



The Order of Worship **December 15, 2013**
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshiping here with the goal of connecting faith and life. If you are a visitor, we pray you will feel welcome and blessed by our worship. We invite you to consider making Westminster your church home. Please let us have your contact information so we may be in touch.

Children are welcome in worship here. A nursery is available during the entire service.

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

PRELUDE Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland Dieterich Buxtehude
Savior of the Nations, Come

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

(9:00) Deborah and Norm Estep
(11:00) Mike and Ann Miller; Lauren, Braeden and Reid

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 40, Psalm 146

Leader: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain made low...then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed."

People: **The LORD sets the prisoners free and lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD keeps faith forever, executes justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry, and upholds the widow and the orphan. Prepare the way of the LORD!**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 13** (blue hymnal) Prepare the Way *Bereden väg för Herran*
***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, the light of your love shines in this Advent season, but in its radiance we also seek 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 would prevent us from bearing good fruit with our lives. Where there is hatred, heal us with your love; where there is anxiety, calm us with your peace; where there is despair, strengthen us with hope and joy; where we have failed to see you in a stranger, failed to love you in our brothers and sisters, and failed to serve you in our neighbors, forgive and renew us in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 "Angels We Have Heard on High" *Gloria*
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 35:1-10
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Lisa Trofatter
Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 11:2-11
SERMON "A New World Coming" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 3** (blue hymnal) Comfort, Comfort You My People *Psalm 42*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from *A Declaration of Faith*

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

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.
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) Sussex Carol English carol
arr. Pamela Meys Kane

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 we 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?

When sin departs before his grace, Then life and health come in its place;
Angels and mortals with joy may sing, All for to see the newborn King.

From out of darkness we have light, Which makes the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God and peace on earth, Now and for evermore. Amen."

text collected by Ralph Vaughan Williams
Becky Connelly, Janna deVente, Lisa Oros, Cindy Pearman,
Debbie Schmid, and Cindy Serbin, Handbells
Renee Wiesehuegel, Soprano Recorder

(11:00) A Child Is Born in Bethlehem Samuel Scheidt
ed. David Willcocks

A child is born in Bethlehem, *Alleluia*, And joy is in Jerusalem, *Alleluia*.

Rejoice, sing high, sing low, *Alleluia, Benedicamus Domino, Alleluia*.

To thee, O Lord, be glory paid, *Alleluia*, Thou Son of Mary, mother-maid,
Alleluia.

To Holy Trinity give praise, *Alleluia*, With *Deo gracias* always, *Alleluia*.
David Willcocks and *The Crowley Carol Book*
Meredith Mackay, Soprano

***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. 2** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus *Hyfrydol*
***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Veni Emmanuel*

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things, far and nigh; To
us the path of knowledge show, And cause us in her ways to go. Rejoice!

Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!
***POSTLUDE** Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland Johann Gottfried Walther

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Cindy Spangler and Scott Porter
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS: Lucy Johnson and Shirley Wittman
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

PLEASE place your bulletin into a blue recycling bin located at the Narthex door if you do not care to take it home.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE (11:00): Max Whipple

GREETERS (11:00): Tim and Anne Crais

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Bill and Lisa Oros, Meghan and Griffen Oros

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS:

(9:00) Bob and Lucinda Albiston

(11:00) Trish Groves, Judy and Paul Jordan, Bill Holt, Buz Johnson

CIDER IN THE GALLERY (12:00): Don and Connie Graham

Children are always welcome in our worship services! A nursery for newborns up to 5 years of age is provided in the Children’s education wing by trained, caring staff each week as a part of our ministry to children and their families. Please ask a greeter or usher for assistance.

ADVENT CIDER IN THE GALLERY is hosted today by Don and Connie Graham. Please stop by after the 11:00 am worship service for a hot cup of cider!

OUR THANKS to Becky Connelly, Janna deVente, Lisa Oros, Cindy Pearman, Debbie Schmid, Cindy Serbin, and Renee Wiesehuegel for their enrichment of our worship this morning as they accompany the Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs.

THIS MORNING’S ANTHEM sung by the Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs is a well-known carol arranged by Pamela Meys Kane, a Doctor of Musical Arts candidate in organ at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. It is an attractive setting that makes extensive use of ostinato and layering, while allowing the texture enough transparency for the young voices to be enjoyed.

MARY FRANCES DRAKE’S CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE will be held at Westminster this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. A reception will follow the service.

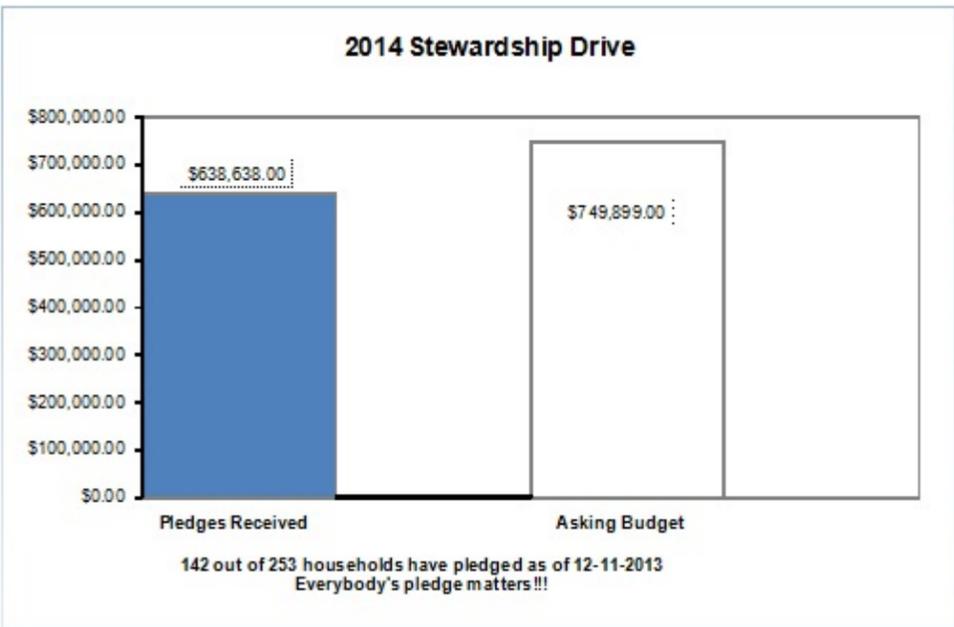
SHOW AND WAMS will meet at Cheddar’s at 5:00 p.m. After dinner we’ll go caroling, then return to church by 7:30.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES have arrived. Please pick up your copy in the Schilling Gallery.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the SHOW room.

MUSIC OF THE SEASON: You’re cordially invited to a program of Christmas music presented by members of the Tuesday Morning Musical Club at 10:30 a.m. on December 17 in the sanctuary and to a reception afterwards in the Schilling Gallery. The program will feature the St. John’s Cathedral Bellringers, directed by Richard A. Sidey. Also performing will be violinist Mary Ann Fennell, violist Pam Robertson, organists Charles Parham and Becky Kidd; and our own Bettie Mason, who will be singing. Do plan to stay for the reception and enjoy finger food and fellowship!

ADVENT LEAST-OF-THESE GIVING OPPORTUNITY: Donations for youth at the Richard L. Bean Juvenile Service Center will be collected through next Sunday. Please see the flier on the table in the Schilling Gallery for more information.



LADIES’ LUNCH BUNCH will meet on December 19th at Surin of Thailand (6213 Kingston Pike) at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP by Tuesday, December 17th to Kathy Shilling.

PLEASE SIGN UP on the Schilling Gallery bulletin board for your 2014 flower dedications. We ask for a \$60.00 donation to the Flower Guild, payable on the date of your dedication. A reminder card will be mailed to you in advance of your chosen Sunday.

CD RECORDINGS OF “THE ITALIAN PROJECT” are available in the church office. This program of arias, duets and songs was presented at Westminster on September 24th. A donation of \$12 for the CD will benefit Friends of Music at Westminster.

Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 22	9:00 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Breakfast
Tuesday, December 24	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship (Nursery available)
	11:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship
Sunday, December 29	11:00 a.m.	Worship
		Sunday School resumes January 5

TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY to make donations 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*. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office.

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I would like to contribute to the Flower Guild for Advent:

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In memory/honor (circle one) of:

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Rev. Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

Adult Sunday School

Bible Study (McKinnon Room)	December 15
We will continue our study of Genesis 11 and the call of Abram in Genesis 12.	
Faith and Life (Fellowship Hall)	December 15
<i>Christmas Gifts That Won’t Break</i>	
Today’s study focuses on peace.	

New Adult Sunday School Classes Beginning January 5th

Table Talk - This class will use a varied curriculum and format, beginning with a DVD series entitled. “Animate Faith.” This series uses live action and animation to introduce a topic for discussion. Christian thought leaders such as Lauren Winner, Lillian Daniel, Nadia Bolz-Weber, Brian Weber, and Bruce Reyes-Chow share their perspectives on a variety of topics. There is no preparation. Just show up and enjoy this new faith journey and adventure with your friends.

Living the Questions 2 - LtQ2 is a popular video & internet-based small group exploration of progressive Christianity featuring premier religious voices of our day. Featuring thirty acclaimed scholars, theologians and other experts, LtQ2 consists of 20-minute video segments that include conversations with leading voices of faith, digital stories illustrating aspects of an evolving faith, and concrete spiritual practices and disciplines. If you miss a class, don’t worry. Each class stands on its own, so come when you can.

	THE SESSION	
Class of 2014	Class of 2015	Class of 2016
Terry Crow	Ellen Anderson	Mary Boyd
Angela Partelow	Jean Bonnyman	Jerry Faerber
Tim Ryan	Hap McSween	Vicki Mayfield
Cindy Spangler	Rick Oakes	Scott Porter
Bill Wiesehuegel	Jack Woodall	Elizabeth Ridley
Youth Elder: Will Bendy		
Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley		

TRUSTEES		
Norman McRae	Joe Ben Turner	John Smartt