

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, Otto Tysland, Debbie Thrift, Trey Bratcher, 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!

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

If you signed up to ring the bell, please check the schedule in the narthex for your time or see Joey Roeder. Thanks so much!

JOY GIFT LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars for a time of fellowship and delicious food for our Joy Gift luncheon! We will meet in Gossett Hall immediately following worship on **December 15th**. Bring your favorite dish and/or dessert to share. Meat and drinks will be provided. 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.

SESSION

Clerk: Brad Stancil

Mission/Outreach: Nita McMillan

Christian Faith & Development: Debbie Therriault

Property: John Merritt

Stewardship/Finance: Shepherd Chuites

Congregational Care: Joey Roeder

Worship: Steve Wray

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

11:00 A.M

GATHERING

Prelude: “Angels We Have Heard on High”.....Chadwick

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

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

Advent Song

Kindle this flame of peace, 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.

***Hymn 2:** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”.....Prichard

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We confess, Gracious God, that we have not always turned to you for guidance. At times, we have allowed the world’s time to dominate your time. Forgive us for our sins of hurriedness and impatience. Forgive us when we have slumbered instead of remaining alert, waiting and watching for you.

Forgive us for allowing the world’s fears to become our fears. Shine upon us this Advent season so that we may be restored unto you. Guide us into your time. As we call upon your name, hear our prayers and give us life. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

(a moment of silent reflection)

Assurance of pardon and passing of the peace

THE WORD

Anthem: “Waiting for a King”.....Lau

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Scripture: Luke 1:5-25

Sermon: “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent”.....Rev. Audrey Reese

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn 5:** “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”.....*French Carol*

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

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

Musical Offertory: “The First Noel”.....*English Carol*

(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 341:** “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”.....Crosby

Benediction

UPCOMING SERMON: Join us for worship next Sunday! Our sermon title will be “Gabriel Calls, Mary Responds” with scripture readings from Luke 1:26-38. Bring a friend or friends to join us!