



2nd Sunday of Advent December 8th, 2019

Prelude

***Centering Hymn: #88** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
Veni Emmanuel

***Hymn: #87**
Comfort, Comfort Now My People Genevan 42

Opening Sentences

Prayer of the Day

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: Our Advent journey begins with rules of the road. We are on the way to where God would have us be, and we're not there yet. But how shall we go? We shall go together, as one body, living and trusting in one another. We shall go as this community of faith, working side by side, and leaning into the grace of God every step of the way. We shall go in peace.

All: Isaiah says that in days to come, the nations shall stream to the mountain of the Lord, and there we will beat swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks; there, we will learn war no more. God will teach us peace.

Leader: We light this second candle to burn as a sign of peace among all people. Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that God may teach us the ways of peace.

***Hymn for Response: #88** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
Veni Emmanuel

Reflection

Time of Confession

Leader: I confess to God Almighty; before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my beloved in Christ, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and pray God Almighty to have mercy on me.

All: May Almighty God have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, and give you time to amend your life. I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my beloved in Christ, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and pray God Almighty to have mercy on me.

Leader: May Almighty God have mercy on you, pardon

and deliver you from all your sins, and give you time to amend your life.

All: Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Through the Good News of Jesus Christ, we have been washed clean of our sins in the waters of baptism and are restored completely.

All: Thanks be to God on high and in a lowly manger. Amen.

Psalm 139:1-14a; Romans 12:9-21, 14:13-19, 15:4-6

Teaching Moment

Congregational Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Responsive Hymn:#753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Prayer of St. Francis

Commendation of our Spirits into the night

Leader: We give you our spirits, O God, for the night that is upon us.

All: Grant me a good night's sleep tonight, so that I can awake refreshed and ready to live my day focused on and loving you. Thank you again for the blessings so undeserved and too numerous to count. When I awake in the morning, may it be with a joyful smile, not a grumpy, tired spirit.

Leader: May your protection and your presence bathe this place and these people with peace and safety. In Jesus's name, Amen.

***Hymn:#772** *Live Into Hope*

Truro

Collect Prayer

Charge and Benediction

Peace of Christ

Leader: In anticipation of the Christ child's arrival, we remember the hope that his birth proclaimed. May Christ's peace be with you now.

All: And also with you.

Offering *In gratitude for the love and grace extended to us by God, we are invited to share our resources to support ministries of justice and mercy to benefit neighbor and stranger. Please place your gifts and pledges in the basket near the door as you exit.*

AT A GLANCE

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- 5 PM - Worship

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Central Campus Office Hours

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Sunday Schedule

- 8:30 AM - Chapel Worship
- 9:30 AM - Christian Education
- 10:30 AM - Sanctuary Worship

Service Broadcast

Sundays -

- 5 AM on KOKH
(check local listings)
- 11 AM on KOCO
(check local listings)
- online via our LiveStream at:
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A NOTE FROM REV. DR. PAUL J. KIRBAS

Dear Congregation,

Life is full of transitions. That is true in our personal families, and in our church family. Today, with mixed emotions, I want to share with you a transition for our church. Our Executive Director, Jo Ann McFarlin, who has been with us for 13 years, has announced that she will be relocating and therefore she is resigning her position here at Westminster. We are very thankful for Jo Ann's service to the church, and will miss her very much. I'm sure you join me in wishing her the very best in this new chapter of her life.

We would like to celebrate Jo Ann's time with us, and share our blessings for her new journey, as a part of our congregational brunch next Sunday, December 15. We will have one service next Sunday, at 10:00 AM, as our choir offers a celebration of Lessons and Carols for the Advent Season. The brunch will follow. We invite you join us for this brunch, and this time to say goodbye to Jo Ann. You can purchase your tickets in the Garden Court today.

Below my bulletin letter is the note from Jo Ann to you.

And now, let us turn our attention to the second candle of Advent, which is the candle of Peace. In our turbulent country, filled with political discord, peace seems to be a great

necessity. Let's search for its presence and its meaning as we consider the meaning of Advent.

In God's Love,



Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas
Pastor/Head of Staff

Dear Congregation,

It is with very mixed emotions that I resign my position at Westminster. I have enjoyed my 13 plus years at the Church. Westminster has been part of my family for all these years.

I am relocating out of state and have accepted a wonderful opportunity for this next chapter of my life. I will always remember and cherish the Westminster family for all the years of support and hospitality given to me.

I am happy to help during this transition and will be available for questions or suggestions during this time. In gratitude for all the years Westminster has been part of my life, I wish the church all the best.

Blessings,

Jo Ann McFarlin
Executive Director

CONGREGATIONAL OFFERINGS

December 13th

Beer & Cheer

Have you ever wanted to know more about beer—it's origins and roots? If so, come and learn how the history of beer and the history of religion have intersected as we prepare for the holidays with a little light-hearted fun!

December 15 / Central Campus Christmas At Westminster & Brunch

Save the date of December 15 for a brunch that immediately follows the Sunday service of Lessons and Carols. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 children, or \$35 family max (two adults and at least two children) The brunch will include a special "Countdown To Christmas" with crafts, activities, festive music, a hot cocoa station and pictures with Santa.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES DECEMBER 24TH

FAMILY SERVICE

3 PM / CENTRAL CAMPUS
SANCTUARY

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

5 PM / NORTH CAMPUS

CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP

8 PM / CENTRAL CAMPUS
SANCTUARY

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 29TH

CENTRAL CAMPUS / 10 AM
NO 8:30 AM CHAPEL SERVICE

NORTH CAMPUS / 5 PM