

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 10

4:00 pm Ordination and Installation of Jennifer Marshall

Monday, December 11

5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, December 12

5:30 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting

5:30 pm Handbells play at Magnolia Court

Wednesday, December 13

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, December 14

12:15 pm Mid Day Noel

Sunday, December 17

Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Children's Choir Practice

10:45 am Handbell Concert

11:00 am Worship Service

3:00 pm Caroling

5:30 pm Dinner and Santa Visit

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Nacogdoches, Texas



The Annunciation
Pedro Berruguete (1450-1504)

December 10, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent

*The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,*

*“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will
prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”*

Mark 1:1-3

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

December 10, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Voluntary

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.
We are preparing ourselves for the days "when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither shall they learn war anymore." Isaiah 2:4

People: "The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them." Isaiah 11:6

Solo: *Light Two Candles to Watch for Messiah* #85
Brenton Mattox, bass

Leader: "In accordance with God's promise we wait for new heavens and a new earth where righteousness is at home."
Second Peter 3:13

People: Let us worship God!

*Hymn: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #82

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God of forgiveness and mercy, hear our prayer as we confess our shortcomings and guilt. With moments so critical, we let time "just go by." With deliverance so near, we linger in the darkness. With Christ as our armor, we fear the unknown foe. With the night having passed, we still hesitate to greet the new day. O God, lead us forth, that the moment may be met. Dispel the shadows, so that your will may be clear. Clothed with light and new life in Christ, let us go forth as those who are awake.

Time for Personal Confession

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The garlands and wreaths were placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God by Peggy Wright in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Wright, Elizabeth Wright Rinker, Steele and Geneva Wright, Joe and Helen Wright, Tom Wright, Dick Wright, and Ray Rinker.

WESTMINSTER ADULT CHOIR

Soprano

Bobbie Ann Anderson
Margie Ball (emerita)
Mary Crocker
Kelley McAdams
Emily Rhoades
Chelsea Scott
Barbara Stump
Lisa Thompson
Marilyn Tutwiler

Alto

Carol Anne Alsdorf
Johanna Bruhn
Elise Gavin
Brianna Glaze
Myra McNellie
Robin Moore
Rachel Nelson
Sally Newton

Tenor

Johnny Brown
Bruce McNellie
Nathan Ponder
Larry Walker (emeritus)

Bass

Ron Anderson
David Ball
Greg Garcia
Jacob Garcia
Kevin Helmer
Norm Markworth
Brenton Mattox
Vance Rogers
James Van Kley

Deborah Dalton, director
James Pitts, organ

Reading: *Those Who Go to the Manger* Steve Newton

*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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.

*Hymn: *People, Look East* #105

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Michael Maurer Barbara Bahs
Amy Maurer Clarence Bahs

Shepherd: Lynnae Perdue

Liturgist: Carrie Moody

Reader: Clarence Bahs

Response: *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* Dvořák

Lord, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us, upon us.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

People: We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Leader: Friends, in Jesus Christ we know the grace of God and the amazing truth that in him we are forgiven of all our sin.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri: *Glory Be to the Father* #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory

*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; #606

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7, Mark 1:1-8

Time for Young Disciples

*Hymn:

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

#104

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

An Advent Hymn Festival

By Michael Burkhardt

Readings from the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

A Litany for Advent

Jenni and Zach Marshall

Leader 1: O Lord Jesus, you are WISDOM:

People: Savior of the nations, come

Leader 1: Come, and teach us.

Leader 2: O Lord Jesus, you are RULER:

People: Savior of the nations, come

Leader 2: Guide us with your mighty arm.

Leader 1: O Lord Jesus, you are the BRANCH OF JESSE:

People: Savior of the nations, come

Leader 1: Renew our faith in your promises.

Leader 2: O Lord Jesus, you are the KEY OF HEAVEN:

People: Savior of the nations, come

Leader 2: Open our hearts to receive you.

Leader 1: O Lord Jesus, you are the DAYSPRING:

People: Savior of the nations, come

Leader 1: Shine into the darkness of our lives.

Leader 2: O Lord Jesus, you are the KING:

People: Savior of the nations, come

Leader 2: Make us one family in your name.

Leader 1: O Lord Jesus, you are EMMANUEL:

People: Savior of the nations, come

Leader 1: Be with us now and evermore. Amen.

Mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.
 Since the King - dom now is here.
 As be - fits God's ho - ly reign!

To God's peo - ple now pro - claim That God's par - don
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for
 For the glo - ry of the Lord Now on earth is

waits for them! Tell them that their war is
 God a way! Let the val - leys rise to
 shed a - broad, And all flesh shall see the

o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er!
 meet him, And the hills bow down to greet him.
 to - ken That God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Johann Olearius, 1611-84

Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-78, alt.

from *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

Harm. by Claude Goudimel, ca. 1514-72

FREU DICH SEHR

All:

Unison: 1. "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple;
SATB: 2. For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing
Unison: 3. Straight shall be what long was crook - ed,

Tell of peace!" So says our God.
In the des - ert far and near,
And the rough - er plac - es plain!

Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
Call - ing us to true re - pen - tance
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

Latin Hymn, 12th cent.

Tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.

VENI EMMANUEL

a 15th cent. French Processional

Choir: 1. Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el,
Trebles: 2. Oh, come, our Wis - dom from on high,
Men: 3. Oh, come, oh, come, our Lord of might,
Choir: 4. Oh, come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,
All: 5. Oh, come, O Key of Da - vid, come,
Organ: 6. Oh, come, our Day - spring from on high,
All: 7. Oh, come, De - sire of na - tions, bind

And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
Who or - dered all things might - i - ly;
Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height
From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;
And cheer us by your draw - ing nigh;
In one the hearts of hu - man - kind;

That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
To us the path of knowl - edge show,
In an - cient times gave ho - ly law,
That trust your might - y pow'r to save;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
Oh, bid our sad di - vi - sions cease,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And teach us in her ways to go.
 In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 Bring them in vic - t'ry through the grave.
 And close the path to mis - er - y.
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 And be your - self our King of Peace.



Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el
 Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el
 Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el
 Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el
 Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el
 Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!
 Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!
 Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!
 Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!
 Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!
 Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!
 Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

The King of Glory

Willard Jabusch

KING OF GLORY
an Israeli folk melody

Refrain



All: The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.



O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.



Cantor: 1. Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?
 Men: 2. In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
 Trebles: 3. Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;
 All: 4. He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion,
 All: 5. He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en.



Trebles: He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.
 He goes a - mong his peo - ple cur - ing their ill - ness.
 In all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.
 He took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.
 And he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

He Comes to Us as One Unknown

Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926 REPTON
by C. H. H. Parry, 1848-1918, alt.



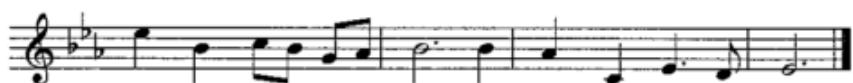
Choir: 1. He comes to us as one un-known, A
 Choir: 2. He comes when souls in si-lence lie And
 Trebles: 3. He comes to us in sound of seas, The
 Men: 4. He comes in love as once he came By
 All: 5. He comes in truth when faith is grown; Be -



breath un-seen, un-heard; As though with-in a
 thoughts of day de-part; Half-seen up-on the
 o-cean's fume and foam; Yet small and still up-
 flesh and blood and birth; To bear with-in our
 lieved, o-beyed, a-dored: The Christ in all the



heart of stone, Or shriv-eled seed in dark-ness sown, A
 in-ward eye, A fall-ing star a-cross the sky Of
 on the breeze, A wind that stirs the tops of trees, A
 mor-tal frame A life, a death, a sav-ing Name, For
 scrip-tures shown, As yet un-seen, but not un-known, Our



pulse of be-ing stirred, A pulse of be-ing stirred.
 night with-in the heart, Of night with-in the heart.
 voice to call us home, A voice to call us home.
 ev-'ry child of earth, For ev-'ry child of earth.
 Sav-ior and our Lord, Our Sav-ior and our Lord.

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

Luke 1:46-55 CONSOLATION (MORNING SONG)
Para. Miriam Therese Winter, b. 1938
Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part 2, 1813



All: 1. My soul gives glo-ry to my God.
 All: 2. My God has done great things for me:
 Choir: 3. From age to age, to all who fear,
 All in Canon: 4. Love casts the might-y from their thrones,
 All: 5. Praise God, whose lov-ing cov-e-nant



My heart pours out its praise.
 Yes, ho-ly is God's Name.
 Such mer-cy love im-parts,
 Pro-motes the in-se-cure,
 Sup-ports those in dis-tress,



God lift-ed up my low-li-ness
 All peo-ple will de-clare me blessed,
 Dis-pens-ing jus-tice far and near,
 Leaves hun-gry spir-its sat-is-fied,
 Re-mem-ber-ing past prom-is-es



In man-y mar-vel-ous ways.
 And bless-ings they shall claim.
 Dis-miss-ing self-ish hearts.
 The rich seem sud-den-ly poor.
 With pre-sent faith-ful-ness.

Savior of the Nations, Come

Latin Hymn *attr.* St. Ambrose, 340-397
 German Vers. Martin Luther, 1483-1546
 Tr. William Reynolds, 1812-76, *alt.*

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND
 from *Erfurt Enchiridia*, 1524
 Based on a 12th/13th cent. plainsong



Choir: 1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come;
 All: 2. Not by hu - man flesh and blood;
 Trebles: 3. Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child
 Men: 4. From the Fa - ther's throne he came
 All: 5. Praise to God the Fa - ther sing,



Vir - gin's Son, make here your home.
 By the Spir - it of our God
 Of the vir - gin un - de - filed!
 And as - cend - ed to the same,
 Praise to God the Son, our King,



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
 Was the Word of God made flesh—
 Though by all the world 'dis - owned,
 Cap - tive lead - ing death and hell—
 Praise to God the Spir - it be



That the Lord chose such a birth.
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 Yet to be in heav'n en - throned.
 High the song of tri - umph swell!
 Ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley, 1707-88, *alt.*

MEDELSSOHN
 by Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-47



All: 1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
 Choir: 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er -
 All: 3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
 last - ing Lord! Late in time be - hold him come,
 Righ - teous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



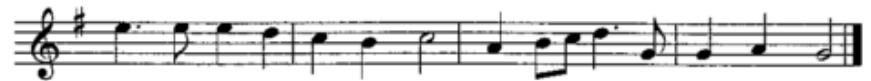
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye
 Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
 Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



na - tions, rise; Join the tri - umph of the skies; With th' an -
 God - head see; Hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty, Pleased in
 glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die, Born to



gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"
 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"
 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"