

A CONFESSION OF FAITH.....The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the
Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one
baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

***Congregational Carol: "O Christmas Tree"**German Folk Song

1. Oh, Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, how evergreen and fragrant,
Oh, Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, So evergreen and fragrant,
'Neath the summer sun and winter snow, Or the Christmas Candle's glow,
Oh Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, Thou'rt evergreen and fragrant.

2. Oh Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, With gifts your branches swelling.
Oh Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, What wond'rous gifts foretelling.
A gift divine from heaven above, The Prince of Peace the Prince of love,
Oh, Christmas tree, O Christmas Tree, A heav'nly gift foretelling.

THE LIGHTING OF THE TREE

***Benediction**

WELCOME! We are so glad you are with us today! If you'd like to stay in
touch, fill out a visitor card with your contact information and place it in the
box in the back. We're thrilled you worshipped with us today and hope to see
you soon!



Hangings of the Greens

**THE WORD BECAME FLESH
AND MADE HIS HOME AMONG US.**

~JOHN 1:14



Westminster Presbyterian Church

First Sunday in Advent

December 1, 2024

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

THE BELLS

*Call to Worship.....Debbie Therriault

Leader: The bells have called us on our journey.

People: It is a journey through the miles and the centuries of our customs, the customs of many lands and many people.

Leader: The bells have called us. Our journey is as new as tomorrow and as old as time. It begins and ends in a little place called Bethlehem.

People: The bells have called. As pilgrims, come, let us go.

*Hymn 93: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates".....Weissel

THE ADVENT WREATH

Lighting of the Advent Wreath.....Moment with Children

Advent Song.....Tune: Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Kindle this flame of hope. May it burn bright and true.

Lighting the way that is of God, the journey we pursue.

God's realm is our desire, where peace and justice reign.

Heaven and earth combined as one, when Christ shall come again.

THE POINSETTIA

A reading— The Poinsettia.....Steve Moore

Carol: "O Flower of This Holy Night".....Greensleeves

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| 1. O Flower of this Holy Night | 2. O lovely Gift of God most high |
| The joyful promise holds us, | To spirits dark and fearing |
| The blood red passion of thy bloom | In blossom and in verdant leaf, |
| In warmth and love enfolds us | How sweetly now appearing |

Refrain

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Hope, Love and Mercy reign,
O're mountain high and desert plain
Joy, joy to Christ is come,
In human flesh appearing

3. A gladsome flower to behold
So perfect hath He made thee
Like unto Him we proclaim
In glorious song and story!

Refrain

THE GREENS

A Reading— The Greens.....De French

Hanging of the Greens

Carol: "Deck The Halls"Welsh Carol

Deck the halls with boughs of holly, fa, la, la....

'Tis the season to be jolly, fa, la, la....

Don we now our gay apparel, fa, la, la...

Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, fa, la, la

See the blazing Yule before us, fa, la, la...

Strike the harp and join the chorus, fa, la, la....

Follow me in merry measure, fa, la, la...

While I tell of Yuletide treasure, fa, la, la....

Fast away the old year passes, fa, la, la...

Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, fa, la, la...

Sing we joyous all together, fa, la, la....

Heedless of the wind and weather, fa, la, la...

THE TREE

A Reading— The Chrismons.....Robert French

A Chrismon Tree Hymn: "O Beauteous Tree, So Fair and Bright"

Text: Don Reid

O beauteous tree, so fair and bright,
Shed o'er us all your starry light.
Remind us here to lift in prayer, Our
thanks for God's eternal care.

The Magi's gift before Him laid, Who
for our guilt the ransom paid.

Proud evergreen with sweeping grace,
With grateful heart and happy face.
We turn ourselves from field of strife
To God's sweet gift, eternal life.

The cross we see, that symbol dread,
Serves now to bind us all instead.
Your conq'ring sign on high unfurled,
Shall hold in awe a fretful world.

Your rich perfume that fills our breath,
Shall teach of birth, of life, of death

This night we raise glad songs of joy,
For Mary's tiny baby boy
We gather 'round this glowing tree,
And lift our thoughts, Lord up to Thee.

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion