

Morning Worship
Westminster Presbyterian Church
The Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2017

The Welcome & Announcements

* The Time of Greetings

The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

The Prelude and Time of Silent Preparation for Worship

The Scriptural Call to Worship..... Luke 2:8-14

* The Hymn “**Angels from the Realms of Glory**” No. 131

* The Prayer of Invocation

* The Lord’s Prayer (Unison)

* The Hymn “**A Nativity Prayer**” No. 126

O holy child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
Be born in us today. Amen

The Prayer of Petition (Unison)

God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only son Jesus Christ; grant that as we joyfully receive Him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him, when he shall come as our judge, who lives and reigns with You forever.

In His Name we pray. Amen.

(Based on the Collects of Thomas Cranmer)

The Baptism of Caleb Thomas and Sarah Patricia
Darlington

* The Hymn “By Faith”

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By faith, we see the hand of God
in the light of creation’s grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith, our fathers roamed the earth
with the pow’r of His promise in their hearts,
Of a holy city built by God’s own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus:

We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul’s reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We’ll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed for Messiah would appear,
With the pow’r to break the chains of sin and death
and rise triumphant from the grave!

By faith the church was called to go
in the pow’r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news
in ev’ry corner of the earth.

Chorus

By faith this mountain shall be moved,
and the pow’r of the gospel shall prevail!
For we know in Christ all things are possible,
for all who call upon His name!

Chorus

We’ll walk by faith and not by sight!
We’ll walk by faith!
We’ll walk by faith and not by sight!

The Silent Prayers for Renewal and the Pastoral Prayer

* The Hymn... “**Joy Has Dawned Upon the World**”

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Joy has dawned upon the world,
Promised from creation—
God's salvation now unfurled,
Hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above,
Not with scenes of glory,
But a humble gift of love—
Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky
With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life
Shelters in a stable.

Hands that set each star in place,
Shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother's breast,
Vuln'erable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb,
Gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands
Prophecy the story.

Gold—a King is born today,
Incense—God is with us,

Myrrh—His death will make a way,
And by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heaven,
Given as a ransom;

Reconciling God and man,
Christ, our mighty champion!
What a Savior! What a Friend!

What a glorious myst'ry!
Once a babe in Bethlehem,
Now the Lord of hist'ry.

* The Prayer of Dedication

The Giving of God's Tithes, Our Offerings, and Faith
Promises

The Welcome & Signing of Pew Registers

The Children's Prayer & Dismissal to Children's Church

The Reading of Scripture - Pew Bible Pages 855-856

Luke 1:26-56

The Sermon Dr. Jim Richter

“The Incarnation of the Son of God and Man”

The Prayer for Application

* The Hymn **“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”** No. 133

* The Benediction and Postlude

*Please stand unless providentially hindered
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