



**The Order of Worship** **December 24, 2018**  
**5:00 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.*

**HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING...**

**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 OPENING PRAYER** Rev. Dr. Buran F. Phillips

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE** Pat Guthrie and Baker Family

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Chloe Smith

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*

**HAIL THE HEAVEN BORN PRINCE OF PEACE...**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** Ellen Anderson

**SCRIPTURE** Micah 5:2-5a Katie Rogers

**HYMN NO. 44** (blue hymnal) O Little Town of Bethlehem *St. Louis*  
*(Please remain seated)*

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Liam Hagan

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 96:1-6 Macy Porter

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 96:10-13 Kara Porter

**\*HYMN NO. 40** (blue hymnal) Joy to the World! *Antioch*

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:1-7 Mac Whipple

**MUSIC FOR HANDBELLS** Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming Michael Praetorius  
arr. Peter Van Eenam

Janna deVente, Katherine Harmon, Lisa Oros,  
Cindy Pearman, and Peter Van Eenam, Handbells

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:8-14 Meghan Oros

**\*HYMN NO. 116** (red hymnal) Angels We Have Heard on High *Gloria*

**SCRIPTURE** Titus 2:11-14 Buran Phillips

**CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION** Buran Phillips

**\*HYMN NO. 41** (blue hymnal) O Come, All Ye Faithful *Adeste fideles*

**BORN THAT WE NO MORE MAY DIE...**

**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** Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BuxWV 211 Dieterich Buxtehude

*Come, Thou Savior of the Nations*

**SERVICE OF CANDLE LIGHTING ...**

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:15-20 Caroline McRae

*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.

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**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.

**USHERS:** Sophie Manrod, Rhys Whipple, Griffen Oros, Bobby Manrod, Frankie Manrod, Will Manrod, Gracie Kringen

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Members of the Handbell Choir

*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**

**OUR THANKS** to Janna deVente, Katherine Harmon, Lisa Oros, and Cindy Pearman  
for their enrichment of our worship this evening. This lovely chorale was one of the  
first pieces played by our Handbell Choir and they shared it in worship for the first  
time on Christmas Eve 1981. Tonight's arrangement was written to accommodate the  
fewer ringers available to ring at this service and is similar to music played by a  
Four-in-Hand ensemble.

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** We will have one worship service at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday,  
December 30. Our regular schedule resumes January 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 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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Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

**THE SESSION**

<b>Class of 2019</b>	<b>Class of 2020</b>	<b>Class of 2021</b>
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Daniel Collins	James Everett	Anne Crais
Vicki Mayfield	Andrew Gordon	Amy Gilbert
Cindy Pearman	Susan McKeehan	Buz Johnson
Jay Schmid	Shawn Owens	Rachel Powell
Youth Elder: Maggie Gordon		
Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap		

**TRUSTEES**

Alice Mercer	Reed Ellis	Jeff Browning
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