

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**please stand as you're able*

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Rondeau,* H. Purcell[1]

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
ALL: Worship the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!
One: Know this! The Lord is God!
ALL: We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.
One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and come into the sanctuary with praise.
ALL: God's steadfast love endures forever! God's faithfulness is for all generations!
One: Come, let us worship God!

***HYMN 41** *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*!, Lyons[2]

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, forgive us. In our words, we are tempted to speak truth in whispered tones. In our work, we are tempted to serve you with halfhearted energy. In our worship, we are tempted to thank you with our leftovers. As you forgive and make us whole again, give us a gentle boldness, a fresh chore, and a new spirit within us, so that we can work toward your beloved kingdom. Amen.

QUIET REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON - *Psalm 96:11-12*

One: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice! Let the sea roar with laughter, the fields shout in celebration, and the forests sing with joy. Hear and share the good news.

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God!

***CELEBRATION SONG 647** *Give Thanks*, Give Thanks[3]

***PASSING THE PEACE**

One: ...the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:31-46

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on
the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate
people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will
put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at
his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for
you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was
thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I
was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison
and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw
you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when
was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39
And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will
answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and
sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are
accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I
was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I
was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick
and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it
that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not
take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to
one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal
punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

One: The word of God for the people of God. ***ALL: Thanks be to God.***

TIME FOR WONDER (Children's Time) – Amy Poland

After the message, children may go with the teacher to room 11 for Spiritual Adventures.

SERMON *You have heard it said…God Helps Those Who Help Themselves*

***HYMN 773** *Heaven Shall Not Wait,* Heaven Shall Not Wait[4]

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER
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 today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION - *Please also pass the friendship form through the row. Bring coins! All change collected will go to a mission project chosen by the children.*

OFFERTORY *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing,* M.A. Armstrong/S. Armstrong[5]

***DEDICATION HYMN 717** *For the Life That You Have Given,* Pleading Savior[6]
For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP – Linda Moss

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

***HYMN (insert)** *Jesus, Be With Us,* Matthew 25[7]

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Prelude to a Te Deum,* M-A. Charpentier[8]

Please stay in the sanctuary for a brief congregational meeting after worship.

Leaders Today

Pastor: Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee
Liturgist: Bud Smith
Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman
AV/Tech: John Tarr/Josh Mou
The Chancel Choir
Ushers/Greeters: Paul & Linda Bishop, Judy Graham, Chuck Kamp (Deacon)

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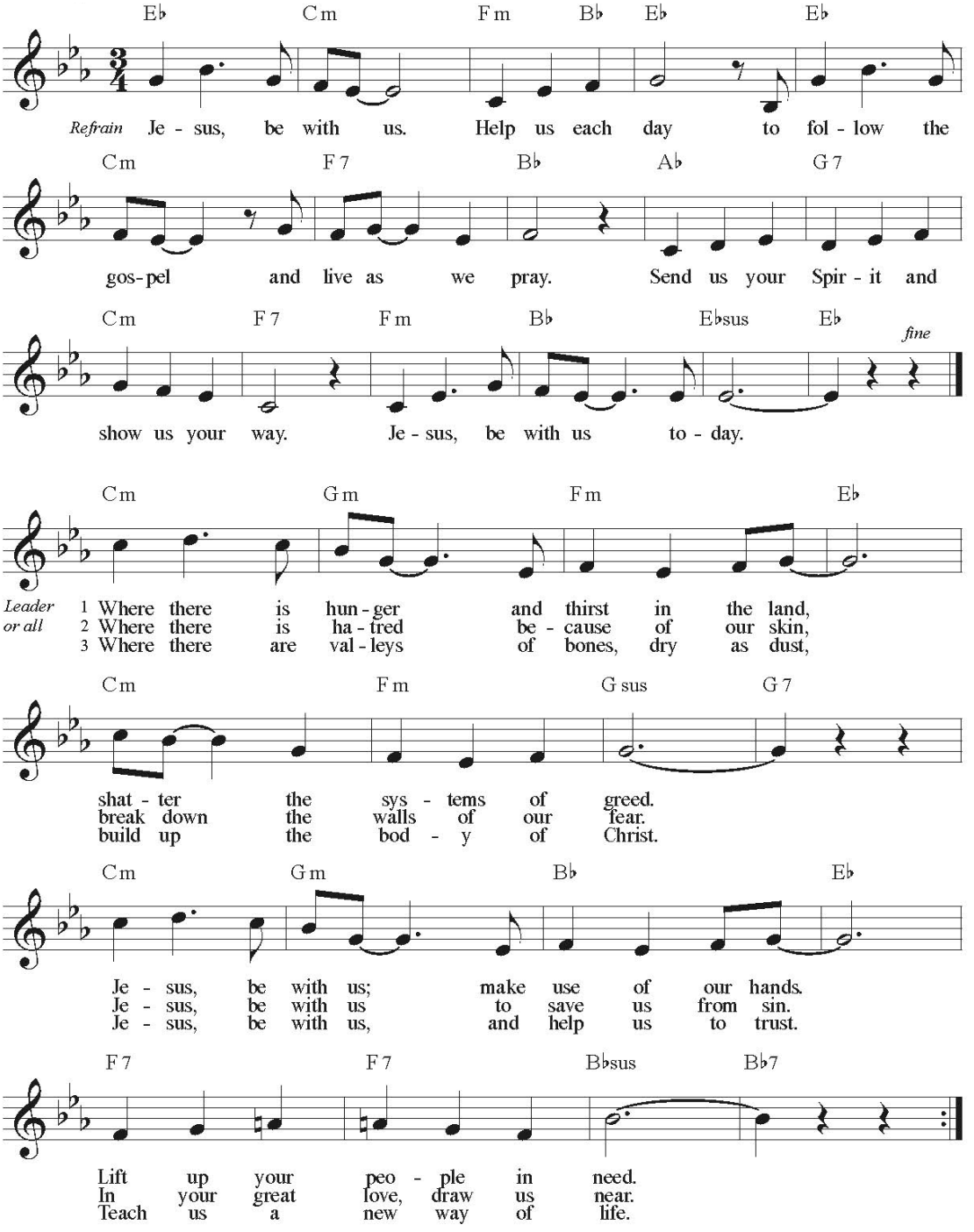

WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS November 22, 2026

Sunday, December 20 - Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
In the worship service on December 20, the Chancel Choir will lead us in a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. The structure of this 75-minute, alternative worship service is based on services led by the King's College Choir and conducted annually at their chapel in Cambridge since 1918.
In this Festival, we have an opportunity to respond to God's word through carols and choral compositions spanning the centuries and exhibiting our rich heritage of Christmas music. The service will be enriched by organ, piano, and handbell accompaniments. The congregation will also join in singing several carols. Be sure to invite a friend to join you for this special service of worship at Westminster at
9:45am on December 20!

Angel Tree is Up!
The tree is up! Tags are on the tree for gifts for children in the Allied Drive/Dunns March neighborhood. If you take a tag, please write your name on the sheet by the tree and return the gift wrapped and ready to go. If you want us to shop for you, please provide a check for $35 along with a tag, put it in the basket on the table and we will take care of it for you! Please put "Angel Tree" in the check memo. The tag indicates the gift the child wants, you don't have to purchase everything on the tag, you should be looking for a total of $35-$50 for each gift tag. In addition, there are a few tags for gift cards, you can provide a check and we can get the gift cards. Let Kathy Kamp know if you have questions! Thanks for participating in this holiday tradition!

Knitwits
Knitwits will have our first meeting on Monday, November 23rd at 10:30AM in the lounge. We hope you will consider joining us! You can do any craft you wish (knit, crochet, stitching) or you can just stop in and hang out with crafty people. Moving forward we will meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 10:30AM.

Cherokee Tutoring
Cherokee Middle School is looking for people who are interested in tutoring middle school students. If you are interested in this opportunity, please let Kathy Kamp know. It would require some training and could be math or reading. You would work one-on-one with a student to provide the help they need. It would not begin until after the new year.

November Essentials Collection for Allied Drive
Please bring items to church during November and place in the bin labeled "Essentials Pantry" in the narthex.
Items needed: bottled cleaning liquid like Pine Sol, all-purpose/bleach spray cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, dish soap, laundry pods (quantity 10/package), Comet cleanser, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste.

Advent Celebration - December 6
Join your Westminster family in fellowship hall as we celebrate Advent together on December 6 following worship. We'll be decorating cookies for the guests at Beacon and the students of Pres House, crafting Advent wreaths, and making Chrismon ornaments. Festive sweaters are encouraged! Prizes will be awarded!
Cookie Bakers needed!
Sign-up in the narthex to bring 2 dozen undecorated cut-out sugar cookies to be decorated at the December 6 Advent Celebration.

Christmas Auction and Dessert - December 5th, at 1:00PM
The Christmas Dessert and Auction is Saturday, December 5th, from 1 to 3 pm in the Narthex at Westminster. Donations for the auction are needed! If you would like to donate, please bring to the auction a new item or an item you have created, cooked or baked. If you wish to donate but cannot make it to the auction, please contact Ruth Hein at 608-347-4724 and give her the item by December 4th. The auction is sponsored by the PWW and funds raised are donated to local community agencies. All are welcome for fellowship, fun and some early Christmas shopping. For questions or to help with the auction contact Judy Graham.

Advent Devotionals
Advent Devotionals for all ages are available in the Narthex outside the MJB lounge. Please help yourself!

Gratitude Tree
Please share your gratitude by adding your thoughts to a leaf for the Gratitude Tree on the window near the coffee station in the narthex.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS
Care List: Bill & Sue Bridson, Lynn Chapman, Sally & Vern Forsberg
Members & Friends: Kate Dooley, the family of Mary Allbaugh