

This Week at Westminster

Welcome guests! We're delighted that you've come to worship with us here at Westminster this morning. We pray that God will bless you richly through the service and the welcome of our congregation and that you'll worship with us again soon.

Adult Sunday School at Westminster: Please join us this morning as Bob and Joanne Tanzia give an update of their work with MTW in Spain.

College Exam Brunch - we are hosting brunch for our college and college age students in the parlor today during the Sunday School hour to support and encourage them during exam week.

Youth Planning Meeting: This afternoon - December 2 at 4:30 pm in the Parlor.

Growth Groups for Adults: We offer several men's, women's, and mixed groups for study, fellowship and prayer throughout the week. To see the full list of available groups, pick up an information card at the Resource Center in the lobby or select 'Adult Groups and Classes' under 'Ministries' on the homepage of the church website.

This Week & Beyond

Wednesday Night Youth Group meets this week. All Middle and High School students are invited to meet in the church parlor from 6:15-8 pm for a light supper, singing, and a Bible Study as we work through Ephesians.

Student Choir: Rehearses on Wednesday nights in the Sanctuary Classroom. For more information, email music.wpc.hsv@gmail.com or contact Rebecca Johnson.

- Youth Ensemble (5th-12th grade) meets 5:45 – 6:15 pm
- Student Choir (2nd-5th grade) meets 6:15 – 6:45 pm
- Beginning Choir (4yo-1st grade) meets 6:45 – 7:15 pm

Crown Club Events: See Juanita Service or Ann Streeter to sign up or for more info.

- *Hallelujah Chorus Concert* at First Baptist Church on this Friday, Dec. 7th at 10 am (lunch to follow for \$6.00). (deadline is TODAY).
- *Crown Club Christmas Party* at Gibson's BBQ on S. Pkwy on Wednesday, Dec. 12th at 10:30 am (with fellowship to follow at the Services home). Bring a wrapped gift to exchange. Deadline is Monday, Dec. 10th. Sign up on the Blue Sheet today.

Annual Christmas Fellowship: Please join us for our annual Christmas Fellowship (a light reception of finger foods) following our Service of Nine Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 16th. We request that every family please bring a plate of finger foods (e.g., sausage balls, cut up fruit, cheese, pastries or gluten-free options, etc.) on a nice plate the morning of Sunday, December 16th. We also need help with setup, so please consider signing up to help on Saturday, December 15th, from 9-10 am or on Sunday, December 16th, from 8:45-9:25 am. To sign up go to our website homepage and scroll down to events or sign up on the blue sheet today. (Childcare will **not** be available during fellowship time).

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary: Help us decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias this Christmas. Flowers may be dedicated in memory or honor of a loved one; names will appear in the bulletin. You can purchase a medium plant for \$8 or a large plant for \$17 for display each Sunday of Advent and then take it home after the Christmas Eve Candlelight service. **TODAY is the deadline to order a poinsettia!** Just complete the enclosed dedication form and turn it in with payment either to the church office or in the designated box in the lobby. Be sure to note 'Poinsettia Drive' on the memo line of your check. Questions? Contact Suzanne Wellborn at 256-585-9461.

Pastor and Mrs. Hammond will host a **"Mystery Dinner"** for the senior high youth on Thursday, Dec. 20. Welcome at 5:00, dinner served at 5:30. Address - "Dave's Diner" @ 166 Derwent Lane, Huntsville, Al 35810 (Callington Estates, off Bob Wade Lane) RSVP by Sunday, Dec. 16 - david.hammond@wca-hsv.org Y'all come now!

Save the Date! The **Roots Retreat** is the Providence Presbytery's annual winter retreat. This retreat provides Gospel-centered teaching, worship, and fellowship for the youth in our presbytery. Make plans to join us the weekend of January 25-27, 2019 at *Camp ToknowHim!!* Watch for more info.

Dinners of Eight—Sign up Now! Dinners of Eight are a way for us to get better acquainted with each other here at WPC. Each month, beginning in January, eight people will get together for dinner at someone's house (or at a restaurant if that works better). The host will supply the main dish and bread, while the others will be assigned to bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert to share. Groupings and assignments will rotate each month so that when the cycle concludes, everyone will have had dinner and fellowship with 24 different people. Interested? Sign-up on the blue sheet today!

Sunday's Servants

SERVING	TODAY: Dec 2, 2018	NEXT WEEK: Dec 9, 2018
NURSERY – Morning Worship	Daniel & Meghan Palmer, Damon & Stephaine Lares	Kate Gunn, Stephanie Wellman, Terrie Dsouza
	Lauren Johannesmeyer	Sydney Knight, Ava Rutledge
	Jonathan & Alyssa Knight	Anna Bosma
NURSERY – Sunday School	Laura Diaz	
		Samuel Fulcher
NURSERY – Evening Worship	Annabelle Lowrance	Donna & Curry Knight
HEAD USHER	Joey Lauderdale	Jay Lauderdale
SEXTON COUNTER	Paul Galloway, John Kirkwood	John Kirkwood, Matt Harness
SOUND	Clif Barnes, Jacqueline Bryant	Clif Barnes, Eric Fulcher
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	Mark Linker	Mark Linker
COMMUNION SET UP	Jonathan Knight	----
WCA DOOR MONITOR	Scott Nicol, Gayle Moody	Logan Bryant

	December 2018			Attendance for Nov 25, 2018
	General	Missions		
YTD Actual	\$708,389	\$60,212		Morning Worship - 301
YTD Budget	\$751,667	\$64,167		Sunday School - 186
Annual Budget	\$820,000	\$70,000		No Evening Worship

<u>Pastoral Staff</u>		
Joe Steele	Sr. Pastor	joe.steele@wpc-hsv.org
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WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 2, 2018

A BEACON OF HOPE

OFFERING LIFE AND LIGHT
IN CHRIST TO THOSE IN
DARKNESS, HERE AND
AROUND THE WORLD



*"In Him was life, and this life
was the light of men."
John 1:4*



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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 4 pm

Morning Worship

9:30 A.M.

The Prelude

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
(arr. Livingston, Jr. and McAfee)

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
(Hymnal # 535)

The Welcome and Announcements

The Preparation for Worship

Of the Father's Love Begotten
(Hymnal #162, vv 1, 2, 5)

Sanctuary Choir

† The Call to Worship

Isaiah 7:13-14, Philippians 2:5-8

Pastor: And Isiah said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel”.

Congregation: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

† The Hymn of Praise

O Come, All Ye Faithful

#208

† The Invocation 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 Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism (Q. 76)

Q. What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ and to drink His shed blood?

A. **First, to accept with a believing heart all the suffering and the death of Christ, and so receive forgiveness of sins and life eternal. Second, to be united more and more to His sacred body through the Holy Spirit, who lives both in Christ and in us. Therefore, although Christ is in heaven and we are on earth, yet we are flesh of His flesh and bone of His bones, and we forever live and are governed by one Spirit, as the members of our body are by one soul.**

† The Gloria Patri

#735

The Call to Repentance

Psalms 130:1-4
Church Bible, pg. 518

The Silent Confession of Personal Sins

† Congregation Standing

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful God, you have searched us, and you know us; you are acquainted with all our ways. We confess our sinfulness before you and seek your forgiveness. We have failed in our duty; we have forgotten our high calling; we have fallen into many temptations. We have dishonored your name; we have injured our neighbors; we have hurt our own souls. Give us, we pray, the spirit of true repentance, that we may turn from our sins and forsake them with our whole heart; and in your great love, have mercy on us and absolve us from our guilt; for the sake of your dear Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

John 3:16-17, Church Bible, pg. 888

† The Hymn of Preparation

Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

#230

The Prayer of Intercession and Dedication

Mr. Bill Emrich

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

In the Bleak Midwinter, Long Ago
Gustav Holst/K. Lee Scott

Sanctuary Choir

In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him nor earth sustain,
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter a stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty - Jesus Christ.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a Shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him - Give my heart.

The Scripture Lesson

Acts 20:13-38, Church Bible, pg. 929

The Prayer for Illumination

The Proclamation of the Word of God

“Our Purpose”

Mr. Bob Tanzie

† The Communion Hymn

#194, vv 1-3

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The inner circles of cups contain wine and the outer circle contains grape juice. The bread is gluten free. Please hold each element until all have been served so that we may partake together.

Mr. Joe Steele

The Deacons' Offering

Compassion Hymn

(Gettys and Townend, arr. Koerts)

It is our custom to receive an offering for those in financial need, both in the congregation and the wider community, as our response of thanksgiving for the grace received in the Supper.

† The Communion Hymn

#194, vv 4-5

† The Benediction

† The Doxology

#731

† The Postlude

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending
(Olivers, arr. Osman)

Miss Bertha Dykstra

Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

The Prelude

Advent Prayer
(Giamanco)

O Come, Emmanuel
(arr. Krug)

The Welcome and Announcements

† Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:1-5

Pastor: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

Congregation: A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Pastor: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Congregation: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

† The Hymn of Praise

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

#197

† The Invocation

Encouraging One Another with Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs & Prayer

The Offertory

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
(Prichard, arr. Pethel)

The Teaching of the Word of God

Touched by “The” Angel
Mark 1:35-45

Mr. David Hammond

Church Bible, pg. 837

† The Hymn of Response

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

#207

† The Benediction

† The Doxology

#731

† The Postlude

God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again

Miss Bertha Dykstra

Aids to Worship

To use the church's Wi-Fi, select WPC Guest and enter 'matthew633' when asked.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

Binders with today's hymns and readings in large print are available at the round table in the lobby. Please return them there after the service.

To hear an audio of today's sermons again, go www.wpc-hsv.org and click on the link at the bottom right corner of the home page.

If providentially hindered from attending worship on the Lord's Day, you can still join us for the morning service via video-streaming. Simply go to www.wpc-hsv.org and select “Watch Live” on the menu bar at the top of the page.