



Christmas Eve

Traditional Worship

Baby Jesus by Mike Moyers

THE Celebration OF Worship

Prelude

Noel Nouvelet/African Noel/The First Noel

arr. Lloyd Larson

Pastorale from *Christmas Concerto*

Arcangelo Corelli

Pat-a-Pan

arr. Lloyd Larson

See Amid the Winter Snow

arr. Dan Forest

I Saw Three Ships/Sussex Carol

arr. Lloyd Larson

Benny Benack III, trumpet, and Jim Burns, piano

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

Katy Williams, soprano

Welcome

***Lighting of the Christ Candle** (3:00p.m. - Kerry and Mark Swaney / 9:00 p.m. - the Davis family)

Leader: Light looked down and saw darkness.

All: "I will go there," said Light.

Leader: Peace looked down and saw war.

All: "I will go there," said Peace.

Leader: Love looked down and saw hatred.

All: "I will go there," said Love.

Leader: So he, the Lord of Light,
the Prince of Peace, the King of Love,
came down and nestled in among us.

1. Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plain,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Refrain: Gloria in Excelsis Deo! Gloria in Excelsis Deo!
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Refrain: Gloria in Excelsis Deo! Gloria in Excelsis Deo!
3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing.
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Refrain: Gloria in Excelsis Deo! Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

*Prayer for Christmas Eve

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.

People: **Living God, on this holy night we gather—
to stand with shepherds, amazed at your glory;
to sing with angels, rejoicing in your care;
to wait with Joseph, trusting in your promise;
to sit with Mary, cradling your love.
May the good news of this night inspire us
to make room in our hearts.
Unto us a child is born.
Unto us grace is given. Amen.**

Anthem

This Child Shall Be Our Peace

Molly Ijames

Prayer of Illumination

Mary's Song of Praise

The Gospel of Luke 1:46-55

Hymn No. 110

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

1. Love has come: a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.
2. Love is Born! Come, share in the wonder. Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers. Love! Love! Jesus, Emmanuel.
3. Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

A Word for All Ages (3:00)

The Birth of Jesus

The Gospel of Luke 2:1-14

Anthem

Away in a Manger

arr. Mack Wilberg

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Sung Response - No. 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Verse 4

ST. LOUIS

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

The Shepherds' Journey

The Gospel of Luke 2:15-20

Meditation

Your Savior is Born

Jo Forrest

Offertory Anthem

Christmas Lullaby

John Rutter

Bringing the Light Into the World

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." *John 8:12*

As the pastors walk down the aisle, they will pause at each pew to light the end candle. offer the light to your neighbor and greet them with "the peace of Christ be with you." After all the candles are lit, the congregation will join in singing "Silent Night." During the last verse, carefully raise your candle aloft. Please extinguish your candle following the benediction and place them in the receptacles in the narthex as you leave.

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***Closing Hymn No. 122**

Silent Night, Holy Night!
Choirs & Congregation

STILLE NACHT

- 1 Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, 'round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2 Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!"
- 3 Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from Thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
- 4 Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Away in a Manger, final verse

arr. Wilberg

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever,
and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Postlude

Postlude on Joy to the World

Craig Phillips

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Faith Kemmler, Benny Benack III, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Katy Williams, the Chancel Choir, Kerry and Mark Swaney, and the Davis family.



Welcome to Christmas Eve Worship at Westminster Presbyterian Church!

We are glad you have chosen to be with us
and we invite you to participate in future opportunities
for worship, fellowship, and mission.

At Westminster, children and families are essential members of our community, and we encourage all ages to participate in worship. As we celebrate the birth of the Christ child, we invite your family to wiggle, sing, dance, color, and make a joyful noise with the congregation. Coloring sheets and a family restroom can be found in the lobby.

Nursery care is available during the 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. services for infants through preschool in Room 222. If you'd like a little more space to wiggle while you worship, the Wiggle Room provides a safe space for families to step away and listen to the service. Our ushers would be happy to direct you to the Nursery or Wiggle Room.

Whether you are visiting for the first time or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you join us on this holy evening. We invite you to return often and consider making this your church home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Chancel Guild wishes to thank all who contributed Christmas poinsettias. They add greatly to the beauty of our church. **Flowers for delivery can be picked up at the church on December 26, 28, or 29 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

① ONE SERVICE SUNDAY

Sunday, December 28 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

The service will blend both traditional and contemporary styles. We will remember the promises made in our baptisms. It will also be livestreamed.
There will be no Sunday school.

OUR PRIORITIES

LOVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

Accept **EVERYONE WITH LOVE**
Seek **JUSTICE, WITHOUT EXCEPTION**

Inspire **WONDER AND MEANING**
Energize **THE NEXT GENERATION**



2025

Christmas Memorial/Honoree Poinsettias

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Raleigh Peters, son-in-law

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Sandy Shanahan

Lois Singleton
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Neal & Rebecca Stoczynski
Bonnie Thompson
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In Memory of:

In loving memory of loved ones
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