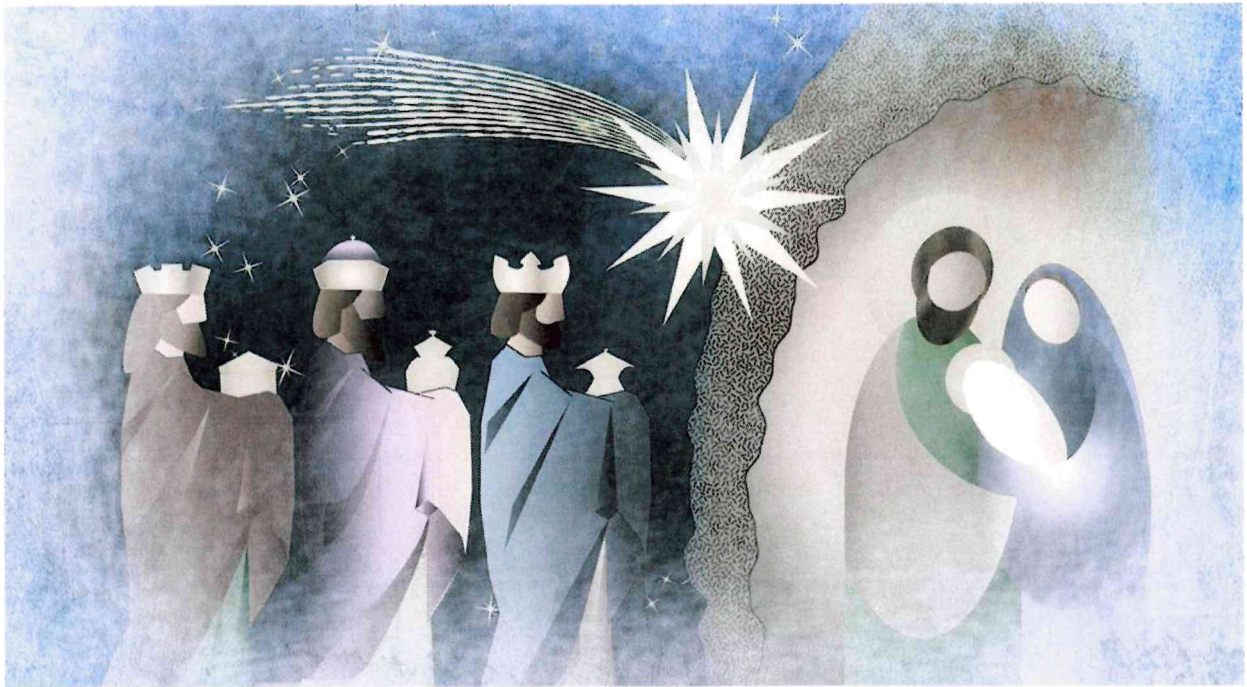


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Sunday, January 5, 2025
Second Sunday of Christmas
Communion Sunday

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Carol Prelude on 'Greensleeves'

Searle Wright

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.

Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)

Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Come one, come all and see the Savior's birth!

The Most High God has been born among us; as us.

Come let us fall down and worship Him with the shepherds!

Come and see this glorious thing!

The Master of the Heavens and the Earth, the earth and
all that moves upon it has been born in a lowly stable to
humble Mary and Joseph the Carpenter.

Come let us fall down and worship Him with the angels!

Come to Bethlehem and see this thing!

Christ is born, give Him glory!

Christ is born, exalt Him!

Christ is born, the light of the world!

Come let us fall down and worship Him with all creation!

Gospel Praise

Lord, I Have Seen Thy Salvation
Gospel Choir

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, we cannot understand your grace and your love.
We struggle to accept the good news of your birth, death, and resurrection.
We cannot comprehend the riches of your love that you give us freely.
We cannot comprehend the wonders of your mercy that you pour out upon us until our cups overflow. Lord, we deserve rebuke, judgement, and your anger; instead, you have prepared a table for us in the face of our enemies, and you give us the bread of life, free of charge. Lead us on your path of righteousness for your name's sake. Lord, forgive us and have mercy on us. Teach us to walk in the right way and grow us in your love so the world might know that we belong only to you. Jesus, you have us in your hand. Jesus, you already forgave us. Jesus, we thank you. Amen.

Declaration of God's Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")

***Response GTG #744** Arise, Your Light Is Come!

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.
Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong!**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Affirmation of Faith (The Nicene Creed, 325 AD)**

**We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn GTG #145

What Child Is This

Sacrament of Holy Communion

INVITATION

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give your thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever, Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

CLOSING PRAYER

Call to Offering

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Anthem

**Star of Bethlehem
Chancel Choir**

Bob Chilcott

***Doxology GTG #606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn AAHH #455** Just A Closer Walk With Thee

***Benediction**

Postlude The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy arr. Noel Rawsthorne

The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshipping.

Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff
Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist
Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director
CJ Chapman, Deven Humphreys, Acolytes

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Today's Anthem

Star of Bethlehem

Good shepherds wake, hear angels call, follow the star to a lone cattle stall, in gentle sleep a Prince to behold, safe in the love of His mother, shielded from cruel winter's cold. Star of Bethlehem shining, guide the way, sparkle and play upon the stable, asleep in the manger a child of light, born to us all on this holy night. Three noble Kings, they knew the sign, under the star born a baby Divine, more than a King the true Lamb, the flame, and with their tributes to greet Him, riding from far lands they came. Star of Bethlehem...,

New to Westminster Church of Detroit? We are so thankful that you have joined us today for worship, and we would love to get to know you and help you get to know us. Please sign the Friendship Pad which can be found in each pew rack. Sign it then pass it down to others sitting in your pew.

Westminster Church of Detroit News and Events

Offering Envelopes for 2025

Boxed sets of offering envelopes are now available for 2025 and can be found on a table outside of the church office.

Coffee Hour Sign-Up

Church members and friends are invited to sign up to bring a nut-free snack or treat for our Sunday morning coffee hour. Choose which Sunday to participate using the Sign-Up Genius link in the weekly email or by adding your name to the sign-up sheet on the table located beside the lighted bulletin board in the lobby outside of the sanctuary.

Sewing Ministry Team

The sewing ministry team's first meeting of the new year will be on Thursday, January 9, 2025.

Evening Adult Bible Study Resumes on January 15th

On January 15th from 6:30 to & 7:30 pm, we will begin studying Abraham Joshua Heschel's book, "Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity". The book is available for purchase through Amazon or Barnes and Noble. All are welcome to come and participate, either in person or by Zoom. The Zoom link can be found on the WCOD website: wcodetroit.org.

Westminster Calendar

Sunday, January 5th

10:00am Worship

10:15am Sunday School for Children

11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal

11:30am Deacon Meeting

Monday, January 6th

7:00pm NA Meeting

Wednesday, January 8th

12Noon Bible Study

6:00pm NA Meeting


Thursday, January 9th

9:30am Sewing Ministry Team



Saturday, January 11th

8:30am ARK



What Child Is This





1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in-cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.


Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.
 The King of kings sal - va-tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.
 Raise, raise the song on high. The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.

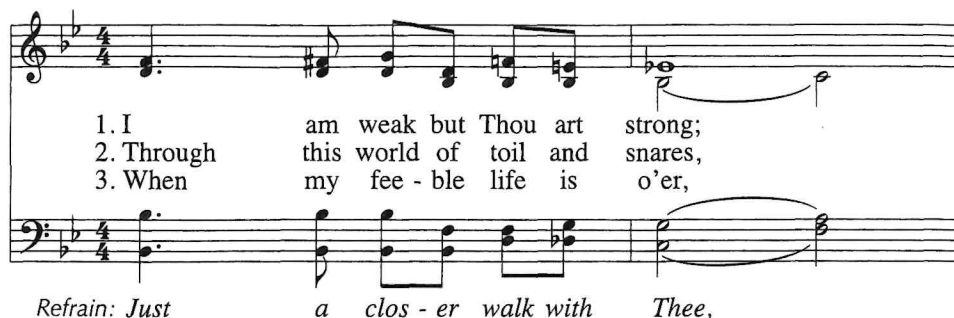
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



This Victorian text gains scope and power by having the original second halves of stanzas two and three restored. They give a stark forward glimpse of what lies ahead for this "babe, the son of Mary!" The tune is much older, dating from Tudor England.

455 JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

...but Judah still walks with God, and is faithful to the Holy One.
Hosea 11:12



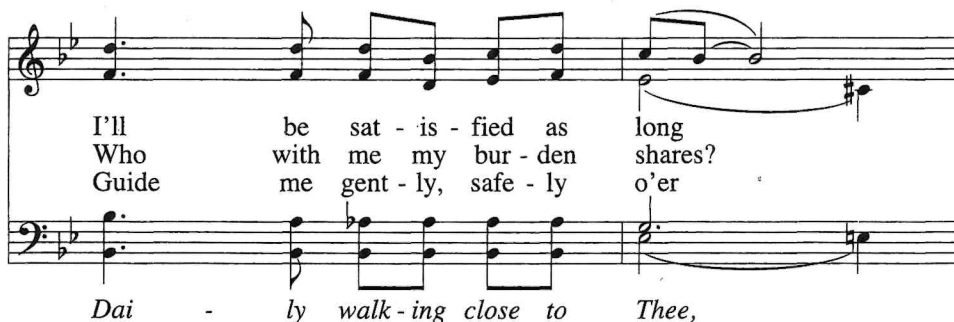
1. I am weak but Thou art strong;
2. Through this world of toil and snares,
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,

Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with Thee,



Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
Time for me will be no more;

Grant it, Je - sus, if You please?



I'll be sat - is - fied as long
Who with me my bur - den shares?
Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er

Dai - ly walk - ing close to Thee,



As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
To Thy king - dom shore, to Thy shore.

Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Text: Anonymous
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