

# Christmas Eve

FAMILY SERVICE

*Baby Jesus by Mike Moyers*

Westminster Presbyterian Church



December 24, 2023 | 5:00 p.m.

## THE Celebration OF Worship

### Prelude

What Child Is This?  
*Ava Wynne and Maddie Webber, flute*

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### Welcome

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### Lighting of the Christ Candle (Lauren, Kevin, Payton, and Palmer Cunningham)

- Leader: How does a weary world hold onto hope, practice peace, spread joy, or know love?
- People: **How does a weary world combat cruelty?**
- Leader: How does a weary world shine a light into our bleakest night?
- People: **We do all these things with God's help.  
For tonight, a child is born in Bethlehem.**
- Leader: Tonight, Christ draws near.
- People: **Tonight, we light the Christ Candle.**
- Leader: Tonight, we are not alone.
- People: **God is near. Love has drawn close.  
Rejoice! For God loves this weary world.**

**\*Opening Hymn No. 133**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!

*Refrain:*

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

2. Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

*(Refrain)*

3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

*(Refrain)*

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**A Christmas Story**

Told through Scripture and Song

Scripture: Luke 2: 1-20 and Matthew 2: 2-12

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**The Snow Lay on the Ground**

Leo Sowerby

Soloists: *Catherine Radinick* and *Maxwell Senge*  
*Cherub and Junior Choirs*

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**Bethlehem Night**

Terry D. Taylor

*Cherub Choir*

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**Mary's Breath**

Amy Grant and Chris Eaton

Soloists: *Scarlett Burgess*, *Olivia Leggat*, and *Cece Conley*  
*Youth Choir*

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**Ring the Bells**

Mark Wilson

Bells: *Nolan Daniele*, *Olivia Leggat*, and *Jackson Galbreath*;  
Claves: *Tyler McClintock-Comeaux*  
*Junior Choir*

*Choirs and Congregation*

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
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)*

3. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

*(Refrain)*

**Three Wise Kings**

Douglas Wagner

*Junior Choir*

Finger cymbals, *Kate McClintock-Comeaux* and *Maura Ralston*

**Repeat the Sounding Joy**

arr. Douglas Wagner

*Cherub, Junior, and Youth Choirs*

**Message**

Gifts for a King

Faith Kemmler

**Offertory**

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

arr. Donald Moore

*Youth Choir*

**\*Closing Hymn No. 122**

Silent Night, Holy Night!

STILLE NACHT

*Choirs & Congregation*

- 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**

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**Leading in worship:** Faith Kemmler, Jim Burns, Holly Jones, Beth Ketterman and the Youth, Junior and Cherub Choirs.

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**Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church**, a community of faith committed to bringing people to Christ through worshipping God, teaching the faith, and serving in mission. We grow together in the trials and joys of life with laughter and mutual support.

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.

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.

Whether you are visiting for the first time or 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.

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# *New Year's Eve Worship Service*

December 31, 2023 – One Worship Service 10 am in the Sanctuary

## ANNOUNCEMENTS and ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**Cherub Choir:** *Beth Ketterman, director*

Lucy Amick, Blaire Bowser, Claudia Bowser, Brooklyn Cimarolli, Caden Conroy, Palmer Cunningham, Crosby Daniele, Brooklyn Senge, and Mason Wintruba.

**Junior Choir:** *Holly Jones, director*

Emma Barry, Catherine Radinick, Maxwell Senge, and Amelia Wilkinson.

**Youth Choir:** *Holly Jones, director*

Scarlett Burgess, CeCe Conley, Adriana Daniele, Nolan Daniele, Jackson Galbreath, Paige Krzywicki, Olivia Leggat, Kate McClintock-Comeaux, Tyler McClintock-Comeaux, Maura Ralston, Melice Rubino, and Madeleine Thomas.

**Christmas Eve Loose Offering** In this season of joy and giving, there are those in our communities who experience hardships and lack basic necessities. We think of and pray for these homeless men, women, and children. We recognize all that we have in our lives and seek to bring some light to theirs. The Christmas Eve offering will be given to Street Moms, a community outreach initiative that hand delivers needed items and personal connection to the homeless population in Wheeling, WV. WPC engages in hands on mission with Street Moms, making meals, supplying tents and other necessities. The offering also will be shared with Proud Haven, a local shelter for homeless LGBTQIA+ youth, an organization selected by the youth of Westminster as a meaningful cause.

**The Chancel Guild** wishes to thank all who contributed Christmas poinsettias. They add greatly to the beauty of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Poinsettias will be available on December 24 following the 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. services, and from December 26 through 28, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

## OUR PRIORITIES

### LOVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

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

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



2023

## Christmas Memorial/Honoree Poinsettias

**Given by:**

All who loved her

Barbara & Richard Allwes

Emily & Troy Bailey

The Balsinger Family

Bea Bartko

John Baumiller

Kristy & Raymond Berrott

David E. Berry

Knox & Lynn Brown

Jane & Rae Burton

Von & Suzanne Campanella

Donna Carroll

Bobbie Copeland

Barbara Cox; Jason & Carrie Golvash

Janis Davis

Bill, Karlyn & Tommy Davis

R. Loraine Dellaria

Lynn Cummings Dempsey

Jay Descalzi

Susan Fitzsimmons

Hamish Forrest

Mary Gilleland & Family

**In Memory of:**

Denise Burke

Grace & Harry Blinn, parents

Grandparents; Ball, Allwes, Davidson, and Blinn Families

Georgette Bailey

William Bailey

Loved Ones

David R. Bartko

William & Mary Baumiller

Ron & Ruth Berrott

Linda Rae Berry

Our parents

Loved Ones

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In memory of John Carroll & Family

David Jay Copeland, loving husband and father

Carl D. Fazio, loving husband of Kay Fazio

Philip M. Cox and Loved Ones

Robert Davis

Carl & Jean Daube

Tom & Sandy Daube

Arthur & Jackie Davis

Eleanor J. Davis

Howard I. & Anne Richey

Mary Jane Richey Lonick

Loved Ones

Joan Descalzi

Gilbert Fitzsimmons

Jack & Margaret Forrest

Woody Gilleland

## Given by:

Sally Grabowski

The Hammel Family

Drew Hauth

The Heilman Family

Bev Hilty

Isabelle Holzapfel

The James C. Ickes, Jr. Family

Ernest & Dora Kern & Family

Karen & Russ Kern

Wilma Knapp

Catherine Kramer

The Krock Family

Ted & Sara Kyle

Nancy Langston

Bill & Maureen Ludwig

Frank & Marge McCabe

Tim & Jane McConnell

The McCormick Family

Charlotte McDaniel

Joni & Ruth McMillen

Patricia May & W. Rodgers Moore

Andie & Bob Noah

Ruth O'Brien

Susan Phillips-Castelli

Bridgette Pierce

Hedy & George Pitcairn

Platt & Bacheson Families

Robert & Maryanne Purdy

## In Memory of:

Florence & Ben Milcarek, parents

Loved Ones

Chuck & Jane Hauth

Dick & Donna Heilman

David Hilty

John Holzapfel

James & Emma Ickes  
Harry & Virginia Simmons  
Samuel Ickes

Homer W. Kern  
George & Thelma Smith

Dr. George Carrick  
Ren Simmons

David W. Knapp, husband  
Michael Knapp Brindley, grandson

Loved Ones

Ruth & George C. Krock  
Betty & Dan Heiple

Kenneth Kyle

Richard Everett Langston, Jr.

Bill & Christine Ludwig  
Jack O'Brien

Frank & Eileen McCabe  
Adrian & Betty Oskam

Our Parents, Ruth & Bill McConnell  
Janice McConnell, sister

Loved Ones

Linda Serene

Francis & Lillian McMillen

Orveal & Betty Ann May  
Bill & Anne Moore

Our Parents

Jack O'Brien

Family & Friends

Barbara Miller, mother

Edward & Grace Streets  
Katheryn & George W. Pitcairn Sr.

Bob & Flo Lawrence

Our Parents

## Given by:

Richard, Kelly & Maura Ralston  
Robert Ralston

Jim, John & Aki Roberts

Bill & Denise Rost  
Harry Serene

Sandy Shanahan  
The Simon Family

Lois Singleton

Joan & Peter Stephans  
Craig, Leslie, Matt & Kate Stiffler

Bonnie Thompson  
Tim & Sandy Thompson

Claire Thornburgh

Joan E. Watson  
Karen Williams

Jackie, Jeff & Craig Wilson  
Jeff & Mary Zora

## In Memory of:

Abbey Victoria  
Karen Ralston  
Abbey Ralston

John M. Roberts  
Jane F. Skutt

Loved Family Members

Linda Serene  
Clara & Michael Serene  
Margaret & Frank Hootman

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

William Singleton, husband  
Amelia Kelly, mother

Our Parents and Grandparents

Callie Christner

Loved Ones

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Jack & Helen Watson, my wonderful parents

Dorothy, Thomas & John Watson

Paul & Marthe Haupt, parents  
Gregg Yeager

John H. Wilson

Warren Dean

## Given by

Anonymous  
Knox & Lynn Brown  
Rick & Ethel Collins  
Charlotte McDaniel  
Bill & Denise Rost  
Charlie & Claire Thornburgh

## In Honor of:

Rev. Dr. Jo Forrest  
Kira & Addie Brown  
Our children: Beth, Jeanne, and Billy  
Family and friends  
Our grandchildren  
Brooks Watson Thornburgh, grandson