

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Robbie McClure (Marie Dunnam's brother) Elizabeth Christensen (Kathy Skillen's niece), Arthur Skillen (Kathy Skillen's brother) Bob and Debbie Hartness (Rev. Audrey's parents), Clifton Mabry, Sam and Edna Dillard, Kathy Skillen, Al Belauskus, George Harper (former pastor at WPC), Marie Dunnam, Trey Bratcher (Clifton Mabry's grandson), Barry Burden, Otto Tysland, Debbie Thrift, Anne and Jamie Hawkes (Martha Brancazio's sister-in-law and brother), Nancy Dougherty, and Martha Reid.

## WELCOME!

We are so glad you are here! Please fill out the visitor information cards located in the pew in front of you so that we can stay in touch!

## ANGEL TREE

Today is the last day to give to our Angel Tree!

## JOY GIFT LUNCHEON

Thank you to everyone who made our Joy Gift luncheon so wonderful!!

## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Join us for candlelight worship this Tuesday, **December 24th, at 7 pm** as we welcome the birth of our Savior!

## BIBLE IN A YEAR

If you would like the new Daily Bible Reading Bible for 2025, please pick one up in the narthex.

## CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Our Christmas cantata this year will be "Morning Star", a beautiful arrangement by Lloyd Larson. We will be performing this on **January 5th**, Epiphany, during worship. Please mark your calendars for this most special event in the life of our church.

## SESSION

**Clerk:** Brad Stancil

**Mission/Outreach:** Nita McMillan

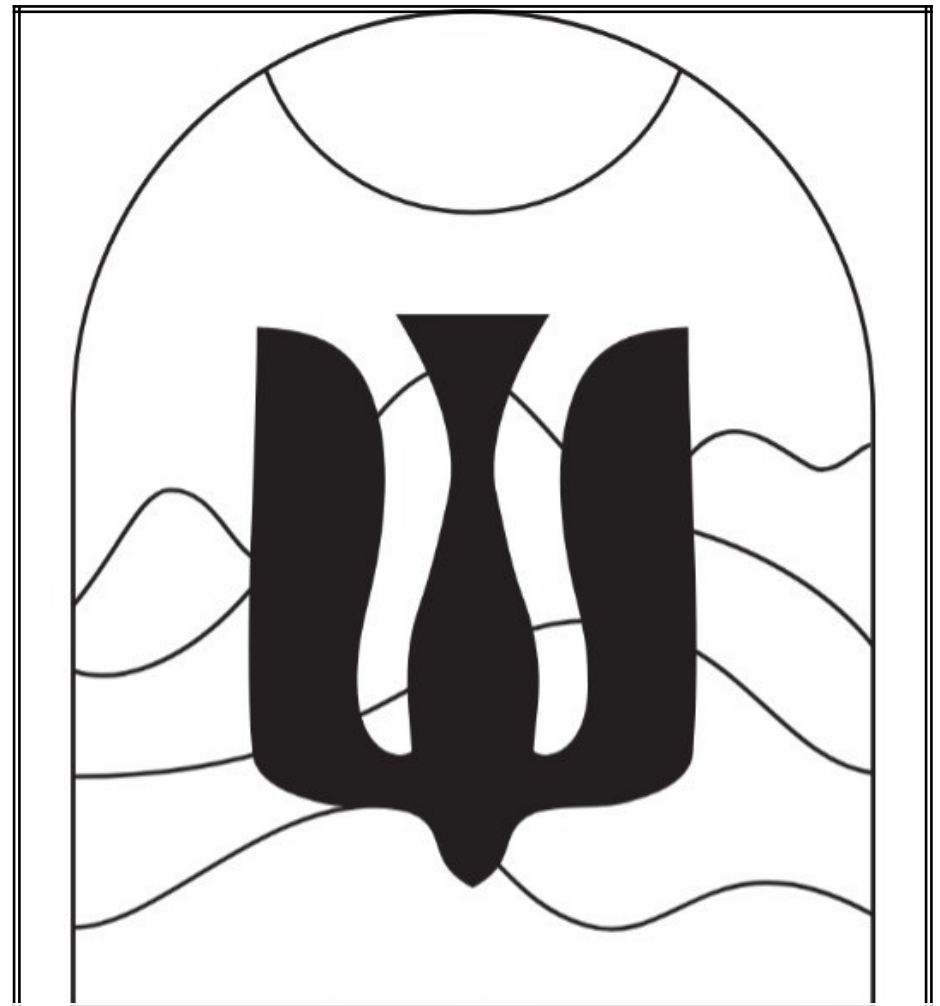
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# Westminster Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

11:00 A.M

## GATHERING

**Prelude:** “Carol of Bethlehem”.....Brooks

### Welcome and Announcements

### Prayer of Invocation

### Childrens Time .....Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**Advent Song:** *Kindle this flame of love, May it burn bright and true. Lighting the way that is of God, the journey we pursue. God’s realm is our desire, where love and justice reign. Heaven and earth combined as one, when Christ shall come again.*

**\*Hymn 8:** “ Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Might Gates”.....Williams

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we sing Your praises, for Your love endures forever. The Virgin Mary bore the ultimate revelation of Your divine love, the baby Jesus. And now we thank You for the privilege of bearing Your love in the world.

We confess that often we have failed You in this commission. At times, we have questioned this call, saying “How can this be?” Other times, we have failed to offer love out of fear of rejection or self-involvement. Send Your Holy Spirit upon us. Strengthen us and show us where revealing Your love can bring new life. We ask these things in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*(a moment of silent reflection)*

### Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

## THE WORD

**Anthem:** “Christmas In Your Heart”.....Hamilton

### Prayer for Illumination

**New Testament Scripture:** Luke 1:39-55

**Sermon:** “Mary, Elizabeth and a Song of Joy”.....Rev. Audrey Reese

### Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

**\*Hymn 49:**”Once In David’s Royal City”.....Mann

**\*Apostles Creed** (*The Presbyterian Hymnal p. 14*)

**Gloria Patri** (*The Presbyterian Hymnal, p. 579*)

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

*(During the offertory, you are invited to take a moment of prayerful reflection. We appreciate your gifts to our ministry. Monetary gifts may be placed in the box in the back of the sanctuary, or in the offering plates at the front, as you leave today.)*

**\*Doxology** (*The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 592*)

## SENDING

**\*Hymn 23:** “Angels We Have Heard on High”.....Barnes

### Benediction

**UPCOMING SERMON:** Join us for worship next Sunday, December 29th! We will sing all the Christmas hymns and hear the stories about them in a Christmas version of our *Love to Tell the Story* Sunday!