

THE CHRISMON.....Barry Burden

**A Reading**

**People:** Let us use words, signs and symbols to share the story of Christ's birth to all who hunger for something more, who long for good news in a bleak world. Give us the courage to proclaim the good news of the gospel for the salvation of humankind.

**A Chrismon Tree Hymn:** "O Beauteous Tree, So Fair and Bright"  
Text: Don Reid

**The Lighting of the Tree.....**Rev. Audrey H. Reese

Leader: "Let there be light," our Creator said. There was light, and it was good.

**People: "I am the light of the world," Jesus said. He is the light that shines in the darkness.**

Leader: "The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who have lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this."

It takes just one small flame on one little candle to chase the darkness away. Yet the more candles we can light, the brighter and more hopeful things can get.

**People: Light the candles and lights in the sanctuary to help us resist the dark. Light the candles in our hearts, O God, to help us share your life.**

**\*Congregational Hymn: O Christmas Tree**

**\*Benediction**

Welcome! We are so glad you could join us today. We hope you found this service a meaningful way to embark on our Advent journey. Please take a moment and fill out a contact card so we can stay in touch with you!



# Hangings of the Greens

THE WORD BECAME FLESH  
AND MADE HIS HOME AMONG US.

~JOHN 1:14



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

## First Sunday in Advent

November 30, 2025

11:00 A.M.

### GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

#### THE BELLS

**\*Call to Worship**.....Rev. Audrey H. Reese

Leader: "In the days to come, the mountains of the Lord's house shall be established in the highest mountains, and shall be raised above the hill; all the nations shall stream to it. Many people shall come and say:

**People: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths."**

Leader: The bells have called us on our Advent journey. It is a journey through the miles and the centuries of our customs, the customs of many lands and many people.

**People: 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.**

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

**\*Hymn 106:** "Prepare the Way, O Zion".....Franzen

#### THE ADVENT WREATH

De and Robert French

Reader 1: Advent is a time of expectation, a time of waiting. We light the candles on the Advent wreath each week to remind us that something is happening, and something more is to come.

**People: We will keep awake as our anticipation grows each week.**

Reader 2: A reading from the gospel according to Mark:

"Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

**Advent Song** (see insert)

### THE POINSETTIA

A Reading

Becky Black

Congregational response:

As we reflect on this symbol of the star that lead the wisemen to Jesus, we confess that we do not always follow God's light. Too often, we go our own way, seeking our own paths. Let this blooming flower remind us of God's passion for us, in the life and death of his son and our savior, Jesus Christ.

**Carol: O Flower of this Holy Night** (see insert)

#### THE GREENS

A Reading

Debbie Therriault

Congregational Response:

**In Jesus Christ, we are made into a new creation, and given new life. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen, Alleluia!**

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**Carol: "Deck The Halls"** (see insert).....Welsh Carol

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