

The Order of Worship

December 24, 2010

11:00 P.M.

Love shall be our token, Love be yours and love be mine, Love to God and all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.

Christina Rossetti

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7

Chris Phillips

CAROL There Is No Rose

John Dunstable

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

We welcome all to this service of worship, especially our visitors and guests. In the time before the service begins, we invite all who worship here to take a moment to offer a prayer lifting up to God the life and work of this family of faith and its pastors.

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu; Alleluia.

For in this rose contained was Heaven and earth in little space; Res miranda
[Wonderful thing].

PROCURE A CANDLE IN THE NARTHEX

PRELUDE Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ

Johann Pachelbel

Praise Be to Thee, Jesus Christ

By that rose we may well see That he is God in persons three; Pari forma [Equal in form].

The angels sungen the shepherds to: Gloria in excelsis Deo: Gaudeamus [Let us rejoice].

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her

Georg Böhm

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Brian, Jean, Claire, and Helen Bonnyman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jonathan Wiesehuegel

Leader: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

People: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Leader: And this shall be a sign for you.

People: You will find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

Leader: And suddenly there was, with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God.

People: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

***HYMN NO. 31** (blue hymnal) Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

Rev. John Muntz

***HYMN NO. 116** (red hymnal) Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:2,6-7

Katie Ellis

SCRIPTURE Psalm 96:1-6,10-13

Margaret McKeehan

***HYMN NO. 40** (blue hymnal) Joy to the World!

Antioch

SCRIPTURE Micah 5:2-5a

Carolyn Ellis

CAROL Love Came Down at Christmas

Mansel Thomas

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine; Love was born at Christmas, Star and angels gave the sign.

Leave we all this worldly mirth; And follow we this joyful birth; Transeamus [Let us follow].

Anonymous, 14th century

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-14

Nicole Baker

CAROLS Sussex Carol

English carol

arr. David Willcocks

On Christmas night all Christians sing, To hear the news the angels bring, News of great joy, news of great mirth, News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since our Redeemer made us glad, When from our sin he set us free, All for to gain our liberty?

All out of darkness we have light, Which made the angels sing this night: "Glory to God and peace to men, Now and forevermore. Amen."

text collected by Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Holly and the Ivy

English carol

arr. David Willcocks

The holly and the ivy, When they are both full grown, Of all the trees that are in the wood, The holly bears the crown. O, the rising of the sun, And the running of the deer, The playing of the merry organ, Sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom As white as the lily flower; And Mary bore sweet Jesus

Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine; Worship we our Jesus: But wherewith for sacred sign?

Christ To be our sweet Saviour. (Refrain)

The holly bears a colour As green as any tree; And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ To set poor sinners free. (Refrain)

The holly bears a berry As red as any blood And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ To do poor sinners good. (Refrain)

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 1:1-4

CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION

***HYMN NO. 41** (blue hymnal) O Come, All Ye Faithful

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Tonight we will be celebrating Holy Communion by the method of intinction, where worshipers may come forward and take a piece of bread to dip into the cup. The ministers and ushers will direct you.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION (the congregation singing)

Hymn No. 43 (blue hymnal) O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn No. 25 (blue hymnal) Away in a Manger

Traditional
Buran Phillips
Buran Phillips
Adeste fideles

Forest Green

Mueller

SERVICE OF CANDLE LIGHTING ...

The lights will be dimmed and the minister will light a candle from the Christ Candle. The minister will then light the candles of the ushers, who will then light the candles of the first person on each aisle. Light will then be passed from worshiper to worshiper. Remember that the lighted candle remains upright and the unlighted candle is tipped to the lighted candle.

***HYMN** Silent Night, Holy Night

(The candle is held close to the breast)

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.

(The candle is extended outward)

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."

(The candle is extended upward)

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.

Following the singing of the final hymn, the ministers will lead a silent recessional to carry the light outside, weather permitting. After everyone has gathered in the front courtyard, we will sing the first verse "O Come All Ye Faithful."

***BENEDICTION**

*Indicates standing.

COLLEGE YOUTH ASSISTING IN WORSHIP are Nicole Baker, Carolyn Ellis, Katie Ellis, Margaret McKeehan, Chris Phillips, and Jonathan Wieseuegel

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

ELDERS: Brian Bonnyman, Don Byerly, Tim Crais, Angela Grobe, Pam Potocik, Tim Ryan, and Jonathan Wieseuegel

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN on December 31. Please make sure you get your 2010 contributions and any pre-paid pledges for 2011 in no later than 10:00 a.m. December 31.

DECEMBER 26 WORSHIP SERVICE will be held at 11:00 a.m. (no early service).

COLLEGE AGE/YOUNG ADULT GATHERING: All college age/young adults are invited to come on Sunday evening, December 26th at 6:00 p.m. to catch up with your WPC friends! Pizza and soft drinks will be provided. We'll look for you in the SHOW room. Hope to see you there!

On behalf of the staff of Westminster Presbyterian Church, we would like to wish everyone a joyous, meaningful and blessed Christmas season. We consider it a privilege to serve you in the capacity that we do, and we continue to feel gratitude for the support and encouragement we receive. You remind us daily of what it means to be a caring community of faith that seeks faithfully to carry on the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Although these continue to be uncertain times in our world, with the addition of Ginny and Barbara to complement our team, we feel excited about the future and the programs and ministries that await us and the many opportunities that will be before us to connect faith and life. As we move into the New Year, celebrating God's wondrous gift of the Christ-child, we also celebrate the special place that is Westminster, and, again, wish all of you a wonderful New Year!

Symbolism of the Lights

The significance of the Candlelight Service is twofold. First, in the distribution of the lights, we see dramatized before us the spreading of the Gospel Message and the growth of the church through the centuries. The pastor's candle is symbolic of Christ, the living Word, and is an extension of the Christ candle in the Advent wreath. The ushers who carry the light to the congregation represent the Apostles whom Christ sent out to spread the Word and draw the world to Him. The church has grown because men and women and young people who have heard the Good News have been faithful in telling someone else about it, and this is symbolized by your passing the light to the person beside you. The ushers will light the candle closest to the aisle. As each candle bursts into flame and the sanctuary gradually brightens, we catch the significance of Jesus' statement that we are "the light of the world," and that we should spread this light to the "very ends of the world." Secondly, we find significance in the lights during the singing of the dedication hymn. During the singing of the first verse, we hold our lights close as we rededicate ourselves to Christ. As we sing the second verse, we hold the candle out in front of us as we rededicate our homes and families once again to him. During the last verse, we hold our candles high as we rededicate our part of His church here to the task of taking the Gospel Light to every corner of the earth. After the Benediction, please extinguish your light. Receptacles for the spent candles are located in the narthex.

Please use extreme caution in the handling of the lighted candles to prevent accidents with the hair or clothing of the person in front of you and the pews or carpet. Children must be carefully supervised. For safety's sake, it is requested that children under six should "share" their parents candle.

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“Where Faith and Life Connect”

THE SESSION

Class of 2011
Brian Bonnyman
Gail Clark
Tim Crais
Anne Dungan
Judy Jordan
Stephanie Lynch-Wright
Michael Yates
Youth Elder: Anna Rennich

Class of 2012
Don Byerly
Bill Farnham
Bonny Naugher
Pam Potocik
Leslie Rotella
Cindy Serbin
Wes Williams

Class of 2013
Ruthie Carey
Kristi Gordon
Buz Johnson
Tim Ryan
John Salsbery

TRUSTEES

Cile Mathews Jerry Faerber Roy Hawk

Advent Flowers 2010

Given By:

Ellen and Ken Anderson In memory of Ken’s mother, Lucille Anderson
Jack and Laura Barron In honor of Marriette Rowe
..... In memory of Lester Rowe; John and Viola Barron
Carol Beilharz, children and grandchildren In memory of Clark Beilharz
The Bonnyman family In memory of Dave Dungan
Sharon Boyce and Jack Woodall In Memory of Virginia Boyce,
..... Erwin Boyce, Lee Boyce; and Eloise and Jack Woodall
Marlene Browning In memory of Larry Browning
Scott and Jerry Carley In honor of Renee Wieseuegel
The Dean family In memory of Scott and Carter Dean and Mimi Crossley
Christie Dowling In honor of mother, Betty Caldwell
John and Betty Hanes..... In memory of our parents
Gary, Katherine, Kaitlyn, and Nathan Harmon In memory of Benjamin Harmon
Thalia A. Morton Hatmaker To the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for
..... WPC’s new Youth Director Barbara Adamcik
Russell Holt In memory of Edith Diane McFadden
Paul and Judy Jordan In honor of Gordon Jordan’s 100th birthday,
..... mother of Paul Jordan
Anne and John Langley In honor of Mrs. Robert Shepard;
..... Sarah, Patrick and Bryson; Mercer and Emily
Gail Latimer In memory of Gail’s father, Bill McDonald
Ed and Cile Mathews In honor of Hannah and Eva Mathews
The Murrian family In memory of Betty S. Boone, Albert K. Murrian,
William M. House, Jr.

Bob and Ada Pfohl. In memory of Dr. and Mrs. C.L. Greenblatt;
Mr. and Mrs. John Kenneth Pfohl; and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Campbell
Rick and Janice Rawe In honor of granddaughters Maggie, Nina and Sammy
Jay and Debbie Schmid In memory of their parents,
. . . . Jim and Elizabeth (Flip) Schmid and L. David Fischer
The Tortorelli family In memory of Alberta and William Bertelsen;
and Flora and Joseph Tortorelli
Larry, Kathleen, Chloé and Lacey Tragesser In memory of
. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gene Tragesser and Mr. and Mrs. George E. Dukas
Renee Wiesehuegel In memory of her mother, Shirley Jean Rechenbach
Jim and Linda Yates In memory of Bob Cantrell,
. . . . Chris Salsbery and Barbara Schilling

We would like to thank everyone for their contributions to our service with the beautiful flowers that were given during the Advent Season.

Any poinsettias that are left at the conclusion of the 11:00 p.m. worship service will be donated to the "Random Acts of Flowers" program. You can check out their wonderful ministry from their website: <http://randomactsofflowers.org>.

NEWS FROM THE FLOWER GUILD

2011 FLOWER CALENDAR is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please remember to choose a date for 2011 in honor or memory of family or friends. A reminder card will be sent to you. We ask for a \$60.00 donation made payable to Westminster Flower Guild. If you have any questions, contact the church office.