

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 3, 2023

10:45 AM

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**OUR HOPE IS IN THE LORD**

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Greeting:

Announcements

Lighting of the First Advent Candle (Hope)

Preparation for Worship (Silent Prayer)

Prelude:

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## Call to Worship

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

Psalm 146:1-6

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation - Lord's Prayer

\*Gloria Patri (No. 734)

\*Hymn No. 194

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Call to Confession

I John 1:5b-8

God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

*Let us confess our sins*

Prayer of Confession (unison)

*Our Father, although You are a holy God who cannot look upon sin, look upon Christ our Savior and forgive us for His sake. You have promised us that if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We ask also that You would give us an increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, so that we may learn the wisdom of Your ways and walk in Your holy paths, for Your glory and the good of our neighbor.*

Private Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness: 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

\*Hymn No. 498

*Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!*

Offertory

\*The Doxology (No. 731) and Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn No. 521

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Prayer of Supplication and Intercession

\*Scripture Lesson: John 1

Message:

Rev. McIntyre

\*Hymn No. 523 (vv. 1-2)

*My Hope Is in the Lord*

\*Affirmation of Faith

\*Standing

**The Apostles' Creed**

***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<sup>o</sup> church;  
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;***

***The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen***

<sup>o</sup>universal