



The Order of Worship **December 24, 2018**
11:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

We welcome all to this service of worship, especially our visitors and guests. In the time before the service begins, we invite all who worship here to take a moment to offer a prayer lifting up to God the life and work of this family of faith and its pastors.

PROCURE A CANDLE IN THE NARTHEX

PRELUDE Rorate caeli Jeanne Demessieux
 (from *Twelve Chorale Preludes on Gregorian Chant Themes for Organ*)
 Partita XI Georg Böhm
 (from the chorale partita on *Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele*)
O My Soul, Be Glad and Joyful

WELCOME AND INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE The Wiesehuegel Family
CALL TO WORSHIP Clara Oakes

Leader: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
People: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior, who is Christ the Lord.
 Leader: And this shall be a sign for you.
People: You will find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.
 Leader: And suddenly there was, with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God.
People: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

***HYMN NO. 31** (blue hymnal) Hark! The Herald Angels Sing *Mendelssohn*
SCRIPTURE Psalm 96:1-6 Ruth Ann Bendy
SCRIPTURE Psalm 96:10-13 Maggie Bendy
***HYMN NO. 40** (blue hymnal) Joy to the World! *Antioch*
SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:2,6-7 Ethan Partelow
SCRIPTURE Micah 5:2-5a Leah Milam
***HYMN NO. 44** (blue hymnal) O Little Town of Bethlehem *St.Louis*
SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7 Eric Adamcik

ANTHEM Balulalow Peter Aston
 O my dear heart, young Jesus sweet, Prepare a cradle in my spreit, And I shall rock thee in my heart, And nevermore from thee depart. But I shall praise thee evermore With sangis sweet unto thy gloir, The knees of my heart shall I bow And sing that richt Balulalow.

James, John, and Robert Wedderburn
SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-14 Caroline Rogers
MOTET Nunc dimittis Halsey Stevens
 Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, According to Thy word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Luke 2:29-32
SCRIPTURE Titus 2:11-14 Buran Phillips
CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION Buran Phillips
***HYMN NO. 41** (blue hymnal) O Come, All Ye Faithful Adeste fideles
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Tonight we will be celebrating Holy Communion by the method of intinction, where worshipers may come forward and take a piece of bread to dip into the cup. The ministers and ushers will direct you.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION O Come, Emmanuel Peter Paul Olejar
 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by your advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s deep shadows put to flight. (Refrain)

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. (Refrain)
 Latin antiphons, c. 8th and 12th centuries, and Henry Sloane Coffin
 Ed Babelay, Jan Barber, Kathryn Van Eenam, and Renee Wiesehuegel, Handbells

SERVICE OF CANDLE LIGHTING...

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:15-20 Sam Phillips
After the scripture is read, the lights will be dimmed, and the minister will light a candle from the Christ Candle. The minister will then light the candles of the ushers, who will then light the candles of the first person on each aisle. Light will then be passed from worshiper to worshiper. Remember that the lighted candle remains upright and the unlighted candle is tipped to the lighted candle.
***HYMN** Silent Night, Holy Night *Stille Nacht*
(The candle is held close to the breast)
 Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
 Round yon virgin mother and child!
 Holy infant, so tender and mild.
 Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

(The candle is extended outward)
 Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.
 Glories stream from heaven afar.
 Heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia;
 Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”

(The candle is extended upward)
 Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light.
 Radiant beams from Thy holy face.
 With the dawn of redeeming grace
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy Birth.

Following the singing of Silent Night, Holy Night, the minister shall lead a silent recessional to carry the light outside, weather permitting. After everyone has gathered, we will sing the first verse of “Angels We Have Heard on High.”

***HYMN** Angels We Have Heard on High *Gloria*
 Angels we have heard on high,
 Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
 And the mountains in reply
 Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain
 Gloria in excelsis Deo.

***BENEDICTION**

*Indicates standing.

Please use extreme caution in the handling of the lighted candles to prevent accidents with the hair or clothing of the person in front of you and the pews. Children must be carefully supervised. For safety’s sake, it is requested that children under six should “share” their parents candle.

Symbolism of the Lights

The significance of the Candlelight Service is twofold. First, in the distribution of the lights, we see dramatized before us the spreading of the Gospel Message and the growth of the church through the centuries. The pastor’s candle is symbolic of Christ, the living Word, and is an extension of the Christ candle in the Advent wreath. The ushers who carry the light to the congregation represent the Apostles whom Christ sent out to spread the Word and draw the world to Him. The church has grown because men and women and young people who have heard the Good News have been faithful in telling someone else about it, and this is symbolized by your passing the light to the person beside you. The ushers will light the candle closest to the aisle. As each candle bursts into flame and the sanctuary gradually brightens, we catch the significance of Jesus’ statement that we are “the light of the world,” and that we should spread this light to the “very ends of the world.” Secondly, we find significance in the lights during the singing of the dedication hymn. During the singing of the first verse, we hold our lights close as we rededicate ourselves to Christ. As we sing the second verse, we hold the candle out in front of us as we rededicate our homes and families once again to him. During the last verse, we hold our candles high as we rededicate our part of His church here to the task of taking the Gospel Light to every corner of the earth. After the Benediction, please extinguish your light. Receptacles for the spent candles are located in the narthex.

Advent Flowers 2018

We would like to thank everyone for their contributions to our Flower Guild during this Advent Season.

Susan Baughman In gratitude of her seven grandchildren
 Carol Beilharz, children and grandchildren. In loving memory of Clark
 Jean and Brian Bonnyman. In memory of Anne Webb Neely
 Mary Boyd. In grateful appreciation of the Sunday School teachers
 The Brewington Family. In honor of Bart Carey, "Pops", the most fun grandpa
 in town. In memory of Ruthie Carey, grandmother from afar
 Scott and Jerry Carley. In appreciation of the WPC staff
 Jane and Mike Casey. In memory of Ralph and Virginia Nichols and George Nichols
 Jim and Anne Dally. In memory of Peter and Katrina Tziritas
 Anne Davidson. In memory of Bud and Jean Davidson and
 Herman and June Stevens
 Shirley and Jack Draper. In honor of their families
 Ginger Elting. In loving honor of her cherished family
 In memory of her daughter, Carolyn Marie and husband, Bill Elting
 Melissa and James Everett. In memory of Margie and Hardy Noland
 Carol, Scott and Olivia Faulkner. In memory of Kenneth L. Faulkner
 The Fuller and Gibbons Family. In memory of Ernie Fuller
 Suzanne and Ross Graham. In honor of their grandson, Thomas G. Daniels
 Connie and Donnie Graham. In honor of their children and
 grandchildren and Connie's mother
 Janet Gross. In memory of her son, Jeffery Allen Gross,
 her parents, Lillian and Marshall Gross and Sue and Chalmer Newman
 Adam and Amy Hahn. In memory of Kirby Hahn
 John and Betty Hanes. In honor of Elizabeth Salsbery
 Paula Hogan. For the children of Yemen
 Kathryn Huck. In memory of her parents
 The Ingram Family. In honor of Maxine Van Eenam and the Van Eenam Family
 Judy and Paul Jorden. In loving honor to Pam, John, Mary, Hale, Jack and James
 Anne and John Langley. In memory of Robert and Voncille Shepard,
 Clarmont and Anne Langley, Robert Langley, Jane Langley Glemser
 Marty and Frank Marsh. To the glory of God
 Cile and Ed Mathews, Hannah and Eva Mathews, Danielle, Jim and Aiden Hemsley
 In memory of Matt Mathews
 Susan and Rob McKeehan. In honor of their grandchildren
 Norman, Linda Judge and Caroline McRae. In memory of Sam and
 Christine Judge and Huel McRae
 John and Ibbie Muntz. In honor of this Westminster Family
 Shawn and David Owens In memory of Mary Owens and Charles Castleberry
 Janice and Rick Rawe. In honor of all members of the Flower Guild
 for their beautiful work
 Larry and Jeanne Ridley. In memory of Don Byerly, Paula Smartt, Jim Park
 and Bruce Tschantz
 The Rotella Family. In honor of this Westminster Family who have
 loved and supported them through Taylor's illness
 In memory of Al Rotella, Mary Rotella, Margurite Rotella
 Nancy Eagan and Robert Helton
 Tim and Joyce Ryan. In honor of the outstanding staff at WPC
 Elizabeth and John Salsbery. In memory of Joe Ben Turner
 Chris, Rachel, Brooke and Addie Taylor. In memory of Jim and Flip Schmid and

in honor of Jay and Debbie Schmid
 Penny Tschantz. In honor of the teachers of Feasting on the Word
 Joe Ben and Robin Turner. In honor of Janet Tortorelli, our church caregiver
 Genet Weber. In memory of Joseph and Vivian Gammon and Joseph M. Gammon, Jr.
 Bill and Renee Wiesehuegel. In memory of our mothers;
 Shirley Jean Rechenbach and Natalie Wells
 Jim and Linda Yates. In memory of Joe Ben Turner, Bob Cantrell
 Bonnee Rainwater, Inez and Robert Rainwater,
 Barbara and Fritz Schilling, and Edna and Stanley Yates

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

OUR THANKS to Ed Babelay, Jan Barber, Kathryn Van Eenam, and Renee
 Wiesehuegel for their enrichment of our worship this evening as they accompany the
 Chancel Choir.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: We will have one worship service at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday,
 December 30. Our regular schedule resumes January 6th, 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 24 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 and Monday, December 31 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Regular office hours resume on
 Wednesday, January 2.

FINAL 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS as well as any 2019 prepaid offerings need to be in
 the church office by December 30. All offerings received by December 30 will be
 included in your 2018 contribution statement. If you have any questions regarding
 your contributions, please contact Renee Wiesehuegel.

Christmas Joy Offering: Supporting Past, Present and Future Leaders

The Christmas Joy Offering is being received throughout the Advent season. A gift to
 the Christmas Joy Offering helps provide financial assistance to current and former
 church workers and their families and also enables deserving students to attend
 Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools. Thank you for your support
 of this special offering. This is the last day to donate.

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THE SESSION

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Youth Elder: Maggie Gordon		
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