# **December 17, 2023**

We strive to be a Christ-centered community that advances the gospel by worshiping joyfully, making disciples, and serving others.

#### This Week at Westminster

# Sunday, December 17

1:00 p.m. New Castle Prison (Phil Pinegar)

6:00 p.m. Reformed Youth Ministry **Frugal Formal** at New Life Presbyterian

Small Groups Meet ~ No Evening Service

# Monday, December 18

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Larry Williamson)

# Wednesday, December 20

6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Nate Shockey)

# Thursday, December 21

6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal (Nate Shockey)

6:00 p.m. Reformed Youth Midweek Meeting at Andrew Brown's Home

#### Friday, December 22

5:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Jim Wegener)

# **Upcoming Events**

December 24 Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 p.m.

December 31 Jr. High New Year's Eve Overnighter at 6:00 p.m. at Westminster

January 20 Congregational Dinner

January 22 Congregational Meeting

#### This Week's Missionary

Logan and Lea Watson, serving on the campus of Ball State University with the Navigators

#### This Week's Birthdays

December 18, Phil Dunn; December 21, Valerie Ker, George Stanley; December 23, Caroll Downing; December 25, Bob Lay; December 26, Henry Brooks; December 27, Madi Oliver

#### Order of Service

Prelude arr. Bill Wolaver

# Angels, from the Realms of Glory Joy Pinegar, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Reflecting on Our Baptism

Remembering our sins have been washed away and we've been united to Jesus and to each other

Call to Worship: (Lighting the Advent Candle) ~ Temple

Hearing God's invitation to enter his presence and worship him

\*Song of Praise: Angels, We Have Heard on High (Hymn #214)

Call to Confession: Eph. 2:11-12; Silent Confession of Sin and Prayer of Confession Recalibrating our hearts away from our failures and wanderings back toward Jesus

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:19-22; *Christmas Day*Celebrating God's forgiveness through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Remembering all we have comes from God, belongs to God, and is to be used for God's glory

Special Music

by A. Vivaldi

# Gloria in Excelsis from Gloria Sanctuary Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Giving our cares and burdens to the Lord and finding mercy and grace for our times of need

\*Scripture Reading: Mark 11:12-25 (page 847)

Morning Message

Rev. Dr. Kristofer D. Holroyd

Confessing our Faith: Philippians 2:5-11; Prince of Heaven

 $Reminding\ ourselves\ and\ each\ other\ what\ we\ believe\ about\ God,\ Jesus,\ ourselves,\ and\ our\ world$ 

The Lord's Table

 $Feeding\ our\ faith\ and\ union\ through\ the\ weekly\ practice\ of\ sharing\ bread\ and\ juice\ together$ 

\*Song of Response: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, verse 3 (Hymn #196)

Asking Jesus to return soon

\*Benediction

Receiving God's blessing as he sends us out to live and love like Jesus

\*Please stand as you are able.
Please silence all cell phones and devices.

#### **Visitor Information**

**Westminster Presbyterian Church** is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and a member of the Central Indiana Presbytery. For more information about Westminster, visit **westminpca.com**. To join our email list, send an email to Colleen in the office at cwolowski@westminpca.com.

**Guests:** We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. We hope that we lead you well in worshiping our great God and celebrating the incredible salvation that we have in Christ. We hope, also, that we love you well today and make you feel welcome. Please give us the opportunity to meet you today by joining us for coffee in between services or at the welcome desk out front. Also, please help us by **filling out the Welcome Pad** when it is passed during worship. This allows us to get to know you a little better.

**Assisted Listening Devices** are available at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

**Sermons are recorded** and are available on our website and also at Sermonaudio.com.

# **Sunday Schedule**

8:30 a.m. 9:45 – 10:00 a.m. 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. First Worship Service Coffee in the Fellowship Hall Discipleship Hour Second Worship Service Evening Service or Small Groups\*

\*We hold a Sunday Evening Service on the  $1^{\rm st}$  and  $3^{\rm rd}$  Sundays of the month. Small groups meet on the  $2^{\rm nd}$  and  $4^{\rm th}$  Sunday evenings.

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#### **Children and Nursery**

At Westminster, we believe that children are an important part of our community, and we want them to learn to worship with us. Please feel free to keep your children of any age with you in the service, and please do not be uncomfortable with their cooing and whispering. They are learning to worship! Additionally, to help them worship, crayons, clipboards with sermon notes and coloring pages, as well as copies of *The Jesus Storybook Bible*, are available right outside the doors to the sanctuary.

We also offer a fully staffed nursery for children under three years old.

# **Youth Group**

We collaborate with two other area churches for youth ministry, creating a more dynamic and engaging experience for our youth. Our youth gather at New Life Presbyterian Church in Yorktown Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. To learn more or to get on the youth group email list, contact Colleen in the church office.

# **Small Groups**

On the second and fourth Sundays of the month, instead of a Sunday Evening Service, small groups meet in homes throughout the area to help foster authentic community. To learn more about small groups, visit our website or scan the QR code below.

