



The Order of Worship **December 24, 2016**
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 Chorale Prelude on “Silent Night” Samuel Barber
(from *Die Natali*, Op. 37)

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Lily Seidner, Ethan Partelow,
Nate Seidner, Will Bendy

CALL TO WORSHIP

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*

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Titus 2:11-14 Joe Hutzenbiler

SCRIPTURE Psalm 96:1-6 Sam Phillips

SCRIPTURE Psalm 96:10-13 Lily Seidner

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

SCRIPTURE Micah 5:2-5a Ethan Partelow

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

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7 Eric Adamcik

CAROL All This Time William Walton

All this time this song is best: “Verbum caro factum est [The Word was made flesh].”

This night there is a child yborn That sprang out of Jesse’s thorn; We must sing and say therefor, (Refrain)

Jesus is the childes name, And Mary mild is his dame; All our sorrow shall turn to game: (Refrain)

It fell upon high midnight: The starres shone both fair and bright; The angels sang with all their might, (Refrain)

Now kneel we down on our knee, And pray we to the Trinity Our help, our succour for to be; (Refrain)

Anonymous, 16th century

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-14

Ryan Rotella

CAROLS A Virgin Most Pure

English carol

arr. Charles Wood

A virgin most pure, as the prophets do tell, Hath brought forth a baby, as it hath befell; To be our Redeemer from death, hell, and sin, Which Adam’s transgression had wrapped us in. Aye, and therefore be merry; Rejoice, and be you merry; Set sorrow aside; Christ Jesus our Saviour was born at this tide.

Then God sent an angel from heaven so high, To certain poor shepherds in fields where they lie, And bade them no longer in sorrow to stay, Because that our Saviour was born on this day. (Refrain)

Then presently after the shepherds did spy A number of angels that stood in the sky; They joyfully talked and sweetly did sing, “To God be all glory our heavenly King.” (Refrain)

Traditional

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

16th century French melody

harm. Charles Wood

Ding dong! merrily on high in heav’n the bells are ringing: Ding dong! verily the sky is riv’n with angel singing. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E’en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen, And io, io, io, by priest and people sungen. (Refrain)

Pray you dutifully prime your Matin chime ye ringers; May you beautifully rime your Evetime song, ye singers: (Refrain)

G. R. Woodward

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:2,6-7

Buran Phillips

CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION

Buran Phillips

“Hopes and Fears”

***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

Balulalow Peter Warlock

O my dear hert, young Jesus sweet, Prepare thy credil in my spreit, And I sall rock thee in my hert And never mair from thee depert. But I sall praise thee evermore With sangis sweet unto thy glor’: The knees of my hert sall I bow, And sing that richt Balulalow.

James, John, and Robert Wedderburn, 1561

Meredith Mackay, Soprano

Pastorale in F, Part III

J. S. Bach

CHANGING OF THE PARAMENTS

SERVICE OF CANDLE LIGHTING ...

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 the final hymn, ushers will direct the back pew to 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.” The text is found on the next page.

***BENEDICTION**

*Indicates standing.

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.

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.

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.

Advent Flowers 2016

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

Laura and Jack Barron. In honor of their family in Nashville, TN; Sarasota, FL; Dallas, TX; Bogart GA; and Knoxville, TN
Carol Beilharz, children and grandchildren. In loving memory of Clark Jim Bennett. In memory of Laura
The Bonnyman Family. In honor of their Westminster Family
Mary Boyd. In honor of the cast and crew of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"
Marlene Browning. In memory of Larry Browning and sons, Craig and Steven Sara Cantrell. In memory of Robert Cantrell
The Carey Family. In memory of Ruthie Carey Chappell children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren

In memory of Bill and Lola Chappell
Barbara Cline. In honor of Gabrielle, Lisa, and the late Jennings Cline
Anne E. Davidson. In honor of all Westminster Presbyterian staff and volunteers
The Dean Family. In memory of Scott, Carter, Mimi and Gran
Christie Dowling. In memory of her mother, Betty M. Caldwell
Ginger Elting. In honor of her friends, Peter and the Chancel Choir
Carol, Scott, Jami and Olivia Faulkner. In memory of Kenneth L. Faulkner
John and Betty Hanes. In memory of Ruthie Carey
Gary, Katherine, Kieran and Nathan Harmon

In memory of Jim and Lucille Harmon, Barbara Goan and Benjamin Harmon

Lee and Bitsy Ingram

In honor of their children and grandchildren and in memory of Earl Richards Buz and Lucy Johnson. In memory of their parents, John and Mary Watson and Ewing and Bernice Johnson, and in honor of their friend, Fritz Schilling
Mike and Lisa Kaufman

In memory of their parents, Peg and Bill Cottrill and Herb and Betty Kaufman
Anne and John Langley

In memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shepard,
Mr. and Mrs. Clarmont J. Langley;

John's brother and sister, Robert Langley and Jane Glemser
Cile and Ed Mathews; Eva and Hannah Mathews; Danielle, Jim and Aiden Hemsley

In memory of Matt Mathews
Rob and Susan McKeenan. In honor of their children and grandchildren
Norman, Linda and Caroline McRae

In memory of Huel McRae and Christine Judge
Charlie and Alice Mercer. In memory of their parents
Ibbie and John Muntz and George Jack. In honor of WPC Care Team
Bonny and Doug Naugher

In honor of their grandson Ashley Douglas Naugher's first birthday
The Partelow Family. In honor of Peter Van Eenam
for the positive influence he has had, and continues to have, in their boys' lives
Cindy and Brad Pearman

In memory of Lenore Anderson McClain and Bill McClain and Jean Pearman;
In honor of Margaret Pearman
Rick and Janice Rawe. In honor of granddaughters, Margaret, Samantha, Nina
Martha Reynolds. In honor of Liz, Chrissy and Austin Reynolds-Rieder
Larry and Jeanne Ridley. In memory of Paula Smartt, Bill Beintema,

Esta Brayton, and Margaret Manrod
The Rotella Family. In memory of Robert Helton, Nancy Eagan,
Al and Mary Rotella, Margurite Rotella
Gary and Sandra Rowcliffe. In honor of their four children and greatest gifts:

Eliza, Claire, Caroline and Garrett
Tim and Joyce Ryan, Matthew and Tiffany Ryan, Lauren and Brandon Bice

In honor of Helen Wheeler Ryan and four of her great-grandchildren:
Chandler, Camryn and Connor Ryan and Josie Bice
Owen, Ian, Sarah and Grace Salsbery. In honor of Allie and Steven Brewington
John and Elizabeth Salsbery. In honor of John and Betty Hanes,

and in memory of Chris Salsbery
Doris Solomon. In loving memory of her grandmothers
Kathie and Thomas Tallant. In memory of Mary McKeenan
Julia Tortorelli. In memory of Alberta and William Bertelsen

and Flora and Joseph Tortorelli
The Tragessers. In memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Dukas
and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Tragesser

Joe Ben and Robin Turner. In honor of the staff at Westminster
Bill and Renee Wieseuegel. In memory of the precious saints that have gone
before us: Baby Boone, Ruthie Carey, Shirley Rechenbach, and Natalie Smith
Shirley Wittman

In honor of her son, Kent Wittman, who was born on Christmas Day
Jim and Linda Yates. In memory of Bonnee Rainwater, Bob Cantrell,
Chris Salsbery and Barbara Schilling

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6500 Northshore Drive, Knoxville TN 37919
Telephone (865) 584-3957 Fax (865) 584-8840
E-mail westminsterpres@comcast.net
www.wpcknox.org

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
Renee Wieseuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper
Sandra Williams, Administrative Assistant
Rev. Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Pastor Emeritus
Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: We will have one worship service at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 25 and on Sunday, January 1. Our regular schedule resumes January 8th, 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 26 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and Friday, December 30 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Regular office hours resume on Tuesday, January 3.

FINAL 2016 CONTRIBUTIONS as well as any 2017 prepaid offerings need to be in the church office by December 30. All offerings received by December 30 will be included in your 2016 contribution statement. If you have any questions regarding your contributions, please contact Renee Wieseuegel.

THE SESSION

Class of 2017

Phil Barnette
Bitsy Ingram
William Milam
Bryan Powell
Brenda Seip
Youth Elder: Tolson Bell
Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

Larry Ridley

Class of 2018

Leigh Dunlap
JP Mackay
Linda Van Beke
Wes Williams
Michael Yates

TRUSTEES

Paul Jordan

Class of 2019

Debbie Babelay
Daniel Collins
Terry Crow
Cindy Pearman
Jay Schmid

Alice Mercer