

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Advent 1, Year B, November 29, 2020
Sunday Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Jesus says: I am coming soon.

All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! (Rev. 22:20)

One: Awake from your sleep: salvation is near!

All: The night is far gone; the day is at hand. (Romans 13:11-12)

One: The day of the Lord is surely coming;

All: the promise of God will be fulfilled. (Jeremiah 33:14)

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

(Personal and Silent Prayers of Confession.)

FIRST READING

Mark 13:24-37

Our first reading is from the Gospel of Mark, chapter 13, verses 24 through 37. Let us listen for the inspired word of the Lord. The reading may also be found on wpcabilene.org inside the bulletin posted near the video.

Mark 13:24 “But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,

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and the moon will not give its light,

Mark 13:25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Mark 13:26 Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory.

Mark 13:27 Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

Mark 13:28 ¶ “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.

Mark 13:29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

Mark 13:30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.

Mark 13:31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Mark 13:32 ¶ “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Mark 13:33 Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

Mark 13:34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

Mark 13:35 Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn,

Mark 13:36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.

Mark 13:37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.” The inspired Word of the Lord.

One: The inspired Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

A reading from the great prophet, Isaiah, chapter 64, verses 1 through 9. Let us listen for the inspired word of the Lord. The reading may also be found on wpcabilene.org inside the bulletin posted near the video.

64:1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence--

64:2 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

64:3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

64:4 From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

64:5 You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

64:6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

64:7 There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

64:8 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

64:9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever.

Now consider, we are all your people.

One: The inspired Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“The Two Sides of Advent”

Rev. Chris Turner

***STATEMENT OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)**

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended
into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting . Amen.

JOYS & CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER

(Traditional) PH p. 16

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.

OFFERTORY

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

NEXT SUNDAY'S LECTIONARY READING :

Isaiah 40:1-11 • Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 • 2 Peter 3:8-15a • Mark 1:1-8

The Session and the Westminster Shepherds have decided that we should be praying for the members/friends of our church. Each newsletter and bulletin will have a list of members/friends to pray for each week. **These members are not necessarily sick or in need of specific prayer, and we just want all of our members to be prayed for regularly.**

Cherie Bishop, Barbara Backus, James, Rebekah, Joey, and David Chenevert

Prayer Concerns (alphabetical order):

(The list needs updated. Please contact Pastor Chris to add or remove people from the list.)

- Barbara Backus (health issues).
- Mary Cooke (health issues).
- Jim Halford (health issues).
- Heather Harvey (Rebekah Chenevert's half sister, general prayers).
- Barbara Hermanson (Mona Rood's sister) (Health Issues).
- Abby Parham (health issues).
- Charlie Parham (health issues).
- Polly Porter (health issues).
- Bill Rood (health issues).
- Farren Sadler (health issues).
- Candace Samuelson (health issues).
- Marvin Turner (Broken Hip) and Family (Pastor Chris' family) (health issues).
- The Church and members of Westminster Presbyterian Church.
- The unchurched and those who do not know Jesus Christ.
- Those dealing with Covid and their families.

UPCOMING DATES

Sunday (November 29)

10:55 Worship (Virtual online worship)

Tuesday (December 1)

6:00 Bible Study Zoom

Wednesday (December 2)

4:30 Church Health Team Meeting

Sunday (December 6)

10:55 Worship (TBA:Virtual online worship or in-person)

2:00 Church Health Team Meeting via Zoom with Dr. Randall Adkisson

To join the work and ministry of this congregation, please speak to the pastor (Rev. Chris Turner) at 325-864-7601 or email wpcabilene@gmail.com.

Music Director: Dr. Clara Richardson • Organist: Charles Shelton

This NOVEMBER Westminster is restocking the Presbyterian F O O D Pantry.

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for **after** Thanks**giving**. At the Sunday Worship Services **each** person will be given a **paper sack** or a **plastic bag**. Please **take** these sacks and bags **home** with you; please **F I L L** them with non-perishable **F O O D** items; please **bring** them back to the **Church**; and please **put** them at the **front** of the Sanctuary.
All of the filled sacks and bags will be delivered to the **FOOD Pantry** in time for **CHRISTMAS**.

NO TOYS are being collected **THIS year for the FOOD PANTRY**
-- NO TOYS.

Y O U also can **P A Y** for needed **FOOD** by making **YOUR** checks out to "**Westminster**" and writing "**Food Pantry**" on the **memo** lines,

G I V E your **THANKS!** & **F E E D** the **HUNGRY!** & **S H A R E** your **FAITH!**



BUFFALO GAP PRESBYTERIAN ENCAMPMENT

Westminster **STILL** is collecting **ALUMINUM CANS** for the **BUFFALO GAP PRESBYTERIAN ENCAMPMENT --**

A PLACE FOR GROWING !

These **CANS** are sold, and the **MONEY** raised is used to help defray the **COSTS** of running the Encampment and to help **K E E P** it **O P E N**.

Just put your **SACKS** of cans in the **HALLWAY** down from the Church Office.

DONATIONS also can be **MADE** by making out a **CHECK** to "Westminster",

and writing "**BUFFALO GAP CAMP**" on the

MEMO line.

G I V E your **CANS!** &

S H A R E your **FAITH!** & **S P R E A D** the **GOSPEL!**