



**The Order of Worship** **December 24, 2016**  
**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** Chorale Prelude on “Silent Night” Samuel Barber  
 (from *Die Natali*, Op. 37)  
**WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER** Rev. Dr. Buran F. Phillips  
**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE** The Harmon Family  
**CALL TO WORSHIP** Mac Whipple

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** Barbara Adamcik  
**SCRIPTURE** Micah 5:2-5a James Hutzenbiler  
**HYMN NO. 44** (blue hymnal) O Little Town of Bethlehem St. Louis  
 (Please remain seated)  
**SCRIPTURE** Titus 2:11-14 Finn Burgin  
**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 96:1-6 Caroline McRae

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 96:10-13 Noah Burgin  
 \*HYMN NO. 40 (blue hymnal) Joy to the World! Antioch  
**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:1-7 Spencer Williams  
**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:8-14 Garrett Rowcliffe  
 \*HYMN NO. 116 (red hymnal) Angels We Have Heard on High Gloria  
**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

**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** Pastorale in F, Part III J. S. Bach

**SERVICE OF CANDLE LIGHTING ...**

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:15-20 Maggie Gordon  
*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 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 “O Come, All Ye Faithful.” The text is found on the next page.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

\*Indicates standing.

O Come, All Ye Faithful Adeste Fideles  
 O come, all ye faithful,  
 Joyful and triumphant,  
 O come ye,  
 O come ye to Bethlehem!  
 Come, and behold Him,  
 Born the King of angels!  
  
*Refrain*  
 O come, let us adore Him,  
 Christ, the Lord!

**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.

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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.

**USHERS:** Will Manrod, Sophie Manrod, Rhys Whipple, Lucy Gordon, Eric Partelow, Anna Grace Gilbert

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 8<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 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 Wiesehuegel.

***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 McKeehan. . . . . 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 McKeehan  
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 Wiesehuegel. . . . . 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

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