

NOVEMBER 27, 2022  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PREPARING  
*for the*  
PROMISE

WHITE MEMORIAL  
— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

Advent means *coming or arrival*, not “already arrived.” That is why the season of Advent is usually represented by: watching, waiting, listening, praying, anticipating, expecting, hoping, and **preparing**.

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*\* Please rise in body or spirit.*

### Greeting

Kirsten Homdrom

*One: The hope of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

**All: And also with you.**

*One: Let us prepare for worship.*

### Preparation for Worship

from Howard Thurman

*May the sounds of Advent stir a longing in your people, O God. Come again to set us free from the dullness of routine and the poverty of our imaginations. Break the patterns which bind us to small commitments and to the stale answers we have given to questions of no importance. Let the Advent trumpet blow, let the walls of our defenses crumble, and make a place in our lives for the freshness of your love, well-lived in the Spirit, and still given to all who know their need and dare receive it. Amen.*

### Prelude – ABERYSTWYTH

arr. Gerald Near

### Christian Welcome and Announcements

Andrew Amodei

Please pass the Friendship Register to your neighbor and include all requested information.

*Children through fifth grade will be invited forward for the lighting of the Advent Wreath, after which, they may return to their seats.*

### Call to Worship and Advent Wreath Lighting (*all singing*)

tune: CAROL; text: E.H. Sears

Now with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf-fered long; be-neath the heav'n-ly  
hymn have rolled two thou-sand years of wrong; and we at war on earth hear not the  
ti-dings that they bring; O, hush the noise and cease the strife to hear the an-gels sing!

*One: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”*

**All: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

*One: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.”*

**All: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.**

*- Psalm 122:1, 6, 9*

### Lighting the Candle of Hope

*One: Let us pray.*

**All: Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**



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\*Hymn 97 – *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

ABERYSTWYTH

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession from Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago

**Merciful God, always with us, always coming, we confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing of the Peace

*One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

\*Response Hymn 132 – stanza 2

IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Chris - tian friends, re - jice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of  
end-less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this! He has o-pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for-  
ev - er-more. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**Sacrament of Baptism**

(11:00) **Astrid Joan Olson**, child of Laura and Todd Olson

**Psalm Reading** – Psalm 122; pew Bible, p. 540

**Old Testament Reading** – Isaiah 2:1-5; pew Bible, p. 594

*One: The word of God for the people of God.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

(11:00) **A Time With Young Disciples**

At the 11:00 service, Kindergartners through 2nd Graders will meet with Caroline Britt at the door near the baptismal font, to be joined by Diane Britt from the OnPoint service for Worship Enrichment in L201.

**Sermon** – “*Finding Adventure in Advent*”

Cate Church Norman

\*Hymn 105 – *People, Look East*

BESANÇON

There are two voices in this hymn text: the traveler and the sentinel or “watchman.” In this dialogue, the traveler voices a question or request in lines one and three of each stanza. The replies of the watchman are given in lines two and four. (See Isaiah 21: 11-12.) As we “prepare for the promise,” and focus on HOPE this first Sunday of Advent, meditate on the images of starlight in the midst of darkness and the faint hint of dawning light.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Anne Galliher

**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.**

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

#### Offertory

(8:00 & 9:30) *A Little Child Shall Lead Them*

arr. Marilyn Biery

Kathy Hart, soprano; Roman Mock, oboe

*See what once Isaiah told: "Wolf and lamb shall live together."  
See an image, vivid, bold – grace enfolds us all forever,  
"And a little child shall lead them."*

*Cows shall graze where lions lie, peace and joy spring forth, unending;  
bears shall tend their young nearby, every split on earth is mending.  
"And a little child shall lead them."*

*Sing a prayer that calls for peace and an end to all division.  
Sing with love, that discord cease making real the prophets vision:  
"And a little child shall lead them."*

*Jesus was that little one come to know and heal our sorrow.  
Both our brother, and God's son, come to bring a new tomorrow,  
"And a little child shall lead them."  
- based on Isaiah 11: 6-9*

These three texts date to very early centuries of Christianity. "Plainsong" means they were originally sung without accompaniment or any embellishment. These plainsongs were used in monastic worshipping communities as early as the 5th century. However, they did not reach public worship, that is placed in hymnals, until the 18th and 19th centuries.

(11:00) *Three Advent Plainsongs*

arr. Karl Zinsmeister

WMPC Adult Choir

*Of the Father's love begotten,  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega;  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore! (Hymn 108; stanza 1)*

*Creator of the stars of night,  
your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, redeemer of us all,  
we pray you, hear us when we call. (Hymn 84; stanza 1)*

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. (Hymn 88; verse 1 and refrain)*

**\*Offertory Response Hymn 144 – stanza 4**

CRANHAM

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shep - herd,  
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.

Christina Rossetti (1830-94) was a writer of romantic, devotional, and children's poems. She penned two Christmas carols: In the Bleak Midwinter and Love Came Down at Christmas, both of them more widely known in her native England than in the US. If you are unfamiliar with this carol, find the full poem/text at Hymn 144. This tune was written by British composer Gustav Holst for *The English Hymnal* of 1906.

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Hymn 83 – Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

STUTTGART

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Chiming of the Trinity**

The worship service ends with the Chiming of the Trinity.  
Please be mindful of those who remain to listen to the postlude.

**Postlude – *Divinum Mysterium***

arr. Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

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**Advent Wreath Lighters**

8:00 am - Siobhan and Press Millen

9:30 am - Mary & Nelson Freeman

11:00 am - Charlie Flynn, Lucy Harris, Hunter Leon,  
Lauren Elizabeth Perry, Emily Peters

**Cover art:** O Little Town of Bethlehem by Mike Torevell

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## WELCOME TO WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

We are glad you are worshiping with us.  
Visiting? Deacons can be found in the Narthex  
to offer a friendly greeting, answer  
questions and provide directions.  
New members are received after attending  
*Believing & Belonging @WMPC* Class.  
Visit [whitememorial.org/join](http://whitememorial.org/join)  
or contact Elizabeth Viohl at ext. 206  
for details, class dates and registration.

### THINGS TO KNOW:

- **Restrooms** are located on the hallway to Jane Bell Gathering Space on the Pulpit side and also on the first floor of the Luther Building.
- **Childcare** is available for children up to four years old.
- **Sunday School** is offered at 9:30 for all ages.
- **Refreshments** Coffee stations are located in The Connector and Main Hall
- **The Sanctuary** has a loop hearing aid system and an FM system.
- **Live-streamed services** are at [whitememorial.org](http://whitememorial.org).
- **Radio**, WPTF 680 AM, every other Sunday at 11:00 a.m.: next broadcast is today November 27.
- **Bulletins** left in the sanctuary following worship services are recycled as part of our care for God's creation.



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

### PASTORAL & PROGRAM STAFF:

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Each Sunday we offer four opportunities for you to worship with us at White Memorial in the Sanctuary and OnPoint@1704 in the Main Hall. While you will notice differences in music, location and worship leadership among our different services, what unites us in our worship is our scripture, liturgy and sermon. All services use the same Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, readings from Scripture and Affirmation of Faith.

## JOYS & CONCERNS

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

**Lisa and Rick Crumpler** on the birth of their grandson,  
Callan Gray Crumpler, November 19,  
child of Mary Kensley and Tyler Crumpler.

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### GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN 2023 UPDATE

As of Wednesday, November 23, we have received 561 pledges representing \$3.134 million towards our goal of \$4.175 million/1,000 pledging households. If you would like to make a pledge, please visit [www.whitememorial.org/give](http://www.whitememorial.org/give). Thank you for your generosity.

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### NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR NEW OFFICERS

The Churchwide Nominating Committee starts meeting in mid-January to consider nominations for church Elders and Deacons, class of 2026. Nominations are now being accepted. Please give prayerful consideration to placing a church member into nomination for these critical leadership roles. [The nomination form can be found online](#). All recommendations must be received by January 9, 2023.

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

*in the manner of Christ*

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 27

*Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36*

### Healing Through Grief

through December 18 | 4:30-6:00 p.m. | C204

### Oak City Cares

2:30-5:00 p.m. | Off premises

Contact Debbie Fox at [debfox@bellsouth.net](mailto:debfox@bellsouth.net)

## MONDAY | NOVEMBER 28

*Psalm 90; Numbers 17:1-11; 2 Peter 3:1-18*

### Pickleball at WMPC!

2:00-4:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

### Healing Through Grief

Mondays through December 12

6:30-8:00 p.m. | Zoom

## TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 29

*Psalm 90; 2 Samuel 7:18-29; Revelation 22:12-16*

### Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Breakfast Line | 7:00 a.m. | Main Hall

Bible Study | 7:30 a.m. | In-person or Zoom

[Registration required](#)

### Women's Breakfast & Fellowship

7:00-8:00 a.m. | The Hub

Women of all ages are invited to come for a hot breakfast, fellowship, study and prayer. Hosted by Circle M.

## WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 30

*Psalm 90; Isaiah 1:24-31; Luke 11:29-32*

### Pickleball at WMPC!

2:00-4:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

### Wednesdays Together Dinner

5-6:30 p.m. | Main Hall-Edinburgh Building

Make your reservations by 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 27.

### Midweek Advent Worship

6:30-7:00 pm. Sanctuary Chancel

We invite you to this very special midweek Advent worship service as we prepare our hands for hope.

## THURSDAY | DECEMBER 1

*Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:5-12; Philippians 1:12-18a*

### AARP Safe Driving Class

Thursday | December 1 | 12:30-4:30 p.m. C200

Join us for this AARP safe driving class. Fee to be paid at the class: \$20 for AARP members, \$25 for non-members.

### Keenagers

10:45 a.m. | Geneva Hall & Zoom

Rhonda Narron from SHIP will discuss Medicare options.

## FRIDAY | DECEMBER 2

*Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:13-18; Philippians 1:18b-26*

### Children's Movie Night: The Star

6:00-8:00 p.m. C200

Children in Kindergarten-5th grade are invited. Pre-registration is required. Be sure and bring your sleeping bag! Pizza is \$5.00/person. No outside food or drink.

## SATURDAY | DECEMBER 3

*Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 4:1-6; Luke 9:1-6*

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## SAVE THE DATES

### Joy Gift:

#### A WMPC Family Worship Tradition

Sunday | December 4 | 5:30 p.m.

During the Joy Gift Service, the Christmas Story will unfold through lessons and carols. Children ages four through 5th grade will come forward to the WMPC Christmas tree with ornaments that were made in Sunday School. Childcare is provided for children three and younger.

### Sounds on Oberlin: Carol Fest

Sunday | December 11 | 4:30-5:10 p.m. | Sanctuary

Dinner | Main Hall (dinner reservations required by December 2) Led by WMPC children's, youth, and adult choirs assisted by a variety of instrumentalists, attendees will join in singing dozens of treasured and new carols for the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. Designed to be participatory and engaging for all ages, this brief program will be followed by dinner from 5:15-6:30 p.m. in the Main Hall. Dinner reservations are required and must be made by 5:00 p.m. on December 2.

### Baptism and Belonging

Wednesday | January 4 | 5:30-7:00 p.m. | Geneva Hall

Baptism and Belonging is a workshop for parents of children under three who would like to present their children for Baptism. In this workshop, parents learn about the significance of the Sacrament of Baptism, go over logistical details, connect with fellow parents, and get an overview of a child's faith journey at WMPC. Expectant parents are also invited to attend. Baptism and Belonging is offered quarterly in January, April, July and October. Dinner and childcare are provided. Registration now open for January 2023.

### WMPC Women's Retreat

February 3-5, 2023 | Pinehurst

Registration open!

[whitememorial.org/register](http://whitememorial.org/register)

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**Shortcuts!** Find out what's happening around White Memorial during the week. Register for events. Request a prayer. All this can be found in one location. Simply scan the QR code with your smart phone.

# Christmas Eve Worship Services

Saturday | December 24

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE BELL SERVICES

3:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

6:30 pm. & 11:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. | Main Hall | Edinburgh Building

Childcare available for 6:30 service



Sunday | December 25

Combined Worship Service | Sanctuary

10:30 a.m.


Sunday | January 1


Combined Worship Service | Main Hall


10:30 a.m.




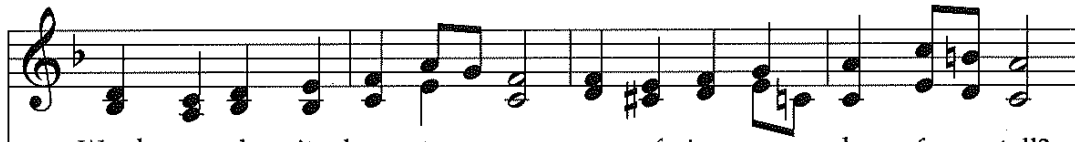
# Watchman, Tell Us of the Night 97

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 1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom-ise are.  
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high-er yet that star as-cends.  
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn-ing seems to dawn.





  
 Trav-eler, what a won-drous sight: see that glo-ry-beam-ing star.  
 Trav-eler, bless-ed-ness and light, peace and truth its course por-tends.  
 Trav-eler, shad-ows take their flight; doubt and ter-ror are with-drawn.



  
 Watch-man, does its beau-teous ray news of joy or hope fore-tell?  
 Watch-man, will its beams a-lone gild the spot that gave them birth?  
 Watch-man, you may go your way; has-ten to your qui-et home.



  
 Trav-eler, yes; it brings the day, prom-ised day of Is-ra-el.  
 Trav-eler, a-ges are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.  
 Trav-eler, we re-joice to-day, for Em-man-u-el has come!



\*May be sung antiphonally.

This unusual dialogue hymn alternates between the voice of a traveler and that of a watchman, setting up an exchange that creates parallels between the coming of dawn and the birth of Christ. The tune is named for a Welsh town whose name means "mouth of the bending river."

# 105

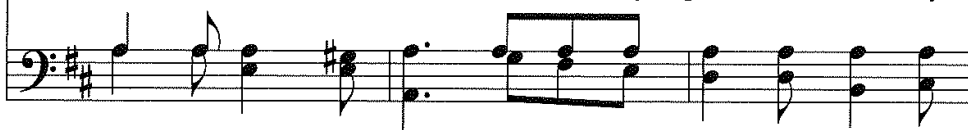
## People, Look East



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the  
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more  
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the  
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more  
 5 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who



crow - ning of the year. Make your house fair as you are  
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to  
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are  
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y  
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley



Peo - ple, look



a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.  
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.  
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.  
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.  
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.



east and sing to - day:



Peo - ple, look east:

Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
 Love, the Bird, is on the way.  
 Love, the Star, is on the way.  
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Peo - ple, look east:

(Love is on the way.)



# 83 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,  
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744  
MUSIC: Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715, alt.

STUTTGART  
8.7.8.7  
(alternate tune: HYFRYDOL, 82)