

Keep Awake!

Let us Worship

A Prayer to Begin

"A Thrill of Hope" *(all read the bold)*

> *Listen!*
> **A thrill of hope is calling.**
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> *Rejoice!*
> **A weary world is waiting.**
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> *Watch!*
> **A bright star is shining.**
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> *Worship!*
> **The Messiah comes!**

***Hymn 82 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"** *(stand in body or spirit and sing)*

Share the Peace of Christ

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Children's Time with the Pastor

A Light Shines in the Darkness



Lighting the first Advent candle

Wycliffe

November 29, 2026

Rev. Dr. Garrett Bugg, pastor
Rev. Dr. Lyndsey McCall-Gilliam, associate

Hear these words from the Prophet Isaiah *(64:1-9, NIV)*



"Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! Much as when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down and make your name known to your enemies, and cause the nations to quake before you!

When you did awesome things we didn't expect, the mountains trembled before you. Since ancient times no one has heard, nor eye seen, any God like you who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. You come to the help of those who do right, and who remember your ways.

But we have become like one who is unclean, and our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we shrivel like a dried leaf, and our sins sweep us away. No one calls on your name for you have hidden your face from us.

Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are the work of your hand. Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord; nor remember our sins forever. Look on us as we pray, for we are your people.

Hymn 92 "While We Are Waiting, Come" *(remain seated & sing v. 1 & 2)*

When you are surrounded by broken things,
when you find yourself in a place of devastation and discouragement,
take heart.
Blessed are you, for you have been sent by the Spirit
to do the work of love among ruins.

Blessed are you who mend the shattered, who build up what's been torn down.
Blessed are you who accompany the broken,
who stand with light and hope amid the rubble.

We may not understand the stitching of wounded flesh,
the mystery that knits strands of death into life,
but in the splintered night you can hold the lamp,
or at least bear witness to the love that makes whole.
The mystery is hidden in your being.
Build up ancient ruins, beloved; the Spirit will guide and strengthen you.

(T. Shuman)

Hymn 92 "While We Are Waiting, Come" *(remain seated & sing v.3)*

A Reflection *~ Rev. Dr. Lyndsey McCall-Gilliam*



"A Thrill of Hope" *A. Adam, arr. Andrea Hamilton*
John Holman, guitar Steve Barcynski, piano

. . . A weary world rejoices for yonder breaks a new & glorious morn . . . Here & now as God draws near to make salvation known, come & join the joyful song, we feel a thrill of hope.

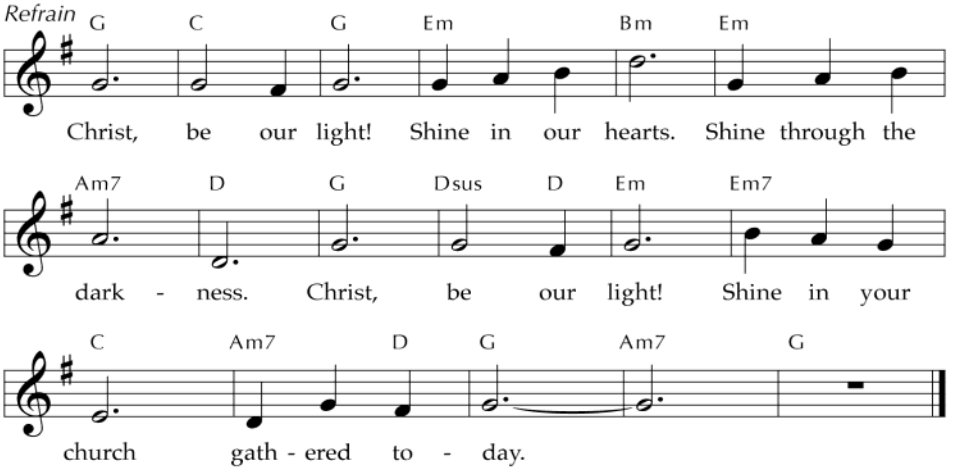
A Time of Confession *(all read the bold)*

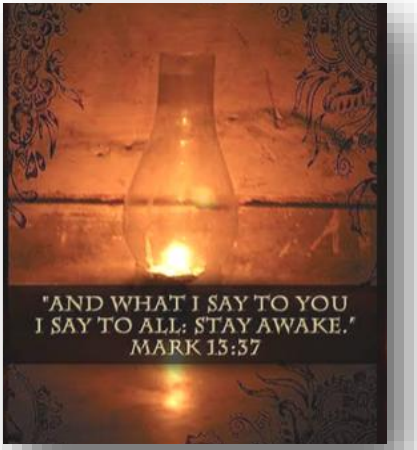
Our hearts cry out for restoration and our spirits plead for illumination, and before God, we confess our love for power and control.
We cling to wealth
because we fear vulnerability.

We insist on our own way
because we fear change.

We reject love and salvation
because it comes from outside our comfort zone.

Guide us into your truth and light by the mercy of Jesus, our way, and our life.





Mark 13:24-37

A Reflection

Hymn 94
"Now the Heavens Start to Whisper"

(remain seated & sing)

Prayers of the People *(all read the bold)*

We come before God, offering the rejoicing of our hearts and the weariness of our spirits ~

For the shifting of the seasons,
the gifts of darkness and light,
the rest and respite of creation,
for the health of land and water,
for all gifts of stewardship and creativity:
receive our prayers, O God.



For those who watch and wait ~
for bedside vigils,
for anticipated reunions with those detained,
for test results,
for news about employment,
for hope of reconciliation,
for expectant families and those in the wilderness of infertility,
for all who await God's abundant mercy:
receive our prayers, O God.

For the dawning of Christ's reign ~
for peace among nations and people,
for just and merciful leaders,
for a world where all are fed, clothed, and protected
with equal access to basic needs,
for the restoration of joy: **receive our prayers, O God.**

The prayer continues ~ concluding with ***The Lord's Prayer*** *(screen)*

An Affirmation of Hope *(all ready the bold)*

Let us affirm the hope of God's promises ~

We believe in God who creates:
who shows up in clouds and stars and budding trees;
who named all things good;
whose grace appears in the wonders of nature
and is still creative and active among us.

We believe in a God who sustains:
we believe in the promises of Christ, for whom we wait:
a place where good will prevails over evil,
where all will be healed and restored,
and in a future with hope.

We believe in a God of surprises:
we believe the Spirit is moving in this place and time,
where we will witness the inbreaking of
mercy and justice with unexpected grace.

We believe we are called to keep awake
for God works through us to renew the world.

*Hymn 107 "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New morn" *(stand in body or spirit & sing)*

*The Benediction

Join us for coffee & conversation in the fellowship hall
(to the left as you leave the sanctuary)



Giving to the Mission & Ministry of Wycliffe

Giving is a natural overflow of a heart that is grateful for Jesus, who gave everything for us. A basket is available on the table as you leave the sanctuary for contributions of checks or cash. A secure link for electronic giving is available on the church's website at www.wycliffepresbyterian.org

Today's sanctuary flowers are given by Carolyn & Joe Dearing
in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary



This Week at Wycliffe

Nov 29 *(TODAY): Poinsettia orders due! (all white, 8in, $20 each)*
Dec 1 *(Tues, 12:15pm): Pastors' Lunch at Union Alehouse*
Dec 5 *(Sat, 9:00-11:00am): "Deck the Halls" ~ all are welcome to help decorate the church!*
Dec 5 *(Sat, 9:00-11:00am): Kids' Club (preK-4s– 5th gr) - crafts, decorate tree, FUN!*

Looking Ahead

Dec 6 *(Sun, 10:00am): Youth Sunday*
Dec 6 *(Sun): Angel Tree Gifts due (please wrap & attach the 'ornament' label to the gift)*
Dec 7 *(Mon by 3:30pm): Christmas Basket Foods and/or funds due*
Dec 12 *(Sat, 7:30am): Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (Sunrise Café)*
Dec 12 *(9:00am): Church Work Day (bring rakes & blowers if you have them)*
Dec 13 *(10:00am): Children's Christmas Pageant (all children are invited to be a part!)*
Dec 13 *(after worship): Cookie Swap! (drop off your best cookies before worship to share)*
Dec 13 *(5:00pm): Church Family Caroling (Everyone welcome! Bus for teens!)*
Dec 14 *(6:30-8:30pm): Bunco Christmas Party (Betty Oliver's home; bring a treat & gift)*
Dec 15 *(Tues, 12:00n): Ladies' Lunch at Westminster Canterbury (carpool & bring pic ID)*
Dec 20 *(Sun, 6:00pm): Yuletide Tunes & Treats! (Ballyhoos): Fun for all & ElizRiverBoys*

Service Opportunities

Church Work Day *~ Many hands make light work and with jobs for all ages and falling leaves galore, there's plenty to do. Saturday, Dec 12 (rain date: Dec 19)*



Keep Your Extras Home, Please ! *~ In this season of Angel Tree gifts and Holiday Food Basket collections, the Christian Service & Mission team kindly asks that you HOLD any general household goods that you might be ready to give for those in need. CS&M are up to their ears with the two specific holiday drives and storage space is limited. They look forward to your generosity AFTER December 10.*

Mission Opportunities

Wycliffe's Christian Service & Mission team is coordinating two opportunities for Wycliffe to help those in need, and for both, gifts/food/financial assistance is due soon!

Questions? *Check with Ashley Miller, Jennifer McNeil or any member of the team.*

Angel Tree ~*To give a local child a merrier Christmas (Due Dec 6)*

Christmas Food Baskets ~
Christmas dinner for local families, as identified by VaBeach Social Services. (Due Dec 7)







Caroling to the Homebound ~

All singers (the great ones and the just plain enthusiastic ones) of all ages & abilities are invited to gather at the church on Sunday, Dec 13, at 5:00pm to enjoy an evening of bringing cheer & carols to the church homebound. A bus is available with "first-choice" for teens! ***Questions?*** *See Rev.Gilliam.*



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Advent I - Hope

Sunday, November 29 ~ Worship at 10:00am ~ "Keep Awake"

Saturday, December 5 - "Deck the Halls" from 9:00am-11:00am
with "Kids' Club" (same time) with special activities for 4s-5th grade

Advent II - Peace

Sunday, December 6 - Worship at 10:00am - "Prepare the Way"
Youth Sunday with Wycliffe's Instrumental Ensemble

Advent III - Love

Sunday, December 13 - Worship at 10:00am - "Among You Stands One"
featuring the Wycliffe Ringers and the Children's Christmas Pageant
"Cookie Swap" after worship
5:00pm ~ Church Family Caroling! (all are invited)

Advent IV - Joy

Sunday, December 20- Worship at 10:00am - "Let It Be With Me"
Special Music with the Wycliffe Choir
Yuletide Tunes & Treats at 6:00pm (Ballyhoos, 2865 Lynnhaven Dr)
"The Longest Night" *(for those who grieve)* at 7:00pm - Wycliffe's Facebook page

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24
Children's Celebration at 3:00pm where every child receives a Christmas blessing
"Candlelight, Carols & Communion - 5:00pm featuring the Harbor String Quartet (4:40p)

The First Sunday in Christmas

Sunday, December 27 - 10:00am worship with a *Christmas Lessons & Carols*