



**The Order of Worship**

**January 5, 2020  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .**

*Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshipping 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. When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.*

**PRELUDE**

(9:00) Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella	17 <sup>th</sup> century French melody harm. David Willcocks
Ding Dong! Merrily on High	16 <sup>th</sup> century French melody harm. Willcocks

Brass Choir

(11:00) Das alte Jahr vergangen ist, BWV 614	J. S. Bach
<i>The Old Year Has Passed Away (from the Orgelbüchlein)</i>	

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** John, Chapter 1, adapted

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**People: And the Word became flesh and lived among us.**

Leader: No one has ever seen God ... but the Word-made-flesh has revealed God's grace.

**People: God's grace is a light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness shall not overcome it.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

\*HYMN NO. 147 (purple hymnal) The First Nowell *The First Nowell*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

**Eternal God, in our anxiety and confusion, in our fear and uncertainty, reassure us with the awareness of your Spirit. Give us renewed confidence in your faithfulness so that we can live into the future with courage and confidence. Forgive us, so that we might learn from our past experience and become more faithful in living out the love of Christ in our own community and beyond. In this New Year, sustain and strengthen us in our willingness to be a presence for good wherever we are and whatever we are doing, for the sake of Christ and the world he came to save. Amen.**

\*KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574 (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*RESPONSE Gloria Patri No. 576 (blue hymnal) Jacques Berthier

**TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...**

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:3-14

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Julia Whipple

*Children age 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON "All the Stars will guide us home." Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

"All the Stars" – by Ed Sheeran

\*HYMN NO. 151 (purple hymnal) We Three Kings of Orient Are *Kings of Orient*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) from the Iona Community of Scotland

**We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God. Amen.**

**THE OFFERING**

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

(9:00) Lirum Lirum Thomas Morley  
trans. Peter Van Eenam

Brass Choir

(11:00) Sans Day Carol Traditional Cornish carol

Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk, And Mary bore Jesus who was wrapped up in silk: And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be, And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly!

Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass, And Mary bore Jesus who died on the cross: (Refrain)

Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal, And Mary bore Jesus who died for us all: (Refrain)

Now the holly bears a berry as blood is it red, Then trust we our Savior who rose from the dead: (Refrain)

Thomas Beard

**AT THE PRESENTATION**

Hymn No. 63 (blue hymnal) As with Gladness Men of Old *Dix*

As they offered gifts most rare At that manger rude and bare; So may we with holy joy, Pure, and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(Prayer continues (11:00))...to the glory of your name.

**People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.**

(Prayer continues (11:00))...Great is the mystery of faith.

**People: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Unison)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING THE SACRAMENT**

*Beginning from the front of the sanctuary, we will come forward by the center aisle, take or tear a morsel of bread and dip it into the chalice before partaking. We return to the pew by the side aisle.*

**MUSIC FOR COMMUNION** (11:00) There Is No Rose John Dunstable

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu; *Alleluia*.

For in this rose contained was Heaven and earth in little space; *Res miranda* [Wonderful thing].

By that rose we may well see That he is God in persons three; *Pari forma* [Equal in form].

The angels sung the shepherds to: Gloria in excelsis Deo: *Gaudeamus* [Let us rejoice].

Leave we all this worldly mirth; And follow we this joyful birth; *Transeamus* [Let us follow].

Anonymous, 14<sup>th</sup> century

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

\*Hymn No. 62 (blue hymnal) Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love

*Epiphany Song*

Marcel Dupré

**\*POSTLUDE** In dir ist Freude

*In Thee Is Joy*

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Janet Drumm and Buz Johnson  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR JANUARY:** Bonny Naugher and Brenda Seip  
**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES** are available from ushers.

**SERVING TODAY**

**GREETERS** (11:00): Scott and Linda Rutherford

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Chancel Choir

**SAFETY TEAM:** Bill Oros

**SENIOR USHER:** Hap McSween

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Bill Wiesehuegel, Leslie Versen

(11:00) Jerry and Scott Carley, Judy Jorden, Mark Potocik, Buz Johnson

**THE FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN** by Melissa Everett to the glory of God and in honor of her friend and co-worker, Renee Wiesehuegel.

**2020 FLOWER DEDICATIONS:** Please sign up on the Schilling Gallery bulletin board for your 2020 flower dedications. We ask for a \$65.00 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.

**JOHN DUNSTABLE (c. 1390-1453)** was an English composer who played a prominent and influential role in the evolution of music between the late Middle Ages and early Renaissance. His harmonies were based on the comparatively warmer intervals of thirds and sixths than the somewhat starker continental harmonic language. As he was in the service of the Duke of Bedford, Regent of France from 1422 to 1429, Governor of Normandy from 1429 to 1435, and an opponent of Joan of Arc, Dunstable's music reached the continent and influenced leading composers there, such as Guillaume Dufay, Gilles Binchois, and Johannes Ockeghem. Dunstable's approximately 60 works include mass sections, motets, and secular songs, many of which, including this morning's, are in three parts. One interesting sidenote is that according to Dunstable's epitaph, he was not only a composer, but also a mathematician, astronomer, and even astrologer ("he had secret knowledge of the stars")!

**HYMNAL DEDICATIONS** are still being accepted and name plates will be placed in each hymnal soon.

**MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP:** The first meeting of the year 2020 for the Men's Breakfast Group will be Thursday, January 9th at 7:30 am in the McKinnon Room. The lesson entitled "Geo Engineering/Climate Change" will be presented by Phil Barnette. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Tim Ryan. All men of the church are welcome and no reservation is required.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY MORNING GROUP** will meet this Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the SHOW room.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT: SAVE-THE-DATE!** January 17-19 all High School youth (grades 9-12) will be traveling to Gatlinburg and having our own "Discovering Your Gifts Retreat"! In addition to bonding and recognizing each others' God-given gifts and talents, we'll be staying in the heart of Gatlinburg, enjoying both the winter and Gatlinburg's winter activities!!

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**FISH DELIVERY** needs big HELP for January delivery people!! If you could give a couple hours to the Fish Program on January 9, you would be giving a helping hand to many families in need. Please sign up and help Westminster reach those in need this winter season. Contact Georgann Byerley if you can help, 679-9618.

**MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT** will be held on January 14 at 6:30 pm for refreshments (provided by the Property ministry team) and meetings beginning at 7:00 pm.

**KIDS CORNER**

**9:00 am**

Ages 0-5 years old: Nursery available

Ages 6 years old and up: remain in the Sanctuary

**10:00 am**

Ages 0-2nd grade: Fellowship time in nursery

Grades 3rd-4th grade: Sunday school in the downstairs Prayer Room

**11:00 am**

**Ages 0-3 years old: Nursery available**

4 years old-2nd grade: in Sanctuary until Time with the Children,  
then downstairs for Sunday school

Children 3rd grade and up: remain in the sanctuary

**Adult Sunday School**

All Sunday school classes begin at 10:00 a.m. each week.

**Bible Study** - Adult Bible study meets in the library and is led by Scott Brunger.  
**The Wired Word** - Led by a rotating group of teachers, this class takes a look at how scripture addresses current topics. All you need is a smart phone or tablet. The class meets in the Prayer Room.

**Feasting on the Word** - This lectionary-based study provides some background for the scriptures read during worship each week. Also led by a teaching team, this class meets in the McKinnon Room.