

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Imogene Giles, Kathy Darnell, Robbie McClure (Marie Dunnam's brother) Elizabeth Christensen (Kathy Skillen's niece), Arthur Skillen (Kathy Skillen's brother) and Bob Hartness (Rev. Audrey's dad), Clifton Mabry, Sam and Edna Dillard and Kathy Skillen, Rocky (De and Robert French's son)

## ANGEL TREE 2021

Angel tree gifts are needed returned today! Please be sure to wrap them and have them clearly labeled so we can get them to the right person. Many thanks for your help in spreading love this season!

## THANK YOU!

Many thanks to those who participated in the Salvation Bell Ringing as representatives for WPC! Shepherd Chuites, Jan Walsh, Shari Waldo, Sherry Moats, Marian Multer, Steve Moore, Clifton Mabry, Sandra Powell, Patsy Morgan, Kathy Skillen, Bill Brockington rang the bell at Ingles in Westminster last week. Rev. Audrey will be ringing the bell on Monday at Ingles in Westminster. This is a great way for us to be visible in our community and spread Christmas cheer!

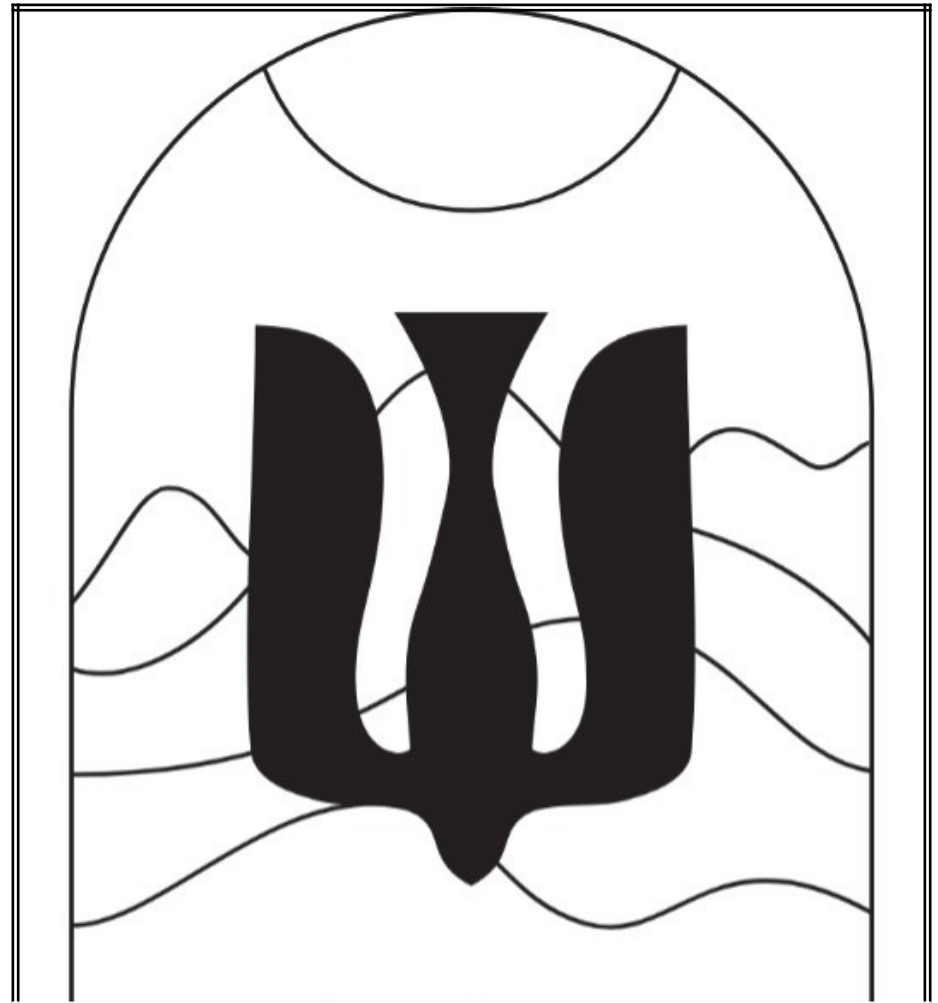
## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Make plans to join us Friday, December 24th for our annual Christmas Eve service with Communion and Candlelighting at 7:00 PM. As a reminder, we are still recommending masks while moving about and speaking, as well as social distancing. We are so grateful to be able to offer this service virtually and in person!

## NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Kim and Barry Burden donated our new sound system to the church in memory of their fathers, Rev. Dale Burden and Douglas Stancil. Chris and Christy Todd gave in memory to Douglass Stancil.

November receipts: \$ 12,364.71	YTD receipts \$ 136,334.29
expenses \$9,162.79	expenses \$125,890.39
+ 3,201.92	+ 10,443.90



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# Westminster Presbyterian Church

Advent

December 19, 2021

11:00 A.M

## GATHERING

**Prelude:** “Good Christian Men Rejoice!”.....German Melody

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**.....Debbie Therriault

**Advent Song:** “Soon and Very Soon” (*page 384 Glory to God Hymnal*)

**Prayer of Invocation**

**\*Hymn 133:** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”.....Wade

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Dear Lord, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love, but also our refusal to forgive.

We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love, but also our resistance to follow you without question. In this time of Advent, forgive our failure to respond as we should.

We pray that you come to us anew, and by your grace assist us to receive with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude as Elizabeth, with obedience, as Mary, with love as you have loved us. Even so, come Lord Jesus.

*(a moment of silent reflection)*

**Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace**

## THE WORD

**Anthem:** “Comfort and Joy”.....Tasha Layton

*Everybody's saying 'Merry Christmas'. Everybody's smiling, singing happy songs. But this December your world is unraveling. And you don't feel like singing along. Friends are sending cards with warmest wishes. But you're feeling lonely, like a winter wind. So take your heart back to the center of the season. There you see the gift that came to us in Bethlehem*

*(Refrain) Jesus Christ, He is heaven's love. Here at last, Forever God with us. All our hope found in a baby boy. He knew we needed comfort and joy*

*There's no need to keep your tears from falling. Sometimes what's most painful are those holidays. But Christmas shows that god cares for us deeply. The same boy in the manger holds you still today. (Refrain)*

*For the widow and the orphan all alone. For the prodigals and soldiers far from home. The peace of God reaches down to every aching soul! (Refrain)*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**New Testament Scripture:** Luke 1:57-66

**Sermon:** “ Elizabeth Gives Birth ” .....Rev. Audrey Reese

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**\*Apostles Creed** (*The Glory to God Hymnal p. 35*)

**Gloria Patri** (*The Glory to God Hymnal, p. 581*)

**\*Hymn 92:** “While We Are Waiting, Come”.....Cason

**Offertory:** “He Shall Feed His Flock”.....Handel

**\*Doxology** (*The Glory to God Hymnal, No. 606*)

## SENDING

**\*Hymn 121:** “O Little Town of Bethlehem”.....Redner  
**Benediction**

**Join us for Christmas Eve Lesson and Carols Service at 7 pm.  
Bring a friend or friends to join us!**