

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today, especially our visitors! Children are welcome during worship, and childcare for infants through kindergarten is available on the lower level of the Holderness Mission Center (on the left as you exit). The pew rack has helpful tips for parents of children who remain in the Sanctuary. Parents who need a comfortable space to calm an infant may use the room in the Narthex, which has speakers so you can still hear the service. If you need to exit during the service, please use the doors at the back of the Sanctuary. Restrooms are located on each floor of the Mission Center; *the Sanctuary restroom should not be used during services*. Please see an usher if you would like to use a large-print hymnal.

- **We welcome Jaylen Harrell, a student at Durham Nativity School, and Dr. Dan Vannelle, Head of School, to the 11am service.** Durham Nativity School will receive a portion of this year's Christmas Eve offering, along with Partners for Youth Opportunity and Durham Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). The offering will be collected at the Christmas Pageant and both Christmas Eve services.
- **Our annual Lovefeast service will be held tonight at 5pm in the Sanctuary.** Preludes will begin at 4:30pm. Childcare will be available for children 5 and under. We hope you'll join us for this beautiful service from the Moravian tradition.
- **The December 10 Advent Dinner will be followed by Westminster's annual Carol Sing-Along.** Enjoy a wonderful meal, then join together in singing your favorite Christmas carols. RSVP for dinner at www.bit.ly/wpc12-10AD by December 8.
- **If you have not received an electronic or paper copy of the strategic planning survey, please contact the church office so we can send it to you (919-489-4974).** Your feedback is vital as the church develops goals for the future!
- **As you prayerfully consider end-of-year gifts, know that your consistent support is essential for ministry here at Westminster and throughout Durham.** Please contact Tracy Fletcher with questions about payment on your 2014 pledge or additional year-end gifts (tracy@wpcdurham.org; 919-489-4974, ext. 102).
- **If you or a loved one have experienced pregnancy loss, there is a resource available to you in the Mission Center.** Copies of the devotional "Holding Hope: Grieving Pregnancy Loss During Advent" can be found on top of the green collection bin.
- **Deep thanks to all who have pledged to support Westminster's 2015 operating budget.** As of December 3, 288 families have made a pledge, and we have 84% of our total goal for this year, which is \$1,054,657. If you have not yet pledged, please return your completed financial pledge card to Tracy Fletcher as soon as possible. Pledge materials can be found in the Mission Center and your pew. Contact Tracy with questions (tracy@wpcdurham.org; 919-489-4974, ext. 102). Every gift matters!

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 7 - 14

To view all events held at WPC, visit www.wpcdurham.org, and click "Calendar" in the main menu. To reserve a room for a meeting, call Barb Schmidt at 919-489-4974, ext. 100.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 - Second Sunday of Advent, String Sunday, Communion Sunday

8:30am Worship - Sanctuary
9:45am Church School - Holderness Mission Center
10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Music Room
11:00am Worship - Sanctuary
12:15pm Young Adult Lunch Club - Meet outside Sanctuary
3:00pm Youth Lovefeast Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
4:00pm Lovefeast Choir Rehearsal - Music Room
5:00pm Lovefeast - Sanctuary (Preludes begin at 4:30pm)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

5:30pm Ways & Means Commission Meeting - Room 105
7:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal - Music Room
7:15pm Seekers - Wellemeyer Home

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

10:00am WPC Staff Meeting - Chris's Office
7:00pm Christmas Eve Brass Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:00pm Global Missions Committee Meeting - Room 203

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:30am Lectio Prayer Group - Foster's Market, Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd
9:15am WAY Bible Study - Youth Suite
12:00pm "All Is Calm, All Is Bright" Advent Class - Parlor
4:00pm Christmas Pageant Choir Rehearsal - Music Room
4:30pm Christmas Pageant Practice - WPC Campus
5:30pm Advent Dinner & Carol Sing-Along- Fellowship Hall
7:30pm Young Adult Women's Bible Study - Various Locations

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:00am Men's Breakfast Book Study - Rick's Diner (Banquet Room)
7:00pm Men's Sectional Rehearsal - Music Room
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

6:00pm Young Adult Supper Club - Cullen Home
7:00pm Any Occasion Supper Club - Decker Home

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

10:00am Chancel Choir Dress Rehearsal - Sanctuary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 - Third Sunday of Advent, Drum Sunday

8:30am Worship - Advent Lessons & Carols - Sanctuary
9:45am Church School - Holderness Mission Center
11:00am Worship - Advent Lessons & Carols - Sanctuary
12:15pm Settled Singles - Bull Street Gourmet Market
12:15pm Young Adult Lunch Club - Meet outside Sanctuary
4:30pm Children's Christmas Pageant - Sanctuary (reception after in Fellowship Hall)
5:30pm Love 40 Supper Club - Bunch Home

December 7, 2014

Second Sunday of Advent

Communion Sunday

String Sunday



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Durham, North Carolina

*"...and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?"*

Micah 6:8

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR DECEMBER 7

December Nursery Coordinator – Cindy Soloe

The **Nursery** Infants, Toddlers, 8:30 2-5 yr olds: Westminster Nursery Staff

11:00 2-3 Carol Mansfield & Dave Mountain 4-5 Eileen McAvoy, Tom Higgins

The **Offering Counters** 8:30 Sharon Barnes, Marge Enberg 11:00 Bill & Mary Anne Pogue

The **Sound Technicians** 8:30 Doug Wellemeyer 11:00 Lee Katrincic

The **Lectors** 8:30 Gene Brannon 11:00 Mark Hill

The **Ushers** 8:30 Andy & Shirley Collins, Dean Lanier, Marge Enberg

11:00 Thomas Hill, Anne Wolf, Jeff & Melinda Young, Darren & Caroline Skeen

The **Acolytes** Catherine Laufenberg, Eleanor Hill

The Service of Worship

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

THE ORGAN PRELUDES

Variations on *Es ist ein Ros’*

Willem Vogel

*In order to preserve the dignity of this service,
please turn off cell phones and observe silence during the preludes.*

GREETING

INTROIT

Hymn **9, vs. 3:** *Sung by Congregation & Choir*

Veni Emmanuel

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*# THE CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the season of live memories.

Let us remember the life of the One whose birth we hail.

This is the season of new beginnings.

Let us begin our watch for the One whose grace we extol.

This is the season of great expectations.

Let us expect the summons of the One whose love we proclaim.

This is the season of glad celebrations.

“O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!”

*# THE HYMN NO. 10 ON JORDAN’S BANKS THE BAPTIST’S CRY

Winchester New

THE ACT OF CONFESSION (*Please be seated.*)

Chris Tuttle

Why do we confess our sin?

Because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

But why do we do this together?

Because we are a community, a covenant people.

Then let us confess our sin.

Almighty God, in this season of preparation, shape us. You called out an unlikely servant in John the Baptist, someone much more like the prophets of old than one who would herald a coming king. John looked strange, and his message was unsettling. And through it all, his ministry was not about himself, but about the One who was to come. In this season of excitement and anticipation, still our hearts. Call us away from our concerns, our anxiety, the things we want so desperately to do. Call us away from a world that draws attention to itself. Forgive us for thinking any of this is about us. Shape us that we might be a people that, in all things, points only to you. Amen.

A TIME OF PERSONAL SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574

arr. David N. Johnson

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

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* THE GLORIA PATRI

Tallis’ Canon

All praise to God the Father be, all praise, Eternal Son, to thee,
Whom with the Spirit we adore, forever and forevermore. Amen.

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Following the lighting of the Advent wreath, preschool children may be excused for childcare;

kindergarten and 1st grade children will meet a Godly Play volunteer in the Courtyard during 11am worship.

SHARING OUR MISSION

Christmas Eve Offering: Durham Nativity School

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Hymn **5, vs. 1:** *Sung by Congregation & Choir*

Picardy

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES:

Isaiah 40:1-11 (p.667 OT)

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS:

Mark 1:1-8 (p.34 NT)

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

“Worthy to Stoop”

Betty Berghaus

MOMENTS OF SILENCE

THE HYMN NO. 506

DECK YOURSELF, MY SOUL, WITH GLADNESS

Schmücke dich

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration of Faith*

Jesus Christ is the Living Word of God. The Word which was with God from the beginning was embodied in Jesus Christ. We hold that what God says to us and does for us centers in Jesus Christ our Living Lord, as he is remembered, known, and expected. In Christ God’s Word of acceptance takes flesh: by grace through faith, we are set right with God, adopted as children of God, not because of anything we have done, but because of what Christ has done. In Christ God’s Word of demand is lived out: to love God and neighbor as he did is what God requires of us.

THE CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Please direct your attention to the list of concerns, celebrations, and announcements. If you or someone you know has any needs or concerns, please fill out a green card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING

Please sign the pew register and pass it along your row. The pew register is on the end closest to the center aisle. As you pass it back, please take notice of who is sitting with you. Thank you.

OFFERTORY

+ Chorale Prelude: *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* (Savior of the Nations, Come)

J.S. Bach

^ Lo, How a Rose e’er Blooming *Es ist ein Ros’*; arr. by Richard Shephard

Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!

Of Jesse’s lineage coming, as seers of old have sung.

It came a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

Isaiah ‘twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;

With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.

To show God’s love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,

Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.

True Man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and lighten every load.

The Chancel Choir

Marcia Edwards, violin; Kathy Hancock, flute

* THE DOXOLOGY

Hyfrydol

Praise the God of all creation. Praise God for his boundless love.

Praise the Lamb, our expiation: Priest and King enthroned above.

Praise the Spirit of Salvation, Gracious One by whom we live,

Undivided adoration to the Great Almighty give. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Distribution of the Elements[†]

The Prayer After Communion

^ MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

Come Thou, Redeemer of the Earth *Puer nobis nascitur*; arr. by Richard Shephard

Come thou, Redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy virgin birth;

Let every age adoring fall, such birth befits the God of all.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright, and darkness glow with newborn light,

No more shall night extinguish day,

where love’s bright beams their power display.

O Jesu, virgin-born, to thee eternal praise and glory be,

Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit evermore. Amen.

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GO IN GOD’S NAME

* THE HYMN NO. 6

JESUS COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

Helmsley

* THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION

^ CHORAL AMEN

Grant Us Peace

Michael Scott

Dona nobis pacem – Grant us peace on earth.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

Fugue in D Minor (BWV 539; the “violin fugue”)

J.S. Bach

Many thanks to Marcia Edwards and Kathy Hancock for sharing their musical gifts with us this morning! Their participation makes the Second Sunday of Advent – String Sunday – especially meaningful as we enter this season of preparation.

* Congregation standing, if able

[†] Denotes 8:30am service

Latecomers may be seated at these` times

[^] Denotes 11:00am service

Children’s Bibles: Inside aisle of pew; Children’s Bulletins: Narthex (Green: 3-6yrs, Yellow: 7-12yrs)

[†] Communion is by intinction. The congregation is invited to come forward via the center aisle to receive the elements. You will receive bread from a minister, then dip the bread into one of the cups. The cups nearest the pastors contain grape juice; the cups on the outside contain wine. A server with **gluten-free wafers and a separate cup** will be standing on the far right in front of the lectern. You are invited to use the element that is most meaningful to you. Please return to your seats by the outside aisles. If you are unable to come forward, please signal the usher, and the elements will be brought to you at your seat.

✚ Advent at Westminster ✚

See the bulletin announcements for additional event details.

Sunday, December 7

Second Sunday of Advent: String Sunday and Communion

“All Is Calm, All Is Bright” Advent Elective, 9:45-10:45am, Parlor

Lovefeast, 5pm, Sanctuary - *Preludes begin at 4:30pm. Childcare available for children 5 and under.*

Wednesday, December 10

“All Is Calm, All Is Bright” Advent Elective, 12-1pm, Parlor - *You are welcome to bring a bag lunch. Email heather@wpcdurham.org to RSVP.*

Children’s Pageant Choir Rehearsal, 4-4:30pm, Music Room

Children’s Pageant Practice, 4:30-5:30pm, Sanctuary

Advent Dinner & Carol Sing-Along, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall - *RSVP by noon on Monday, December 8, at www.bit.ly/wpc12-10AD or 919-489-4974, ext. 100.*

Sunday, December 14

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Wednesday, December 17

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Intergenerational Christmas Caroling, 6:15pm - *Meet in the WPC parking lot. Refreshments will be served afterward in the Parlor. All are welcome!*

Sunday, December 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Bell Sunday

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Christmas Eve Worship, Sanctuary*

5pm Family Service of Readings and Carols

8pm Service of Readings, Carols, and Lights with Chancel

Choir & Brass Ensemble - *Preludes begin at 7:30pm.*

**Childcare will be available in the Nursery during both services.*

Sunday, December 28

First Sunday after Christmas Day and Birthday Sunday, 11am, Sanctuary -

There will be no 8:30am worship service or Church School on Dec. 28;

the Chancel Choir will rehearse at 10am in the Music Room.

A Special Collection

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Attached is my check in the amount of \$_____.

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