



# Christmas Day

The Christmas Truce  
*Artist, Soren Hawkes*

Westminster Presbyterian Church



December 25, 2022 | 10:00 am

## THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

See Amid the Winters Snow

arr. Dan Forrest

\*Lighting of the Christ Candle

Howard Thurman

Leader: I will light candles this Christmas;

People: **Candles of joy despite sadness,**

Leader: Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,

People: **Candles of courage for fears ever present,**

Leader: Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,

People: **Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,**

Leader: Candles of love to inspire all my living,

People: **Candles that will burn all year long.**

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

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### Prayer of Confession

Gracious God  
we would like to be among those who saw the coming of the Christ Child,  
those who dropped all that they were doing  
and traveled to worship the coming of God's love into this world.  
We would like to be those who cared for God in infant vulnerability;  
who tickled and cuddled and comforted the growing child,  
that he might know love and safety.  
And yet, merciful God, we confess our actions or in our inactions,  
find our own need for control more compelling  
and fear holds us back. Please forgive us.

### Assurance of Pardon

- Leader: God's light is present in this world.  
Present in the Christ child, present in the star, in all that guides us to love.
- People: **God's grace is in the world, we are loved, we are forgiven.**  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

Let There Be Peace on Earth  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Father, brothers all are we.  
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth. And let it begin with me.

## Prayers for Christmas Day

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### WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

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#### Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 52:7-10

**Meditation:** *Pax Dei* and A Letter from the Western Front, Christmas Day 1914

**Please help us tell the story by singing the following carols as they appear in the story:**

#### The First Nowell:

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

#### O Come All Ye Faithful:

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!

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#### \*Hymn No. 136

#### Go Tell It On the Mountain

#### GO TELL IT

##### *Refrain:*

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

- 1 While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (*Refrain*)
  - 2 The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. (*Refrain*)
  - 3 Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (*Refrain*)
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## Christmas Blessing

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**\*Please stand if you are able.**

**Leading in worship:** Jo Forrest, Louise Rogers, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, and Ed Sutter.

**Christmas Joy Offering:** Presbyterians have long celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ by giving generously to a Christmas season offering. By giving to the 2022 Christmas Joy Offering, you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Envelopes for these ministries are located in the pews and labeled "Christmas Joy Offering."

**The Chancel Guild** wishes to thank all who contributed Christmas poinsettias. They add greatly to the beauty of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Please do not pick up your poinsettias until Sunday, December 25, after worship, or Tuesday, December 27, or Wednesday, December 28, between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.

**Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church**, a caring community of faith committed to bringing people to Christ and developing their faith through worshipping God together, teaching the faith, and serving in mission. Whether you are visiting for the first time or a longtime member, we are blessed to have you join us on this holy eve. We invite you to return often and consider making this your church home.

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**All are welcome to join Westminster for worship.** Traditional services in the sanctuary are held at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. The contemporary Bridge service is held at 9:45 a.m. in the WROC. If you are not comfortable attending in person worship or are traveling, visit our YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/user/WestminsterUSC](http://www.youtube.com/user/WestminsterUSC) or our website for links to the livestream services at 9:45 and 11:00 a.m., or watch anytime later on YouTube. For more information about children's & youth ministry, music, and other church events, please visit our website at [www.westminster-church.org](http://www.westminster-church.org).

**Wiggle Room:** Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship, yet we realize sometimes families need a little wiggle room in their worship experience. Room 239, the Wiggle Room, is available to families with children from birth through age 3 who would prefer a separate space to step away while listening to the worship service. Please see an usher if you need help finding the Wiggle Room.

*New Year's Day Worship Services* | January 1, 2023  
9:45 am – Contemporary Worship (WROC) / 11 am – Traditional Service (Sanctuary)



2022

## *Christmas Memorial/Honoree Pointsettias*

### Given by:

Barb & Richard Allwes  
John Baumiller  
Drue & Tony Bellora

David Berry & Family  
Joanne Blice  
Philip & Bernice Bollman

Susan & Alex Bunson  
Jane & Rae Burton  
Elizabeth Carmelite  
Jeff & Lisa Carper  
Donna Carroll  
The Clendaniel Family

Bobbie Copeland  
Louis & Vidya Craig

Kathy, Sal & Jade Crisanti

Blair, Missy & Callee Dalbon

Janis Davis  
Karlyn, Bill & Tommy Davis

William Davis, Karlyn, Bill & Tommy

R. Lorraine Dellaria

Jason, Derek, and Lauren Dempsey  
Lynn Cummings Dempsey  
Jay Descalzi  
Joyce Dreeland & Frank Heineman

### In Memory of:

Parents, Grandparents  
William & Mary Baumiller  
Malcolm & Betty Simpson  
Diane Simpson  
Susan R. Niederberger  
Linda Rae Berry, Loving wife, mother & grandmother  
Our parents, sister Deli & brother Bill  
Marcus & Beatrice Hilberg  
Phil & Loretta Bollman  
Our Parents  
Loved Ones  
Virginia Moir  
Daniel Carper  
In memory of John & Family  
Clarence & Hilda Welch  
Virginia Welch, Stephen Welch  
George & Carrie Clendaniel  
Earl & Phyllis Clendaniel  
Dave Copeland  
Nayak Family  
Narayan & Vimala (beloved parents)  
Naresh & Suresh Nayak (brothers)  
Louis & Vivian Craig  
Katherine & J. David Holman  
Eva & Sam Crisanti  
SSG Eric S. Holman  
Michael Shields (uncle & brother)  
Dave & Sis Shields (grandparents)  
Bob Davis  
Jackie & Eddie Davis  
Eleanor J. Davis  
Jean & Carl Daube  
Tom & Sandy Daube  
Jackie & Eddie Davis  
Eleanor J. Davis  
Howard I. & Anne Richey  
Mary Jane Richey Lonick  
Donald Dempsey  
Loved Ones  
Joan Descalzi  
Allan E. "L J" Dreeland  
Rita J. Heineman



## Given by:

Leslie Engelmeier  
Jeff & Gene Ewing  
Susan Fitzsimmons  
Mary Gilleland

Sally Grabowski  
The Hammel Family  
Mary Hardy

Drew Hauth  
The Heilman Family  
Kathleen & Creed Hess

Bev Hilty  
John & Isabelle Holzaphel  
Dorothy Huff  
The James C. Ickes, Jr. Family

Hester Joseph  
Ernest & Dora Kern

Russ & Karen Kern

Wilma Knapp

Kathy Knopp & Family  
Catherine Kramer  
The Krock Family

Ted & Sara Kyle  
Roy Sr, Lisa, Roy & Beverley Leuch

Marilyn Lindstrom  
Bill and Maureen Ludwig

Frank & Marge McCabe

Bruce & Sue McClintock  
The McClintock-Comeaux Family  
Tim & Jane McConnell and  
Julie McConnell-Romero

The McCormick Family  
Jim & Judy McMaster & Family  
Joni & Ruth McMillen  
The May Family  
John Michael

Molli Family

## In Memory of:

Lynn Uram  
Kay & Kirsten Ewing  
Gilbert Fitzsimmons  
Woody Gilleland  
Mary and Family  
Florence & Ben Milcarek, parents  
Loved Ones  
Bob Hardy  
Tom Eyler

Charles R. & Jane M. Hauth  
Donna & Dick Heilman  
Agnes & William Ehrgott  
Mary & Creed Hess  
Dave Hilty & Loved Ones  
Our Parents  
Susan R. Niederberger, daughter  
James & Emma Ickes  
Harry & Virginia Simmons  
Samuel Ickes

Joe A. Joseph and Loved Ones  
Homer W. Kern, Father  
George & Thelma Smith, parents  
Dr. George Carrick

Ren Simmons  
David W. Knapp  
Michael Knapp Brindley, grandson  
Walter Knopp

Loved Ones  
Ruth & George C. Krock  
Betty & Dan Heiple  
Julia Gunther

Betty Leuch  
Linda Leuch Rollins  
Carl Lindstrom and Our Parents  
Bill & Christine Ludwig  
Jack O'Brien

Eileen & Francis J. McCabe  
Adrian & Betty Oskam  
Todd McClintock and Our Parents  
Todd McClintock

Our Parents, Ruth & Bill McConnell  
Janice McConnell, sister & mother  
Loved Ones

Kristin McMaster  
Francis & Lillian McMillen  
Betty Ann & Orveal R. May  
Christine Michael Torie

David Paige  
Beverly Paige Cass  
Ken Kovatch  
Lou Molli  
Madeleine & Paul Black

## Given by:

Michael & Diane Neiser

Sandra Nicklas  
Andie & Bob Noah  
Ruth O'Brien  
Keith & Kris Overstreet

The Pederson Family  
Susan Phillips-Castelli  
Hedy & George Pitcairn

Betsy Popvich

Robert & Maryanne Purdy  
The Ralston Family  
Robert Ralston  
Mark & Laura Rhoa  
Marilyn, Jim, John & Aki Roberts  
Mary Rockwell  
Bill & Denise Rost  
Pat Schofield

Rick & Alicia Scott

Sandy Shanahan  
The Simon Family  
Joan & Peter Stephans  
Bonnie Thompson  
Kim Thompson  
Tim & Sandy Thompson  
Joan E. Watson  
Sue Watson  
Barb & John Wehn  
Jackie, Jeff & Craig Wilson

## In Memory of:

Mark & Carolyn Neiser  
Theodore & Diane Evangelista  
Heather McCleary  
Our Loving Parents  
Jack O'Brien  
Jerry R. Friebis, Father  
Vivian B. Overstreet, Mother  
Rita Beck-Rylander & Dave Rylander  
Family & Friends  
Edward & Grace Streets  
Katheryn & George W. Pitcairn Sr.  
Elizabeth C. Davis, Roy A. Davis & Loved Ones  
Robert Kondas  
Our Parents  
Karen Ralston & Abbey Victoria  
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Mary Margaret Rhoa  
John M. Roberts and Jane F. Skutt  
Samuel Rockwell  
With love in memory of those passed  
Jane C. Wallace  
Lucielle Fitzsimmons  
Charlotte & Carmello Massinople  
Laura Way  
Loved Ones  
In memory of Loved Ones  
Loved Ones  
Loved Ones  
John F. Thompson Jr - Opa, father & husband  
Loved Ones  
Dorothy, Thomas & John Watson  
Jack & Helen Watson  
Those we have lost this year  
John H. Wilson

## Given by

Anonymous  
David Berry & Family

Knox & Lynn Brown  
Bobbie Copeland  
The McClintock-Comeaux Family

Mark & Laura Rhoa

Louise Rogers

Bill & Denise Rost

## In Honor of:

Rev. Dr. Jo Forrest - Thank you for your devotion to WPC  
Rev. Louise Rogers - Thank you for all you do for the Lord & WPC  
Kira & Addie Brown  
Kay Fazio  
Ann & Val Comeaux  
Sue & Bruce McClintock  
Mark & Mary Ellen Rhoa  
Eleanor Rhoa  
Trip & Linda Swain  
Westminster congregation - With thanks for our time together in ministry  
Our 15 grandchildren