

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Of Westminster



The Service of Worship
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018 – 11:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Mary, Did You Know?” – arr. Fettke *Soloist: Olya Ford*
(During the prelude we invite you to center yourself for worship)

Advent Candle lighting Don, Jolene, Michelle and Olya Ford

Call to Worship:

Leader: Come, let us rejoice this day in the God who is near,
in everyone around us.

People: *We will sing glad songs of the One who is
rebuilding neighborhoods in our midst.*

Leader: Come, let us rejoice always in Jesus
who baptizes us with hope and compassion.

People: *We will join in choruses of praise of the One
who brings justice to the forgotten in our midst.*

Leader: Come, let us rejoice again and again in the Spirit
who offers us new life in every moment.

People: *We will sing full throttle of the One who fills us
with gifts to share with everyone in our midst.*



Prayer for the Day: (in unison)

*Holy God, when we believe it is enough that we have sung in choirs, remind us
that it is the lullabies to little children, the acceptance sung to teenagers, the
welcoming songs to strangers, the oldies hummed with older folks that matter the
most.*

*When we believe it is enough to have been in church every week, remind us
that it is the kindness we share on Monday, the justice we work for on Tuesday, the
tutoring we offer on Wednesday, the meals we serve on Thursday, the blood we
donate on Friday, the rides we give on Saturday, the grace we live every day that
matter the most.*

*Hear us as we pray as Christ taught us, saying: 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 sins as we forgive those
who sinned against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*



Hymn: #22 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

(Words are on the screens.)

Confession of Sin:

Call to Confession



Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

*We admit, God of Advent, that it is easier to trust a politician's glib words
than yours which were spoken so long ago. We know how afraid we are of
tomorrow, because of what we do today, ignoring what you brought about so
long ago. We, who have been given so much from your heart, find it hard to
share even a smidgen from our abundance.*

*Forgive us, God our hope, and have mercy on us. Lift us to our feet; draw
us close into your loving embrace; drench us with the buckets of grace drawn
from the deep wells of life, so we will have the courage to declare you as our
God, as we follow Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with the Holy Spirit.*



Silent Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon



Response: #579 “Glory Be to the Father”

The Peace:

L: May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

P: *And also with you.*



(Now please share The Peace with those around you.)

Children's Moment

Nickel-a-Meal

(Following the Children's Moment, children ages 4-7 (preschool-1st grade) are invited to
Children's Worship. They will return after the sermon.)

Anthem: “All Glory Be to God on High!”

 **Prayer for Illumination**

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 12:2-6 *(NRSV)*
 Philippians 4:4-7 *(NRSV)*
L: This is the word of the Lord.
P: ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon: “Made for Joy”

 **Hymn:** #28 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” *(Words are on the screens.)*

 **Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles’ Creed *(page 14, The Hymnal)*

 **Concerns, Prayers of the People** *(Prayer Cards can be found in the pew.)*
Prayer Family – Kelechi, Oma, Omyineyindu, Chijindu Kalu –

The Offering:

Invitation to Offering
Presentation of Offerings
Offertory: “Rain Down”

 Prayer of Dedication
 Doxology: #592 *(on the screens)*

 **Hymn:** #29 “Go Tell It on the Mountain” *(Words are on the screens.)*

 **Benediction**

 **Response:** “Go Forth” *(on the screens)*

 **Postlude:** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” – *Thygerson*

Please note: at places marked by  all who are able are asked to stand.

As Our Service of Worship Ends, Our Ministry of Service Begins!

The bulletins this morning are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Kurt Wenzing, Jr’s loving parents, Kurt George Wenzing, Sr. and Catherine Elizabeth King.