



Westminster Presbyterian Church



December 24, 2022 | 9:00 & 11:00 pm

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Jim Burns, piano

arr. Lloyd Larsen

Sonata for Violin in C Major - Largo
Warren Davidson, violin

Antonio Vivaldi

Sphärenmusik (Music of the Spheres)
Katy Williams, soprano and Warren Davidson, violin

Siegfried Klarg-Elert

Mary's Magnificat
The Quartet

Andrew Carter

Away in a Manger
Chancel Choir

arr. Mack Wilberg

Welcome

Jo Forrest

Lighting of the Christ Candle: (9:00 pm - Grandchildren of Barbara and Hetz Marsh; David, John and Elizabeth Marsh, Asha, and Andrew Das / 11:00 pm - Nikki Quaderer and Vinay Thomas)

Leader: Because injustice and despair threaten to overwhelm us, we pray for hope...

People: **Because so many swords have not yet been remade into ploughshares, we pray for peace...**

Leader: Because grief and loss weigh so heavily, we pray for joy...

People: **Because hatred is still so strong, and because people all over the world are suffering, we pray for love.**

Leader: God has come to us as a child, to dwell with us, and to walk with us.

People: **May the light and the fire from these candles burn away whatever would prevent the God of hope and peace and joy and love from being born among us.**

- 1 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!
- 3 Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!
- 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
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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Prayer for Christmas Eve

Louise Rogers

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.
People: **Living God, on this holy night we gather—
to stand with shepherds, amazed at your glory;
to sing with angels, rejoicing in your work;
to wait with Joseph, trusting in your promise;
to sit with Mary, cradling your love.
May the good news of this night inspire us
to tell the world of our great joy:
for to us is born a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord. Amen.**

Anthem

See Amid the Winter's Snow

arr. Dan Forrest

Alleluia. See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,
See the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.
Hail, thou everblessed morn, hail redemption's happy dawn.
Sing through all Jerusalem: Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Lo, within a manger lies He who built the lofty skies,
He, who, throned in light sublime, sits amid the cherubim.
Sacred infant, all divine, tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss, down to such a world as this. Alleluia.

A Lesson from the Prophet

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Louise Rogers

Hymn No. 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Congregation

Lewis Henry Redner

- 1 O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
- 3 How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.
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A Lesson from the Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

Louise Rogers

Anthem

Sweetest Music, Softly Stealing

Elaine Hagenberg

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Louise Rogers

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.

Sung Response – Hymn 144

In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

- 4 What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

A Lesson from the Gospel

John 1:1-5

Jo Forrest

Meditation

The Word Became Flesh

Jo Forrest

Offertory Anthem

O Holy Night
Katy Williams, soprano

Adolph Adam

Bringing the Light Into the World

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

As the ministers walk down the aisle, pausing at each pew to light the end candle, offer the light to your neighbor and greet them with “the peace of Christ be with you.” After all the candles are lighted, the congregation will join in singing “Silent Night.” During the last verse, carefully raise your candle aloft. Please extinguish your candle following the benediction and place them in the receptacles in the narthex as you leave.

Hymn No. 122

Silent Night, Holy Night!
Choirs & Congregation

STILLE NACHT

- 1 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.
- 2 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!”
- 3 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.
- 4 Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response:**

Away in a Manger, final verse

arr. Mack Wilberg

Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo

J. S. Bach

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

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Louise Rogers, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Chancel Choir, the Quartet, Katy Williams and Warren Davidson.

The loose offering from all services this evening will go to The Lazarus Fund of Pittsburgh Presbytery. The Lazarus Fund is currently depleted due to the high volume of applicants for funds in 2022. Through your donations to the loose offering this Christmas Eve, The Lazarus Fund will be able to assist our struggling neighbors who have short-term economic difficulties including help with rent, mortgage payments, or paying utilities. Thank you for your kind generosity.

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 12:00 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 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.

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.

Christmas Day Worship Service | December 25
10 am – Sanctuary

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