon: “The Hardest Prayer for Peace”Rev. Audrey Reese

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn 123:** “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”Sears

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Sacrament of Baptism: Jonas Bowman

Gloria Patri (Glory to God Hymnal, no.. 581)

Offertory: “What Child is This?”Dix

***Doxology** (Glory to God Hymnal, no. 606)

SENDING

***Hymn 132:** “Good Christian Friends Rejoice”Neale

***Benediction**

*** Postlude**