The Order of Worship

December 18, 2011

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the Worship of God.

#### **PRELUDE**

(9:00) Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ, Verse 2 Heinrich Scheidemann

Praise Be to Thee, Jesus Christ

Partita II (from the chorale partita on Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele) Georg Böhm

O My Soul, Be Glad and Joyful

(11:00) Fum, Fum Spanish carol arr. Patricia A. Sanders

Handbell Choir

Robert Adamcik, Tambourine

John Johnson, Claves

# OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

(9:00) Andrew and Kristi Gordon, Maggie and Lucy Gordon

(11:00) Scott and Ashley Porter, Kara and Macy Porter

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 96, adapted

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; for the Lord is coming.

Leader: Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

People: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; for the Lord is coming.

Leader: Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before Him, all the earth.

People: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; for the Lord is coming.

#### TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 28 (blue hymnal) Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

# \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Drawn by the lights of this season, Gracious God, our lives are illumined by your love. Your light attracts us, but in its radiance we also see the darkness around and within us. The intensity of these pre-Christmas days heightens our joys and magnifies our sorrows. Search us, O God, and remove anything that prevents us from acknowledging our need for you. Take away the fear that makes us draw inward and cling to things, and give us the trust to open ourselves to others and to you. We know you accept us as we are, but we also pray that you continue to transform us through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and renew us in your love. Amen.

\*KYRIE ELEISON Healey Willan

(Congregation singing – music is found on the inside cover of the red hymnal)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

(First part: women; second: men; third: all)

# \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

\*RESPONSE Refrain from Hymn No. 116 (red hymnal) Angels We Have Heard on High Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

# TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

# SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38

# A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Jean Bonnyman

Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship. A nursery is available during the entire service for infants through age 3.

#### SCRIPTURE READING

In dulci jubilo

Luke 1:46-55

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

"Lady Madonna, children at your feet, wonder how you manage to make ends meet"

-The Beatles

# \*HYMN NO. 38 (blue hymnal) It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Carol

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord's Prayer

(During the Prayers of the People there will be a time of silence. You are invited to use this time for personal reflection, confession, thanksgiving, and prayer.)

# THE OFFERING

# Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.

If you would like to receive our newsletter or more information about the church, include your address, phone number and email address. Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

(9:00) Fum, Fum, Fum

Spanish carol

(11:00) A Babe Is Born

William Mathias

A babe is born all of a may, To bring salvation unto us. To him we sing both night and day. *Veni Creator Spiritus*. [Come, Holy Spirit, Creator.]

At Bethlehem, that blessed place, The child of bliss now born he was; And him to serve God give us grace, *O lux beata Trinitas*. [O Light, Thou Trinity most blest!]

There came three kings out of the East, To worship the King that is so free, With gold and myrrh and frankincense, *A solis ortus cardine*. [From lands that see the sun arise.]

The angels came down with one cry, A fair song that night sung they In worship of that child: *Gloria tibi Domine*. [Glory be to Thee, O Lord.]

Noel!

Anonymous, 15<sup>th</sup> century

\*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal)

Tallis' Canon

(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

# \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

\*HYMN NO. 22 (blue hymnal) (11:00) Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE People, Look East

French folk melody

\*POSTLUDE Partita XI (from the chorale partita on Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele)

Georg Böhm

\*Indicates standing.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

# WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Leslie Rotella and Bill Wiesehuegel

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR THIS WEEK: Linda Rutherford

# **SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTES** (11:00): Jake Tidwell and Ellie Tidwell

**GREETERS** (11:00): Ibbie Muntz and Deborah Phillips

#### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Amy Theiss, Anna and Leah Milam

# **MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Handbell Choir

(11:00) Chancel and Handbell Choirs

**SENIOR USHER:** Bonny Naugher

# **USHERS:**

(9:00) Bill Wiesehuegel and David Woodall

(11:00) Rob McKeehan, Trish Groves, Nancy Cundall, Danielle Mathews, Rick Rawe

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC FOR HANDBELLS is a traditional Spanish carol arranged in a most interesting way. Aside from using our somewhat new extended range of four octaves, the composer employs a number of special ringing techniques that are both fun to play and to watch. These include various forms of martellato (ringing the bell into the table's padding), thumb damping, and playing the bells with mallets. These create a vivid and varied texture enhanced further by the addition of tambourine and claves.

**OUR THANKS** to Bob Adamcik and John Johnson for their enrichment of our worship this morning as they accompany the Handbell Choir.

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING is collected today. Fifty percent of this offering supports racial ethnic education at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges, helping students develop their gifts and find their calling. The other fifty percent of the offering helps families of active and retired church workers meet unexpected needs through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. Please see today's bulletin insert for more information.

<u>THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL CLOSE</u> at 2:00 p.m. on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be open on December 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Please bring to the office your 2011 contributions and any pre-paid pledges for 2012 no later than 10:00 a.m. December 30<sup>th</sup>. We will resume our regular office hours on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

# WAMS AND SHOW EVENTS:

Sunday, December 18 3:00-7:00 p.m. Caroling and Christmas Party Thursday, December 22 6:00 p.m. End of School Celebration

Saturday, December 24 5:00 p.m. Assisting with Christmas Eve Worship

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: All are invited to join in the Christmas Caroling this afternoon as we share the joy and love of the season with some of our members and friends. We will meet in the McKinnon Room at 3:45 to divide into groups and get our lists. Bring your family, bring yourself, bring your joy of singing!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Start your day off right with breakfast, fellowship and a short study session. On Thursday, December 22 at 7:00 a.m. we will meet in the McKinnon Room for breakfast prepared by Buz Johnson and a lesson led by Don Byerly. If you want to review the lesson ahead of time, just pick up a copy in the church office or ask the office to email the lesson to you. Everyone is welcome.

THE FLOWER DEDICATION CHART FOR 2012 is posted in the Schilling Gallery. Please stop by and sign up for your flower dedications for next year. The cost is \$60, payable on the date of your dedication. If you're interested in joining the Flower Guild, please contact Linda Yates for details.

# Worship at Westminster

Saturday, December 24	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship
	11:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship
Sunday, December 25	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Worship
Sunday, January 1	11:00 a.m.	New Year's Day Worship

# College Age/Young Adult Gathering

All college age/young adults are invited to come on Monday evening, December 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to catch up with your WPC friends! Pizza, soft drinks and dessert will be provided. We'll look for you in the SHOW room!

# STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As of Friday, 155 of our 238 potential giving units have pledged \$594709.50.

Thank you for supporting our stewardship campaign!

**FREE FIREWOOD** is available across the parking lot. Help yourself!

<u>FOYER GROUPS</u> shuffle during the month of December. These groups of adults meet for dinner once a month. This is a great way to make new friends or renew old friendships at Westminster. New groups will begin meeting in January. Please call Sue Murrian if you would like to join a group, drop out for a while, or if you have questions or requests.

<u>DONATIONS</u> are being accepted for the Advent floral decorations. There is no set amount for each dedication. A list of donations will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins as well as the *Abbey* edition of December 21<sup>st</sup>. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office. **The deadline for donations is today.** 

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