

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, Sue Costa, (Paula Meades and Shari Waldo's friend), 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

Thank you to everyone who has taken an Angel from our Angel Tree. Our recipient this year is Lakeview Assisted Living. They have requested Walmart gift cards or monetary donations to ensure that they have fresh fruits and vegetables daily! God bless your generous giving!

JOY GIFT LUNCHEON

Today! Meet in Gossett immediately following worship for a wonderful luncheon and an awesome time of great Christian fellowship! Everyone is welcome!

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.

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Thanks to your generous giving throughout the year, we have not only "closed the gap" that we started 2024 with, but exceeded our expenses!

November Income:	\$27,016.65	YTD: \$159,050.63
November Expenses:	\$9,950.04	\$139,568.12
+/-	+\$17,066.61	+\$19,482.51

We give thanks to God for the abundance that He shows us through your gifts!

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

11:00 A.M

GATHERING

Prelude: “Good Christian Men, Rejoice!”.....Seuse

Welcome and Announcements

Moment with the ChildrenLighting of the Advent Wreath

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

Prayer of Invocation

***Hymn 13:** “Prepare the Way ”.....Franzen

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

It is getting more and more difficult, Lord, for us to keep our attention on the holy things. Our lives are caught up in the planning, parties, gifts, and other such things. The cries of those in need abound and we are overwhelmed by the need. Too often we turn a deaf ear because we feel we just can't meet all the needs that are presented to us.

Heal our hearts and spirits, Lord. Help us understand that you do not ask us to heal everything but rather to find a way in which we might lighten someone else's burden, as you have lightened our lives. Teach us to use our gifts for the common good, and that in helping, we find great and abundant joy. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

(a moment of silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

THE WORD

Anthem: “Mary, How Could You Have Known”.....Albrecht

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon:: “Gabriel Calls, Mary Responds”.....Rev. Audrey Reese

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn 19:** “To a Maid Engaged to Joseph”.....Edwards

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

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

Musical Offertory: “Once In Royal David's City”.....Alexander

(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 22 :** “Angels From the Realms of Glory”.....Smart

Benediction

UPCOMING SERMON: Join us for worship next Sunday! Our sermon title will be “Mary, Elizabeth and a Song of Love” with scripture readings from Luke 1:39-55. Bring a friend or friends to join us!