



Welcome to Worship

Angels Among Us



December 15, 2024

The mission of Westminster Presbyterian Church:
Creatively sharing Christ's love; we welcome, we serve, we grow.

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PRELUDE

Betsy Romeo

WELCOME

Pastor Kelly

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michele Hare, Worship Assistant

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Wendy Crane, Stephen Ministers

*SONG

Christ Be Our Light

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Tanabe Family

SPECIAL MUSIC

Go Tell It on the Mountain

New Song Chimes Choir

*SONG

Messiah

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*SONG

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hymnal #82

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, Creator of Wonder and Delight, we have fallen into the crevices of worry. We have allowed the preoccupation of what was said in the past and will happen in the future to distract us from embodying joy in the present. Clear a pathway to our souls so that we can find levity and delight again. May we find ways from the chasms of concern to the daylight of hopefulness and joy. Amen.

ASSURANCE (SUNG)

Grace of God Be With Us

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:18-25

Worship Assistant & Friends

(adapted from *The Voice* translation)

SERMON

Pastor Kelly

SPECIAL MUSIC

Here With Us

Worship Team

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNAL PRAYER

Holy Lord of the Ages, as the memories of happiness sweep back into our minds, we delight in the Advent blessing of joy. Such blissfulness turns our spirits from the lengthened nights to God's Divine Light which will be arriving soon. Like the saints of yesteryear, we celebrate together, rejoicing in the season, and knowing the best is yet to come. Amen.

OFFERING

FEATURING SPECIAL MUSIC

Christmas Fantasia

Handbell Choir

*DOXOLOGY

(Tune: O Come, O Come Emmanuel Hymnal #88)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all Spirit messengers below.

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SONG

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Hymnal #93

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Kelly

POSTLUDE

Ariana Recher

*Stand as you are able

Recite words in bold together

Children are welcome to join the Sunday School class downstairs at the beginning of service. Please pick them up when service is over.

Sign up in the narthex to provide flowers for the sanctuary one Sunday.

Teal colored attendance pads are at the center aisle of your row. Please fill it out and pass it down the row, returning it to the center when done. Leave completed sheets on your seat as you leave.