



**The Order of Worship** **December 22, 2013**  
**9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**FOURTH 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**

(9:00) Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (I)	Johann Gottfried Walther
	<i>Sleepers, Awake, for Night Is Flying</i>
(11:00) Away in a Manger	<i>Away in a Manger</i>
	arr. John S. Kitts-Turner
Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen	<i>Es ist ein' Ros'</i>
	arr. Kitts-Turner

Recorder Ensemble

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION** FISH Ministry Angela Shilling

**LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE**

(9:00) Wes, Sandra and Spencer Williams  
 (11:00) Cameron Sears and Nancy Duckles; Connor, Aidan and Delaney Sears

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 80

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!  
**People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**  
 Leader: Stir up your might, O God, and come to save us!  
**People: Give us life, and we will call on your name.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 6** (blue hymnal) Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending *Helmsley*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

**Who are we, Lord God, that you should come to us? Who are we that you should love us so? The eyes of our hearts are not open to see you in our midst. Our ears do not hear what you have to say to us. Our minds are a jumble of fears, worries and to-do lists. Our hearts are heavy with unfulfilled longing. We do not deserve your gifts of grace, compassion, hope, peace, joy and healing. And yet – you pour out these gifts on us again and again. Forgive us, Holy God of Love, and save us from ourselves. Prepare us for the celebration of Christ's birth. Prepare us to welcome our Savior. 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 7:10-16

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00)

Ellen Anderson

*Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 1:18-25

**SERMON**

“I Had a Dream”

Rev. Ann Brunger

**\*HYMN NO. 5** (blue hymnal) Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence *Picardy*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from the PCUSA *Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in 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. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. We trust in God, the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. 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.*

*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) Away in a Manger *Away in a Manger*

Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen *Es ist ein' Ros'*

(11:00) Away in a Manger William James Kirkpatrick  
arr. David Willcocks

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

Anonymous

**\*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. 141** (red hymnal) (11:00) The First Nowell *The First Nowell*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Veni Emmanuel*

O come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one heart and mind; Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

**\*POSTLUDE** Partita XI Georg Böhm

(from the chorale partita on *Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele*)

*O My Soul, Be Glad and Joyful*

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Mary Boyd and Bill Wiesehuegel  
**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**

**ACOLYTES** (11:00): Owen Salsbery and Maggie Gordon

**GREETERS** (11:00): Angela Shilling, Sam Smith and Chloe Smith

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:**

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Mark and Teresa Palmer, Kaitlyn Harmon and Leah Milam

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Chancel Choir and Recorder Ensemble

**SENIOR USHER:** Tim Ryan

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Kathy Huck, Cile Mathews, Bonny Naugher

(11:00) Tim Ryan, Ashley and Scott Porter, Bill Holt, Bob Murrian

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.

**OUR ORGAN’S SPINNING STARS** tie in with the star and ensuing journeys and seeking mentioned in our final hymn (at 11:00) this morning. They are part of the Zymbelstern, German for “ringing star,” and they have been found on organs for centuries. For aesthetic reasons, our organbuilders decided that two stars would be most appropriate for our organ, and they feature different types of gold leaf application: burnished (glossy) and unburnished (frosted), as well as varying designs. The internal mechanism is comprised of bells mounted around a small rod hanging from a turbine resembling a water wheel lying on its side. Pressurized air from the bellows is blown through a nozzle into the compartments of the wheel. As the wheel picks up speed the rod begins to swing outward, eventually striking the bells. The stars are also driven pneumatically. The symbolism traditionally associated with them is that they represent humankind’s continual journey to the star, seeking Christ.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS:** We want to take you to lunch today! Meet up in Barbara's office after the 11:00 worship service and we will travel downtown for lunch. Many thanks to our Congregational Care Ministry Team for supporting this event!

**SHOW AND WAMS** will meet this evening at 5:00 for spaghetti dinner and our “School’s Out” party. Bring a gift (the funnier the better) that costs no more than \$10 for our Sneaky Santa exchange. Barbara will have some special surprises, too!

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

**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 24<sup>th</sup>. A donation of \$12 for the CD will benefit Friends of Music at Westminster.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will close at 2:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and will remain closed through December 30<sup>th</sup>. Office hours on December 31<sup>st</sup> are 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Regular office hours resume on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Adult Sunday School Classes Resume January 5<sup>th</sup>**

**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. 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.

**Bible Study** - In September, the Bible Study class began studying the book of Genesis and we will continue it starting January 5<sup>th</sup>. The great themes of this first book of the Bible are fascinating: Relationships between God and creation, between God and humankind, among tribes, and among individuals. We see in Genesis the beginning of human understanding of monotheism, of covenant, of sin, of sacrifice, and of faith and redemption. We read from many Bible translations and interpretations, and we welcome you to join us! Whether you have studied a lot of Bible or none at all, you’ll enjoy the journey with us!

**Reverend Ann Brunger**

The following tribute was read for Ann's retirement recognition at the November Presbytery meeting:

"Ann Owens Brunger grew up on the mission field, both at home and abroad, and this early exposure to the church as a global body shaped her call to ministry. From her hometown roots in Oklahoma, at age 12 Ann moved with her family to Beirut, Lebanon, where her parents became mission co-workers. Here she experienced the wider church and gained a passion for mission that has never left her.

Following her graduation from Barnard College in New York City and her marriage to Scott Brunger, the newlyweds spent five years in French-speaking west Africa as frontier interns through the Presbyterian Church. It was in Africa, and in French, that she was first invited to preach. After returning to the US, she attended Yale Divinity School, and then Scott and Ann moved to New York City, where she was ordained by the Presbytery of New York, to an older adult ministry.

Following Scott's graduation and employment at Maryville College, they moved to Maryville with their three children, and Ann intended to stay home. The Holy Spirit and Highland Presbyterian Church had other plans, and no sooner had they become active members in the church across the street from the college, than members of the search committee approached Ann about putting her name forward to be their pastor. Ann served 20 years as the minister at Highland. In addition to caring for her congregation, and preaching the word faithfully, Ann led Highland into bold initiatives for peacekeeping and mission, including a partnership in Nicaragua.

While at Highland, Ann helped found the Blount County Ecumenical Action Coalition, a vital group of faith communities and service agencies that strive to meet the needs of people of Blount County. She also served on an interim ministry team for chaplaincy at Maryville College. After she left Highland in 2003, Ann served as a hospice chaplain and continued to serve in many leadership roles in the Presbytery, including being moderator in 2005. She most recently served as interim minister at Graystone. For many years, Ann Owens Brunger was the voice of conscience in the presbytery, as the only woman pastor serving in an installed position. "

When not actively engaged in the larger community, Ann and Scott continue to bless our Westminster family of faith with their time and talents, as they have for many years.

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Rev. Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

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**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE**  
**147 of our 253 households have pledged \$655,118.00.**  
**Our 2014 Asking Budget is \$749,899.00.**  
**Thank you for supporting our stewardship campaign!**

**FAMILY PROMISE:** With all the excitement of the season, please take a minute to remember those families who don’t have homes with brightly colored trees and families to share stories of times past around tables laden with too much food. The families of Family Promise will be spending Christmas week at Ball Camp, and members of Westminster will help to feed and share some times of joy with them. We have a lot to be thankful for. There are many families whom we have met in the past few years who do have homes and jobs this year. Thank you Family Promise for the wonderful work that you do. Thank you to members of Westminster who have shared your time with these families. God Bless You!!

**Worship Schedule**

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

**Class of 2014**

Terry Crow

Angela Partelow

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Youth Elder: Will Bendy

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**THE SESSION**

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