

IN OUR PRAYERS

Kathy Darnell, Robbie McClure (Marie Dunnam's brother) Elizabeth Christensen (Kathy Skillen's niece), Arthur Skillen (Kathy Skillen's brother) Bob Hartness (Rev. Audrey's dad), Clifton Mabry, Sam and Edna Dillard, Kathy Skillen, Joel Thrift, Al and Annie Belauskus, Sue Costa, (Paula Meades and Shari Waldo's friend), Arlene Touart (Sherry Moats' aunt), and Erin Wood (Wendy Linhart's daughter, who has been deployed to serve our country).

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Thank you to everyone who had a part in making our Hanging of the Greens service so extra special! Special thanks to Steven Dover for his decorating and staging expertise!

THORNWELL AND COLLINS HOME FOR CHILDREN

We are so happy to report that we raised \$550 to support these most worthy mission projects. Session also approved adding \$450.00 to the offering so that we can give each organization \$500. Thank you for your generosity!

ANGEL TREE RECIPIENTS

This year, we will be blessing the residents of Lakeview Assisted Living with gifts from our Angel Tree! Please have your gifts wrapped, labeled and under the tree no later than after worship next Sunday!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE MEETING

Circle will meet tomorrow, December 5th in Gossett Hall at 4:30 pm.

We will hear the story of Ruth with Rev. Audrey as our Bible study leader. If you would like to participate in the Christmas ornament exchange, please bring one! Also, bring a goodie to share if you'd like!

CANTATA AND JOY POT LUCK LUNCHEON

Next Sunday, December 11th will be our annual Christmas cantata and Joy Luncheon. We will be singing Robert Lau's "Let Us Adore Him." This cantata features many songs for the congregation to sing along! Don't miss this most special service! We will meet in Gossett Hall immediately following worship for lunch. Please bring a side and/or dessert to share.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING

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

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle.....De French
Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free; From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Prayer of Invocation

***Hymn 104:** “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”.....Gerhardt

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord of Christmas Peace, we have done wrong. We have tarnished the gift you gave freely.

We have buried you so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn't see you. We have not followed Christ and we have ignored your teachings. We have lived lives of apathy against your love and have built fences and fortresses to push people away. We have silenced the screams of those in need.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our sin. Free us from our captivity. Free us to a life lived in Joy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(a moment of silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace: *During the cold and flu season, we will pass the peace with words of peace rather than physical signs of peace.*

THE WORD

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

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

New Testament Scripture: Romans 15:12-13

Sermon: “A Tangible Hope”.....Rev. Audrey Reese

Prayers of The People and the Lord's Prayer

***Apostles Creed** (*The Glory to God Hymnal* p. 35)

Gloria Patri (*The Glory to God Hymnal*, p. 581)

***Hymn 92:** “While We Are Waiting, Come”.....Cason

Offertory: “The First Noel”.....Gardner

***Doxology** (*The Glory to God Hymnal*, No. 606)

SENDING

***Hymn 132:** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”.....Jones

Benediction

UPCOMING SERMON: Join us next Sunday, December 11th for our annual Christmas cantata. We will be singing “Let Us Adore Him” by Robert Lau. Please join us for this most special service! Bring a friend or friends to join us. We will be having a dinner immediately following worship in Gossett Hall.