

Order of Worship

December 7, 2025



Prelude *Christmas Prelude - J. R. Watkinson*

Welcome, Prayer

Lighting of Candles of Hope and Peace

Hymn of Praise *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Life Together

Children's Message

Passing of the Peace *Children invited to Sunday School*

Reading *Letter from John the Baptist*

Prayer of Confession

Prayer Response *Prepare Ye the Way*

Sermon *This is The Way*

Second Scripture *Luke 3:1-20* pg. 881

Baptism - *Billy Woody and Ryon Adams*

Communion

Music for Communion *Mary, Did You Know?*

Affirmation of Faith - *The Apostles' Creed*

Opportunities to Serve, Call for Offering

Offertory *Dear Maker of the Starry Skies - R. Hebble*

Doxology, Prayer of Dedication

Hymn of Commitment *Sing We the Song of Emmanuel*

Benediction

Benediction Song *O Come Let Us Adore Him*

Postlude *Sing We the Song of Emmanuel*

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church. You are invited to join us every Sunday for Worship at 10:00 am or at many of our other activities during the week which you can find on our website: www.wpcwestlake.org or in this bulletin.

Message Reflections

Takeaway: We walk in the way of Jesus when the way we live prepares the world for His return.

Questions:

1. What do you think is the hardest part about treating Advent as a season of preparation rather than an extended Christmas celebration?
2. Share about a person who has encouraged you in your faith journey by sharing difficult truths.
3. Reflect on Luke 1:6-7. Zechariah and Elizabeth are described as "righteous" and "blameless," yet they lived with deep disappointment. How does their story challenge the idea that faithfulness guarantees ease or quick answers?
4. Reflect on John 3:7-14. John gives three concrete instructions for ways people can prepare for Jesus (share, act with integrity, refuse to exploit others). Which of these areas do you think we Christians struggle to follow most?



Advent Candle Lighters: Murray Family

Organist/Pianist: Brad Bietry

Leading Worship Today: Joey Caparoni, Dave Rohde, Faith Schierholt

The WPC Chancel Choir: Ed Smart, Director

The WPC Praise Team: Roger Freeland, Bob Holt, Kerby Langendorf, Jim Martin, Ella Rohde, Ed Smart, Elizabeth Swift



Meet our Stephen Ministers, the “After” people
 Aubrey Grey, Kerby Langendorf, Nora Li, Leslie Robison,
 Kathy Spielman, Jo Zimmerman

Ask one of us, Pastor Dave, or Pastor Daryl, what Stephen Ministers do to help in hard times, or find one of us on the listening bench each Sunday, after worship, outside of the Fellowship Center.



The **Listening Bench** is a service of WPC Stephen Ministry team. It gives you the opportunity to talk to someone who will listen confidentially and not judge what you say. The listener will offer prayer if that is something that would help you. The **Listening Bench** is available after each worship service on Sunday mornings on our courtyard.



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Season's Greetings

This is the Way

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INVITING ALL PEOPLE TO
 FOLLOW JESUS ON A
 JOURNEY OF FAITH,
 FRIENDSHIP, AND SERVICE.