



# Welcome to Worship

*Angels Among Us*



December 1, 2024

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

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PRELUDE

Ariana Recher

WELCOME

Pastor Kelly

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rachelle Hughes, Worship Assistant

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Youth

SONG

**Christ Be Our Light**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Fair Family

\*SONG

**My Soul Magnifies**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*SONG

**Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice**

Hymnal #163

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the Possible and Probable, gloom often encapsulates us when life is confusing and conflict is great. Our faith is rattled, and we are swallowed by shadows of fear. The world often feels like the end is near even when a new beginning is around the corner. We forget that even when shadows have lengthened, there remains a crack in the surface. Light begins to stream into our space, and warmth dances upon our hearts. When fear unnerves us, may we cling to the hope of God's love and the possibilities of joy once again. Amen.**

ASSURANCE (SUNG)

**Sanctuary**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ramona & Bob Morris

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:5-25, 57-80

Worship Assistant, Dick Hughes,  
and Susan Ray

**Line 1: Praying, praying, praying!**

**Line 2: I wonder why Zacharias hasn't come out of the sanctuary yet?!**

**Line 3: That name is found nowhere in your family. Zacharias, what do YOU want the baby's name to be?**

**Line 4: Wow!**

SERMON

Pastor Kelly

SONG

**Prepare the Way**

COMMUNION

COMMUNAL PRAYER

**Congregation: Earth-maker, life-giver, pain-bearer,  
Source of all that is and all that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God in whom is heaven:**

Worship Assistant: May the hallowing of your name  
Echo through the universe!  
May your heavenly will be done  
By all creatures great and small!  
And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
Sustain our hope and come on earth!

**Congregation:**        **With the bread we need this day, feed us.  
For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.  
By your grace and mercy,  
Strengthen us through times of temptation  
And spare us from trials too great to endure.  
Free us from bigotry and evil, for service and truth.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love. Amen.**

OFFERING

\*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

**Blest Are They**

Hymnal #172 (vs 1, 2, 4)

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Kelly

POSTLUDE

Ariana Recher

\*Stand as you are able  
Recite words in bold together

*Children are welcome to come to the playground table throughout the service.*

If you would like to provide flowers for worship, please sign up in the narthex.

*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.*