

The Worship of God

Sunday, December 5, 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent

Chiming of the Hour & Introit

Musicians

Invocation

Pastor

Call to Worship (taken from Isaiah 9)

Pastor: “The Lord gives strength to His people; the Lord blesses His people with peace.” (Psalm 29:11)

ALL: “You will keep in perfect peace, those whose mind is stayed on You, because they trust in You.” (Isaiah 26:3)

Pastor: “God is not the author of confusion but of peace.” (1 Corinthians 14:33)

ALL: For His name will be called, “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

*Hymn:

“Peace, Peace, Peace” # Insert
Set to tune of “Still, Still, Still” #47 (PH)

First Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-5

(See Insert for Scripture Reading)

*Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father” #813 (CH)

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.

Offertory

Musicians

*Doxology

“Old Hundredth” #815 (CH)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Children’s Sermon (Advent Candle Lighting) “Away in a Manger” #262 (CH)
(After “Pennies for Jesus” the Children are dismissed to Children’s Church)

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor/Congregation

Musical Worship

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 3:1-6

(See Insert for Scripture Reading)

Pastor: This is the Word of God for the People of God!

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon

Pastor

Reverberating Words

Responding to God’s Word

The Apostles’ Creed

Affirmation of Faith

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.

*Hymn: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #277 (CH)

Announcements and Opportunities for Service Pastor

Benediction Pastor

Postlude Musicians

WELCOME: *Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, and welcome to West Point Presbyterian Church! At WPPC, we are Seeking, Serving, and Sharing...*

Seeking... to Nurture Lifelong Christian Disciples.

Serving... the Congregation, Community & World in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Sharing... God's Love in the Reformed Tradition.

The Session of West Point Presbyterian Church

Elizabeth Rouquie; Kate Grizzell (Class of 2021)

Daniel Bass; Randy Workman (Class of 2022)

Martha Bradley; Michael Ledbetter (Class of 2023)

Bill Nixon (Clerk); Ray Gilbert (Treasurer)

Jerry Ledbetter (Moderator)



+Isaiah 40:1-5

1 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

3 A voice of one calling:

“In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

5 And the glory of the Lord will be revealed,
and all people will see it together.

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

+Luke 3:1-6 New International Version

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— 2 during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3 He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 4 As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.

5 Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.

6 And all people will see God's salvation.”



First Responder Appreciation!
Thank you to all who helped us show our love and support of our West Point Police, Fire and EMS professionals during the month of November!

Announcements:

*Sunday School and Choir Practice begins at 10:00 AM, each week!

*The Disciples Youth Group will meet today at 2:00 PM. They also meet on Wednesday via Google Meet at 7:30 PM. Please see Sherrad Hayes for more information or to get involved.

*We are always in need of food items for our Little Free Pantry. Any canned vegetables or non-perishable items are suggested.

*December continues the season of gratitude! And in response to God's grace, we are all asked to contribute to the mission and ministry of our church. Please note the Estimate of Giving cards (on the Narthex table) and prayerfully consider your contribution to the work of God's Kingdom here at WPPC in 2022!

*Rockin' Organ Live Concert: featuring international artist Friedemann Stihler, Wednesday, December 15th at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Mr. Stihler will be playing a variety of popular and secular selections... followed by Christmas hymns and carols! Plan to join us! (Dinner will begin at 5:15 pm in Davis Hall).

*Christmas Eve Worship begins at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary. The Baptists will be joining us for this candlelight service. We will be joining the Baptists on Sunday, December 26th at 9:30 am for worship in their Sanctuary.