



The Order of Worship

**December 21, 2014
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 Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (I) Johann Gottfried Walther
Sleepers, Awake, for Night Is Flying

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

(9:00) Daniel and Amanda Collins family

(11:00) William and Darlen Milam family

INTROIT (11:00) The Little Drummer Boy Katherine Davis, Henry Onorati,
and Harry Simeone
arr. Adam Brox

Come, they told me, pa-rum-pa-pum-pum, A newborn King to see,
pa-rum-pa-pum-pum. Our finest gifts we bring, pa-rum-pa-pum-pum, To
lay before the King, pa-rum-pa-pum-pum, Rum-pa-pum-pum,
Rum-pa-pum-pum, So to honor him, pa-rum-pa-pum-pum, When we come.

Little Baby, pa-rum-pa-pum-pum, I am a poor boy too pa-rum-pa-pum-pum.
I have no gift to bring, parum-pa-pum-pum, That's fit to give a King, pa-
rum-pa-pum-pum, Rum-pa-pum-pum, Rum-pa-pum-pum. Shall I play for
you, pa-rum-pa-pum-pum, On my drum?

Mary nodded, pa-rum-pa-pum-pum, The ox and lamb kept time, pa-
rum-pa-pum-pum. I played my drum for him, pa-rum-pa-pum-pum. I
played my best for him, pa-rum-pa-pum-pum, Rum-pa-pum-pum,
Rum-pa-pum-pum. Then he smiled at me, pa-rum-pa-pum-pum, Me and my
drum.

Katherine Davis, Henry Onorati,
and Harry Simeone

Boys' and Girls' Choirs
Recorder Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Luke 1:76-79

Leader: Let us prepare the way for the Child who shall be called the prophet of
the Most High, who shall bring salvation to the people by the
forgiveness of sins.

People: **He shall give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of
death, and guide our feet into the way of peace.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 28** (blue hymnal) Good Christian Friends, Rejoice *In dulci jubilo*

***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 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)

Barbara Adamcik

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:46-55

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“And when the night is cloudy, there is still a light that shines on me
Shine on until tomorrow, let it be”

– The Beatles, “Let It Be”

***HYMN NO. 600** (blue hymnal) Song of Mary

Morning Song

***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.**

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER (11:00)

Ginger Elting

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) The Little Drummer Boy

Katherine Davis, Henry Onorati,
and Harry Simeone

(The text is found at the Introit.)

(11:00) Angels We Have Heard on High

Paul Laubengayer

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er
the plains, And the mountains in reply Echo back their joyous strains.
(Refrain)

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the
gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song? (Refrain)

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come adore
on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)

trans. James Chadwick

***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. 34** (blue hymnal) (11:00) In Bethlehem, a Babe Was Born

Discovery

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

***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** Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele
O My Soul, Be Glad and Joyful

Johann Ludwig Krebs

SHOW AND WAMS meet this evening for our annual Youth Christmas Party and Gift Swap. And...we'll be watching *Elf*! Barbara will make a delicious Elftastic meal of spaghetti (syrup, candy corn and marshmallows optional). Bring an inexpensive gift for the gift swap!

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NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Bitsy Ingram and Jerry Faerber
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): Mac Whipple and Lane Palmer

GREETERS (11:00): Bill and Renee Wiesehuegel

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Mike and Leslie Rotella, Eric Partelow and Owen Salsbery

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Boys' and Girls' Choirs and Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Boys', Chancel, and Girls' Choirs and Recorder Ensemble

SENIOR USHER: Bill Wiesehuegel

USHERS:

(9:00) Mary Lou and Bill Holt, David Woodall

(11:00) Nancy Cundall, Christie Dowling, Trish Groves, Bob Daverman,
Reed Ellis

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING: For more than 80 years, Presbyterians have given generously at Christmas to lift up those who've devoted their lives to the mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Today, churches throughout the denomination will again receive this special offering. The Christmas Joy Offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, which provides much-needed assistance to PC(USA) church workers and their families, and Presbyterian-affiliated racial ethnic schools and colleges, which enable students to develop their gifts and find their calling.



Christmas Eve Worship

December 24

5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: We will have one worship service at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 28 and on Sunday, January 4. Our regular schedule resumes January 11th, with worship at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. and Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be open Monday, December 29 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and Wednesday, December 31 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We will be closed Tuesday, December 30 and Thursday and Friday, January 1 and 2. Regular office hours resume on Monday, January 5..

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.

THIS MORNING'S OFFERTORY ANTHEM at the 11:00 service is composed by the former Minister of Music at my home church, First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood, Missouri and my second organ teacher. I am indebted to him for his continual encouragement, preparing me for music school, and for many, many things related to church music and maintaining an active music program. I find Paul's music very engaging, and in today's anthem, the mixed meters give a most vital, compelling, and inviting rhythmic pulse to its original melody.

Peter Van Eenam

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Join Barbara and Kathleen today after the 11:00 service for lunch at Tomato Head on Kingston Pike. Our treat! You can meet us there or meet Barbara in the narthex after worship. Come catch up with your friends and enjoy Knoxville's finest pizza!

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips, Pastor
Rev. John Linton Muntz, Parish Associate
Peter Van Eenam, Organist and Choirmaster
Barbara Adamcik, Director of Youth and Connectional Ministries
Angela Grobe, Director of Children's Ministries
Mary Boyd, Education Coordinator
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