

IN OUR PRAYERS

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UPCOMING SERVICES

Our Christmas Eve service with candlelight and Communion will be this Thursday, December 24, at 7:00 pm. It will be a service of Lessons and Carols. The sermon title will be "The Hardest Thing: Experiencing God Now." Our parking lot will be open for you to tune in via FM radio station 95.9. You can join us via Facebook Live. We also still have a few seats available. If you would like to worship in the sanctuary, please let Rev. Audrey know **by Tuesday, December 22nd.**

PHASE ONE CONTINUES

We at Westminster Presbyterian Church are committed to the physical, spiritual, and emotional nourishment of the people of God. In compassionate love and concern for each other, everyone wears a mask in our sanctuary. We also strongly encourage maintaining social distancing before, during and after worship. In order to continue gathering for in-person worship, we must remain diligent and faithful in our procedures and precautions. If you have any questions about our Phase One policy, please do not hesitate to ask any member of Session.

VIRTUAL SOUP AND STUDY TIME CHANGE

We will wrap up our Advent Soup and Study on Zoom Wednesday, **December 23rd at 10 am.** We encourage everyone who wants to "zoom in" to go ahead and finish *The Hardest Things* devotional so that we can discuss the rest of the book. Hard copies are available at the back of the sanctuary, and an electronic copy is available in our weekly updates.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 20, 2020

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING

Prelude: A Collection of Christmas Carols.....WPC Choir Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath.....Barry Burden

Hymn 384, verse 4: "Soon and Very Soon".....Crouch

Prayer of Invocation

We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; Our souls magnify the Lord; With our mouths we proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations. Our spirits rejoice in God our savior. We declare that your steadfast love is established forever; His mercy is to those who fear him from generation to generation. Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. You are our God and the Rock of our salvation.

***Hymn 88:** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"Weaver
Verses 1,2,6, and 7

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

When our spirits despair and we deny our blessedness,

Forgive us, O God.

When we ignore the mighty things you have done,

When we doubt your mercy,

Forgive us, O God.

When we are proud

in the thoughts of our hearts,

When our power rests on the oppression of others,

When our wealth causes others to go hungry,

forgive us, O God.

(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 1:26-38, 46-55

Sermon: "The Hardest People to Love"Rev. Audrey H. Reese

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn 110:** "Love Has Come"Bible

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***The Nicene Creed** (*Glory to God, p. 34*)

Gloria Patri (*Glory to God Hymnal, no.. 581*)

Offertory: "Once in Royal David's City"Gauntlett

***Doxology** (*Glory to God Hymnal, no. 606*)

SENDING

***Hymn 136:** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"Work

***Benediction**

*** Postlude:** "Birthday of A King"Billings