

**December 3, 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**

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### **Sunday, December 3**

- Poinsettia Orders due  
1:00 p.m. New Castle Prison (Phil Pinegar)  
6:00 p.m. Reformed Youth Ministry at New Life Presbyterian (Andrew Brown)  
6:30 p.m. Christmas Pageant

### **Monday, December 4**

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

### **Tuesday, December 5**

- 9:00 a.m. Joy in the Morning Ladies' Bible Study Brunch

### **Wednesday, December 6**

- 11:00 a.m. A.L.O.E. Luncheon at the BSU Alumni Center  
4:00 p.m. Children's Choir (Nate Shockey)  
4:45 p.m. Kidz Root (Jonè Holroyd)  
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Nate Shockey)

### **Thursday, December 7**

- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal (Nate Shockey)  
6:00 p.m. Reformed Youth Midweek Meeting at Andrew Brown's Home

### **Friday, December 8**

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

### **Upcoming Events**

- Dec. 10 Christmas Concert  
Dec. 17 Small Groups Meet ~ No Evening Service  
Dec. 24 Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 p.m.

#### **This Week's Missionary**

Donn and Betty Treese, Serving IUPUI International Students with The Navigators

#### **This Week's Birthdays**

December 5, Carol Convy, Steve Duecker; December 8, David Bilger,  
Aksel Shockey; December 9, Barb Besecker, Jordan Vaughn;  
December 11, Phyllis Bedi, Don Engel, Sheri Hiestand

# Order of Service

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Prelude

arr. The Piano Guys

*What Child is This?*

Heather Scott, cello; Priscilla Scott, 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*

Special Music

by Paul Manz

*E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*

Sanctuary Choir

Call to Worship: (Lighting the Advent Candle) ~ The Word of God

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

\*Song of Praise: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (Hymn #194)

Call to Confession: John 9:39-41; Silent Confession of Sin and Prayer of Confession

*Recalibrating our hearts away from our failures and wanderings back toward Jesus*

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 1:23-25a; *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (Hymn #208)

*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*

Pastoral Prayer

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

\*Scripture Reading: Mark 4:1-20 (page 839)

Morning Message

Rev. Dr. Kristofer D. Holroyd

Confessing our Faith: Philippians 2:5-11; *He Shall Reign Forevermore*

*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* (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

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**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](http://westminpca.com). To join our email list, send an email to Colleen in the office at [cwolowski@westminpca.com](mailto: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 worshipping 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](http://Sermonaudio.com).

## Sunday Schedule

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

\*We hold a Sunday Evening Service on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. Small groups meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday evenings.

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## Children and Nursery

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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

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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

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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.

