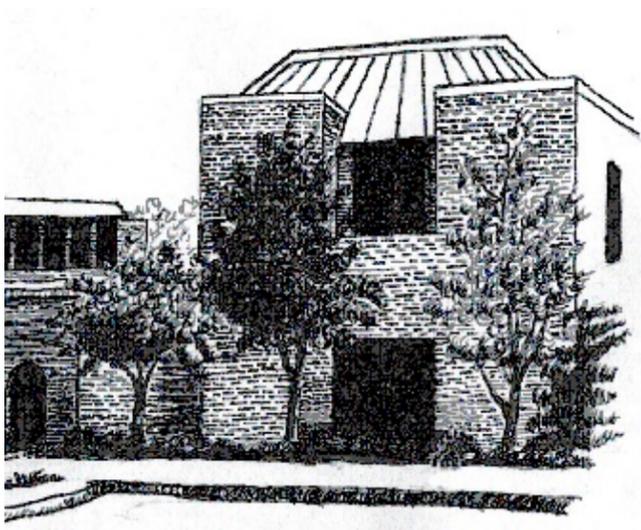


WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Order of Worship

January 6, 2013
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SUNDAY

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE

(9:00) Das alte Jahr vergangen ist J. S. Bach

The Old Year Has Passed Away
(from the *Orgelbüchlein*)

(11:00) Verbum caro factum est Hans Leo Hassler

And the Word Was Made Flesh trans. Peter Van Eenam
Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gordon Greeson, Liturgist (9:00)

Mary Boyd, Liturgist, (11:00)

Leader: Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

People: The radiance of God's light shines through the darkness, illuminating our world with faith, hope and love.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 474 (blue hymnal) O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

Puer nobis nascitur

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Psalm 72, Matthew 2
God of radiant love, shine your love into the darkness of our lives. Preoccupied with ourselves, we forget the needs of others; we participate in systems that oppress; we accept violence as a way of life; we fail to respond to the cry of others. May your love fall upon us like rain on the mown grass. May your love wash away our indifference and water the tender shoots of our care and compassion. Nourished in the sunlight of your love, may we grow into people who live in righteousness and who work for justice for all your children. Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574 (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE Gloria Patri No. 576 (blue hymnal) Jacques Berthier

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 3:1-12

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Kristi Gordon

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Worship. A nursery is available during the entire service for infants through age 3.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

"Keep a weather eye to the chart on high...and go home by another way"

– *Home By Another Way*, James Taylor

*HYMN NO. 62 (blue hymnal) Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love

Epiphany Song

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) from the Iona Community of Scotland

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God. Amen.

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, 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) Verbum caro factum est Hans Leo Hassler

(11:00) Manger Carol French Christmas carol, 13th century

arr. Leo Sowerby

Here betwixt ass and oxen mild, Sleep, sleep, sleep my little child. Angels from on high Hover in the sky, Keeping watch above the incarnate God of love.

Here in the crib, secure from harms, Sleep, sleep in your mother's arms.

Angels from on high Hover in the sky, Keeping watch above the incarnate God of love.

Here betwixt rose and lily white, Sleep, sleep, sleep my son tonight. Angels from on high Hover in the sky, Keeping watch above the incarnate God of love.

On this fair night of holy joy, Sleep, sleep, sleep my little boy Angels from on high Hover in the sky, Keeping watch above the incarnate God of love. Amen.

Winfred Douglas

Meredith Mackay, Soprano

*AT THE PRESENTATION

Hymn No. 63 (blue hymnal) As with Gladness Men of Old *Dix*

As they offered gifts most rare At that manger rude and bare; So may we with holy joy, Pure, and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Prayer continues)...to the glory of your name.

SANCTUS NO. 553 (red hymnal) (11:00) John Merbecke

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

(Prayer continues)...Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

AGNUS DEI NO. 555 (red hymnal) (11:00) John Merbecke

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

The congregation will be ushered to the Table, beginning with the first pews on either side of the aisle.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION (11:00)

O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden Hans-Heinz Haase

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Das alte Jahr vergangen ist J. S. Bach

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

