



**The Order of Worship** **December 24, 2021**  
**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** Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her (I) Johann Pachelbel  
*From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*  
Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her Georg Böhm  
Greensleeves Ralph Vaughan Williams  
arr. Stanley Roper

**WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE** Rev. Gradye Parsons

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Manrod Family  
Griffen Oros

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** Allie Brewington

**SCRIPTURE** Micah 5:2-5a  
**HYMN NO. 43** (blue hymnal) O Little Town of Bethlehem  
*(Please remain seated)*

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7  
**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 96:1-6  
**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 96:10-13  
**\*HYMN NO. 40** (blue hymnal) Joy to the World!  
**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:1-7  
**MUSIC FOR HANDBELLS** In dir ist Freude

*In Thee Is Joy*  
(from *Seventy-Nine Chorales for the Organ*, Op. 28)  
Becky Connelly, Janna deVente, Katherine Harmon, Debbie Schmid,  
and Bill and Renee Wiesehuegel, Handbells

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:8-14  
**\*HYMN NO. 23** (blue hymnal) Angels We Have Heard on High  
**SCRIPTURE** Titus 2:11-14  
**CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION**  
**\*HYMN NO. 41** (blue hymnal) O Come, All Ye Faithful

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

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Tonight we will be celebrating Holy Communion where worshipers may come forward and take a piece of bread and cup of juice. The ministers and ushers will direct you.*

**MUSIC FOR COMMUNION** In dulci jubilo Marcel Dupré  
*In Sweet Rejoicing*  
(from *Seventy-Nine Chorales for the Organ*, Op. 28)

**SERVICE OF CANDLE LIGHTING ...**

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:15-20 Jennifer Piel  
*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.

Gracie Kringen  
*Forest Green*

Melanie Lewis  
Ehren Manrod  
Bobby Manrod  
*Antioch*

Berta Bergia  
Marcel Dupré  
trans. and arr. Peter Van Eenam

Meghan Oros  
*Gloria*

Gradye Parsons  
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*Adeste fideles*

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 "O Come, All Ye Faithful."*

**\*HYMN** 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!  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore  
Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

**\*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:** Youth and Adults  
**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Members of the Handbell Choir

**Advent Flowers 2021**

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

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Norman, Linda Judge and Caroline McRae . . . . .	In memory of Huel McRae and Sam and Christine Judge
Nancy Kent . . . . .	In loving memory of William Hahne
Beth Kloker . . . . .	In honor of WPC music program
Jordan and Virginia Knight . . . . .	In honor of Hollis Knight
Anne and John Langley . . . . .	In memory of their parents, Voncille and Robert Shepard, Anne and Clarmont J. Langley; John's brother and sister, Robert Langley and Jane Glemser
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Brenda Elliot Seip . . . . .	In honor of our glorious Westminster team for supporting our church family through good times and rough. With gratitude the universe is endlessly abundant. I am grateful for Renee, Allie, Melissa, Gradye, Peter, Barbara, Daniel, Mary, John, Debbie and Karim
Laura Stockdale . . . . .	In memory of her father, James Stockdale and her twin sister, Mary Stockdale
Larry and Kathleen Tragesser . . . . .	In memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Dukas, Nick Dukas, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Tragesser
Penny Tschantz . . . . .	In honor of the WPC congregation
Robin Turner . . . . .	In honor of Joel, Ashley, Will, Nathalie, and Bennett Turner; in memory of Joe Ben Turner
Alexandra McDonald and Jacquelyn Vanden Dorpel . . . . .	In memory of the Vanden Dorpel brothers: Neil and Peter
Richard and Kay Ward . . . . .	In honor of Josh and Elizabeth Birdwell and Kathryn Sands
Bill and Susan West . . . . .	In memory of Mary McCall and in honor of Ruth Burnett
Bill and Renee Wiesehuegel . . . . .	In memory of Natalie Smith, Shirley Jean Rechenbach, and Ginger Elting -- three amazing women!!!
Ginger Williams . . . . .	In memory of Wray Williams, Johnny Williams, Leah Williams Chapin
The Wilson Family . . . . .	In honor of Nonny
Jim and Linda Yates . . . . .	In memory of Bob Cantrell, Dr. John Eaddy, Ginger Elting, Betty Salsbery Felton, Betty Hanes, Chris Salsbery, Dr. Gerald Sundahl, Joe Ben Turner

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER RELIEF:** Six presbyteries were hit by deadly storms. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding. In the face of devastating loss, First Presbyterian Church of Mayfield, Kentucky invoked Scripture: “The bricks have fallen down, But we will rebuild with smooth stones; The sycamores have been cut down, But we will replace with cedars.” (Isaiah 9:10) If you would like to contribute, please note on your check DR-000015.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**December 26:**  
 ONLINE WORSHIP ONLY  
 Provided by the Presbytery of East Tennessee  
**January 2:**  
 11:00 am Sanctuary and Online Worship

**FINAL 2021 CONTRIBUTIONS** as well as any 2022 prepaid offerings need to be in the church office by December 27. All offerings received by December 31 will be included in your 2021 contribution statement. If you have any questions regarding your contributions, please contact Renee Wiesehuegel. The church office will be open Dec. 27, 9:00-2:00; and Dec. 31, 9:00-12:00.

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE:** We have received 159 out of our 274 family unit pledges with a total of \$756,314. Last year we received 175 pledges for \$791,373. Thank you to everyone who has turned in a pledge. Everyone’s pledges and time and talents combined will help Westminster Presbyterian Church continue its present ministry as well as discover new paths to spread the love of our wonderful Lord and Savior! If you haven’t had the opportunity yet to turn in your pledge, there are extra cards in the narthex. You are needed and appreciated!

**Class of 2022**

Bob Albiston  
 Janet Drumm  
 Colleen Manrod  
 Charlie Mercer  
 Leslie Versen  
 Youth Elder: Sophia Manrod

**THE SESSION**

<b>Class of 2023</b>	<b>Class of 2024</b>
Jaclyn Beeler	Josh Birdwell
Jack Carley	Gloria Borum
William Milam	Melanie Lewis
Penny Tschantz	Lisa Oros
Bill Wiesehuegel	Chris Van Beke
Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap	

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