



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Eugene, Oregon
“At Home” Worship
December 24, 2020
7:30 pm Service

Gathering Around God’s Word

If you are worshipping with another family member or with children, you are invited to have different voices share and read the various parts of the service. You can also call/FaceTime someone to worship together. (If you have a prayer request you would like added to the At- Home Worship service, please email Brooke.office@wpceugene.org)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

OPENING HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

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CALL TO CONFESSION

In Jesus Christ, the grace of God has appeared, bringing light to us all. With confidence in him, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, we confess that, like the shepherds, we are frightened by your glory, for in glory’s light we see plainly all that is wrong in the world. We also see what is wrong in us, and how we do not practice the peace you intend. Forgive us, we pray, and help us not to be afraid. Like the shepherds, we want to follow and find you. In the Savior’s name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ, the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, on this night of all nights, may we make room for you. Let your word be born in us anew so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, your splendor shines in us and through us. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 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.

New Testament Reading: Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

CAROLS

O Holy Night	Robin Burk
Star Child	Katie and Tom Stocks, Steve and Jeanie Halberg
A Carol for Advent	Steve and Jeanie Halberg

Giving Thanks for God's Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the

power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Bread and the Cup

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending of God's Word

CLOSING HYMN

Silent Night, Holy Night

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