



### **Welcome & Announcements**

*(please sign the red friendship pad & pass along your row)*

### **LET US WORSHIP**

*“O COME, O COME EMMANUEL” (12th c. Latin antiphon, arr. J. Curnow)*

**FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW** (24:36-42 NCV; all read the bold)

*No one knows when that day or time will be,  
**not the angels in heaven, not even the Son. Only the Father knows.***

*When the Son of Man comes, it will be like what happened in Noah’s time.  
Before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving children  
to be married until the day Noah entered the boat.*

**They knew nothing about what was happening  
until the flood came and destroyed them all.**

*It will be the same when the Son of Man comes. Two will be in the field.*

**One will be taken, and the other will be left.**

*Two will be grinding grain at the mill. One will be taken, the other will be left.*

**So always be ready,  
because you don’t know the day your Lord will come.**

**\*HYMN 107 “AWAKE, AWAKE & GREET THE NEW MORN”** *(stand in body or spirit and sing)*

*\*Share the Peace of Christ*

*~ Children’s Time with the Pastors ~*

**ADVENT I ~ November 30, 2025**

*Rev. Dr Garrett Bugg, pastor*

*Rev. Dr. Lyndsey McCall-Gilliam, associate pastor*



**WOMEN IN THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS, THE MESSIAH**



**TAMAR**

*From Genesis 38 ~ Judah had three sons: Er, Oman, and Shelah. Judah found a wife for Er whose name was Tamar, but in the Lord's sight, Er was wicked so the Lord put him to death. Following the custom, Judah gave Tamar to second-son Onan to carry the family line, but Onan refused since the child would not be considered his own, so the Lord put him to death.*

*Judah promised Tamar that youngest-son Shelah would be her husband when he grew up, and she lived as widow in Judah's home to wait. But when Shelah grew up, she was not given to him. When Judah's wife died, and he ended his grieving, he sought a prostitute. To secure her future, Tamar dressed as one, covered her face and sat on the road to Timnah where she knew he would pass by.*

*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 blessed by the Spirit  
to do the work of love among ruins.*

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

**A TIME OF CONFESSION** *(read the bold)*

Trusting in God's tender mercy,  
**we confess that our lives are  
like barren trees in winter.**

*We do not always hear - or accept - your word  
and are unable to bear fruits of love & compassion.*

**Forgive us when we ignore those in distress.  
Be born in us again, so that by your grace  
we may bear your light.**



**HYMN 314 "LONGING FOR LIGHT, WE WAIT IN DARKNESS"** *(remain seated & sing v. 1 only)*

**THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE & PARDON . . . And all say Thanks be to God.**



## RAHAB

**Joshua 2** ~ After Moses died, God told his aide Joshua to lead the people across the Jordan River into the land God promised. As the Israelites prepared for the crossing, Joshua sent spies ahead to Jericho.

The spies found the house of Rahab, a prostitute, and stayed there. But when the king of Jericho learned of the spies he sent word to Rahab to bring them out. She told him that they left before the city gate was closed for nightfall and she had no idea where they went, but she had secretly hidden them on her roof under stalks of flax.

The Holy One who holds the universe in strong and gentle hands  
also holds us, cares for us, accompanies us, is with us.  
In death or life, in joy or sorrow,  
the Compassionate One walks with us, and gives us the life we have.  
A life holy, precious, and worthy of wonder,  
no matter how long or pretty,  
for the promise is that it will be holy.  
Graciously given, mysteriously blessed.

**HYMN 314** “LONGING FOR LIGHT, WE WAIT IN DARKNESS” (remain seated & sing v. 2 only)



## RUTH

**Ruth 3** ~ Boaz took Ruth to be his wife and she conceived and gave birth to a son. The women of the village said to her mother-in-law Naomi, “Praise be to the Lord who has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! And they named him Obed who was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

I can tell you that on this path there will be help.  
I can tell you there will be rest.  
I can tell you that you'll know strange graces  
that come to our aid only on a road such as this,  
that fly to meet us bearing comfort and strength  
and come alongside us to lean toward our ear  
and whisper our name: Beloved.

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” (Welsh folk tune; text-C. Wesley, arr. B. Harlan)  
Born to set thy people free; from our fears & sins release us . . .



## Bathsheba

**2 Samuel 11** ~ In the spring, when kings go off to war, David sent the entire Israelite army to destroy the Ammonites, but David remained in Jerusalem, and one evening, walking along his roof, he saw a very beautiful woman bathing and sent someone to find out who she was. “She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and wife of Uriah the Hittite,” he was told. But David sent someone to bring her to him, and she became pregnant.

David had her husband return from battle so he could sleep with his wife and claim this unborn child, but Uriah was an honorable man and refused to do so while his men were still on the battlefield, so David conspired to have him placed at the front of the battle, and Uriah the Hittite was killed. When Bathsheba heard this, she mourned for him. But after the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house and she became his wife. All that David had done displeased the Lord.

When you despair that your life is small (**insignificant**),  
when you grieve that your life is troubled (**or a mess**),  
when you doubt your life's benefit to the universe,  
remember that no matter your faults  
(**or your last name or where you were born**),  
regardless of your disappointments  
(**failures, broken promises**)  
you are more than this one individual flesh:  
you are part of this vast, wondrous humanity,  
this glorious Creation,  
part of God's healing of the world.  
Your life, your whole life, is beautiful and worthy,  
(**Holy**)  
and belongs to God.

**HYMN 92 “WHILE WE ARE WAITING, COME”** (remain seated & sing)



**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*followed by THE LORD'S PRAYER (on the screen)*



## Mary

**Luke 1** ~ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. Her name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you. Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God and will give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled."

**HYMN 274 YOU, LORD, ARE BOTH LAMB AND SHEPHERD** (remain seated & sing)

**Reflection** ~ Rev. Dr. Garrett Bugg



**WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH** (remain seated & read the bold together)

We believe in God who promised Abraham, who wrestled with Jacob, who walked with Ruth, who spoke with Moses, who grieved with Bathsheba, **who danced with David, who dreamed with Joseph, and who hoped with Mary.**

We believe in a God who has been loving, inviting, transforming, **and challenging from generation to generation.**

And we believe that same God is here with us now, saying, **"There's room for all here."**



**\*HYMN 100 “MY SOUL CRIES OUT WITH A JOYFUL SHOUT”** (sing v.1, 2, & 4 only)

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

*Join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee & conversation  
(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](http://www.wycliffepresbyterian.org)*

*The sanctuary flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God  
by Carl and MaryLee Medley in joyful celebration of their wedding yesterday*

## **Upcoming Week: Nov 30-Dec 6**

**TODAY: HOLIDAY BASKET & ANGEL TREE** ~ find the holiday basket shopping list on the grey side table in the narthex and Angel Tree tags on the tree in the fellowship hall!

**TODAY: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** at 9 am (room 209/Zoom)

**TODAY: CHOIR PRACTICE** at 9:30 am (music room)

**TODAY: CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** at 10:10 am (ed. wing)

**TODAY: MUSIC MAKERS** from 11 to 11:20 am (music room)

**TODAY: MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL** from 11 to 11:20 am (room 108)

**TUESDAY: PASTOR'S LUNCH OUT** at 12:15 pm [Craft Burger Bar ~ 2947 Shore Dr]

**WEDNESDAY: ADULT SMALL GROUP** at 9:30am [sanctuary]

**SATURDAY: DECK THE HALLS** at 9:00 am [Wycliffe]

## **On the Horizon**

**NEXT SUNDAY: Virginia Handbell Concert** at 4 pm (sanctuary)

**NEXT SUNDAY: Youth Caroling** at 5:30 pm (meet at WPC)

**December 14: Children's Christmas Pageant** during worship (sanctuary)

**December 14: Christmas Cookie Swap** after worship (fellowship hall)

**December 16: Ladies Lunch Out** at 12 pm (Westminster Canterbury)

**December 21: Yuletide Tunes and Tastings** at 5 pm (Ballyhoos)



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was the  
father of  
Isaac, and  
Isaac the  
father of Jacob,  
and Jacob the  
father of Judah and  
his brothers, and  
Judah the father of Perez  
and Zerah by Tamar, and  
Perez the father of Hezron,  
and Hezron the father of Ram,  
and Ram the father of  
Amminadab, and Amminadab the  
father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the  
father of Salmon, and Salmon the father  
of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of  
Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse,  
and Jesse the father of David the king. And  
David was the father of Solomon by the wife of  
Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and  
Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father  
of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and  
Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of  
Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the  
father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah  
the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and  
Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his  
brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the  
deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and  
Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and  
Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the  
father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud,  
and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan  
the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph  
the husband  
of Mary, of  
whom was  
b o r n



# JESUS

*who is called Christ.*



### ADVENT II - PEACE

Sunday, December 7 - Worship at 10:00am

Youth Sunday & First Communion

Virginia Handbell Consort Holiday Concert at 4:00pm (free)

Youth Caroling at 5:30pm

### ADVENT III - JOY

Sunday, December 14 - Worship at 10:00am

featuring the Wycliffe Ringers and the Children's Christmas Pageant

Wycliffe Cookie Exchange (following worship)

### ADVENT IV - LOVE

Sunday, December 21 - Worship at 10:00am

featuring the Wycliffe Ringers and Chancel Choir with guest instrumentalists

Yuletide Tunes & Tastings at 5:00pm (Ballyhoos, 2865 Lynnhaven Dr)

"The Longest Night" (*for those who grieve*) at 7:00pm - Wycliffe's Facebook page

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, 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 28 - 10:00am worship with a *Christmas Lessons & Carols*

### EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 4 - 10:00am worship

Choose your 2026 Star Word!