



The Order of Worship December 29, 2013
11:00 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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 In dulci jubilo Max Drischner

In Quiet Joy

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Psalm 148*

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him from the heights!

People: Praise him all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

People: Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Leader: Kings of the earth and all people, princes and all rulers of the earth!

People: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

People: Praise the Lord!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 49 (blue hymnal) Once in Royal David's City *Irby*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

*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 ...

PROPHECY Isaiah 63:7-9

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Jean Bonnyman

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship.

GOSPEL Matthew 2:13-26

SERMON Rev. John Linton Muntz

"Christmas According to Pinocchio"

When you pray and ask for something, believe that you have received it." – Mark 11:24

*HYMN If I Could Visit Bethlehem *Simmons*

(See next column)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Hebrews 2:14-17

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.

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 Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her Johann Pachelbel

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

*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

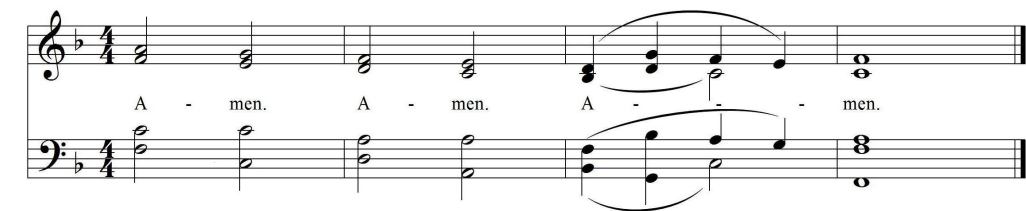
TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 51 (blue hymnal) See Amid the Winter's Snow *Humility*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody



*POSTLUDE In dulci jubilo J. S. Bach

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Ellen Anderson and Jack Woodall
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR JANUARY: Sue Byerly and Joanne Bendy
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: Ben Hatmaker and Kaitlyn Harmon

GREETERS: Elizabeth Ridley and Sue Caradine

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Angela and Scott Partelow, Ethan and Eric Partelow

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS: Mark Potocik, Rick and Janice Rawe, LoAnn Price, Scott Rutherford

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 THANKS to John Brock for his enrichment of our worship this morning as he serves as organist while Peter and Anne Van Eenam are away.

IF YOU DONATED TO THE FLOWER GUILD during this Advent season, you are welcome to take a Star of Bethlehem plant from under the Communion table following the worship service today.

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

Adult Sunday School Classes Resume 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. 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 5th. 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!

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.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be open on Tuesday, December 31st from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Regular office hours resume on Thursday, January 2nd.

THE COMMUNITY CHEST THRIFT STORE collection is scheduled for Saturday, January 4th from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension. Donations of clothing, household items and toys will be taken to the thrift store, where they may be purchased inexpensively by those in need. If you would like to volunteer to help with these ministries, please call Community Chest (971-4417) or the Northwest FISH Hospitality Pantry (588-9200).

Thank You, Westminster!

On December 23rd, over 50 Christmas gift bags were delivered from Westminster to the Richard Bean Juvenile Service Center to be given to incarcerated teens. The teens will be told about these gifts immediately, and then will actually receive them when they have served their period of detention. We included in each bag a note saying, "For you, with God's love and hope for your future, from the folks at Westminster Presbyterian Church."

Mr. Bean and Kay McClain received the bags with many thanks. We also thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness and the kind notes and sweet children's drawings you sent along. Let's all remember these young people in our prayers. Westminster, you're awesome!

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