



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 3, 2023

Evening Service

6 PM

PRELUDE

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (Hymn 216)
Silent Night (Hymn 210)
Carol of the Bells/We Three Kings
Susan Hagan & Patricia Bleecker, *pianists*

arr. G. Martin
arr. J. Raney
arr. B. Inman

WELCOME

Dr. Walker

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 311 *

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

AURELIA

INVOCATION *

ADVENT MUSICAL OFFERING

Youth Choir

Creator of the Stars of Night

arr. J. Scott

Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light, O Jesu, Savior of us all, regard thy servants when they call. Thou, grieving at the bitter cry of all creation doomed to die, didst come to save a ruined race with healing gifts of heav'nly grace. Thou camest, bridegroom of the bride, as drew the world to eveningtide, proceeding from a virgin shrine, the Son of Man, yet Lord divine. At thy great name, majestic now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow, and things in heav'n and earth shall own, that thou art Lord and King alone. To thee, O holy One, we pray, our judge in that tremendous day, preserve us, while we dwell below, from ev'ry onslaught of the foe. All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent sets thy people free, whom with the Father we adore, and Spirit blest, forevermore. Amen.

Wexford Carol

arr. V. C. Johnson

Good people all, this Christmastime, consider well and bear in mind, a tiny child to us is born in Bethlehem this blessed morn. Now let our hearts and voices raise a song of gladness this Christmas day. Let all the earth rejoice and sing the birth of this, our newborn King. Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep; to whom the angels did appear, which put the shepherds in great fear. "Prepare and go," the angels said, "to Bethlehem; be not afraid, for there you'll find this happy morn, a holy babe, sweet Jesus born." With hearts of love and hymns of joy, come let us greet the baby boy, and as the angels had foretold, let all the tiny child behold. Within a manger he was laid, and by his side his mother stayed. Let all the earth sing with delight, the holy child is born this night.

Sussex Carol

arr. R. Lau

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring...news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth. Then why should we on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad? When sin departs before his grace, then life and health come in its place. Then all creation with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King. All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night...sing alleluia. Glory to God! Now and forevermore, amen.

HYMN 162 *

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 45 (Pew Bible Page 471)

SERMON

Anticipating the King

Dr. Chris Walker

#1 in Advent Series—*Worship the King*

HYMN 198 *

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

TRURO

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *

POSTLUDE

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

At the Evening Service:

Pianist: Patricia Bleecker

Youth Choir: Floyd Rawleigh, *director*; Frank Dodd, *piano*

For most Sunday evening offerings, we will simply have a plate available on a stand at the back of the sanctuary. Please include a Connect Card if you were not here in the morning.