

**Large Print Bulletin**  
**Christmas Eve 2021**  
**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
**7:00 PM**



Holy God,  
We've heard this story a million times—  
Mary and Joseph, the angels, the shepherds.  
We've heard it a million times,  
but we want to hear it like it's the first.  
So move among us. Circle back. Draw close.  
Crack open our hearts and fill them with Your goodness.  
Help us hear what it is You might be saying to us  
with curiosity, joy, and hope.  
This is an invitation.  
Come be here with us. We humbly pray, AMEN.

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# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 24, 2021

7:00 P.M.

Christmas Eve

**PRELUDE**

*Christmas Fantasy*

Rayney

*O Holy Night* – Lee Fisher and Ashley Vogel-Fisher, soloists

**WELCOME**

Jon Frost

**INTROIT**

*Hark! The Herald*

Alex Krenz, soloist

Forrest

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rick and Joan Dietrich, lighters

*Lighters: An unmarried teenage girl was invited – to carry  
Christ into this world.*

**People: An ordinary carpenter was invited – to be a father to  
a child unlike any other.**

*Lighters: The shepherds were invited – outcast and isolated,  
included at the manger.*

**People: The magi were invited – foreigners and seekers,  
included at the manger.**

*Lighters: And if she was invited, and he was invited, and they  
were invited –*

**People: Then we can trust that we too are invited.**

*Lighters: This story is for us. This love is for us.*

**People: And the center of this love is God, who came to earth  
to dwell among us.**

*Lighters: Family of faith, this is our invitation. Welcome home.  
We light the Christ Candle, and remember that God's love  
just could not stay away.*

**People: Let us worship the God who loves and welcomes all!**

**CAROL**            *O Come, All Ye Faithful*            (please stand if able)

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, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!    *Refrain: O come...*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!    *Refrain: O come...*

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**            Ann Hatfield

Eternal God, from the tabernacle of heaven to the poverty of a stable, Your radiant Light shines forth in a tiny baby wrapped in rags. Such humble Love astounds us. But our astonishment fades; our joy dissipates; and too soon we drift back to darkness. Forgive us Lord for not holding fast to the One who comes this night. Renew us in the way of Christ, that we might reflect His light in the world...*(time for silent prayers of confession).*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Pastor: Friends, there is Good News this Christmas night!*

**People: Unto us is born a SAVIOR, who is Christ the Lord!**

**RESPONSE**                      *Joy to the World*                      *(please stand and sing)*

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.

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!

**APOSTLES' CREED** *(please stand if able)*

Jon Frost

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**CONGREGATIONAL GREETING – “*The Peace of Christ*”**

## PASTORAL & LORD'S PRAYER

Jennie Clark

.....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.

**OFFERTORY**                      *Songs of the Promise*                      arr. Martin  
Lee Fisher and Ashley Fisher-Vogel, soloists

*Come, Thou long expected Jesus; born to set Thy people free.  
Tomorrow shall be my dancing day. From our fears and sins,  
release us. Let us find our rest in Thee. I would, my true love did  
so chance. Israel's rest and Consolation, hope of all the earth  
Thou art. To see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my  
dance. Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.  
Sing, O my love; O my love, my love, my love, my love, forever and  
ever my love, this I have done for my true love.*

*Come, Thou long expected Jesus. Come, and set Your people free.  
Prepare, prepare the way! Tomorrow shall be my dancing day. I  
would my true love did so chance to see the legend of my play, to  
call my true love to my dance. Sing, O my love, O my love, my  
love, my love, my love, forever and ever my love. This I have done  
for my true love. This I have done for my true love, tomorrow shall  
be my dancing day. Tomorrow shall be my dancing, dancing day,  
dancing day!*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**                      *The Light of the World*                      John 1: 1-14

*Lord Jesus, Savior, infant weak, why come to earth as one so meek? A newborn babe, helpless and small; and yet Creator of us all. Thou hast no beauty, form, nor grace; no fortune, rank, no fame, no place. That men should see thee and adore, A babe so humble and so poor. But to the soul whose eyes are healed, to whom the truth has been revealed, Thy glory challenges the sun; Thou art a thousand joys in One. Though strangers see a babe in straw, Thy children see the Lord of all Who laid aside His rightful reign to take away our sin and shame.*

*This sacrifice of love divine, this condescension to mankind. With beauty robes Thy lowly frame, and sanctifies Thy simple name. O aid my worship, Mighty King, that I might with the angels sing, glory to God on high! Now crowned again beyond the sky! Oh, help me see Thee and adore, This child, my God and Lord.*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**     *Announcement to Mary*     Luke 1: 26-33

**CAROL**     *Angels We Have Heard On High*     (please stand if able)

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains.  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Glo---ria in excelsis Deo, Glo----ria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be, which inspire Your heavenly song?  
Glo---ria in excelsis Deo, Glo----ria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Glo---ria in excelsis Deo, Glo----ria in excelsis Deo.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**    *Announcement to Joseph*    Matt 1: 18-21

**SPECIAL MUSIC**            *I Wonder as I Wander*            arr. Niles  
Victoria Provost, soloist

*I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die, for poor on 'ry people like you and like I...I wonder as I wander, out under the sky. When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall, with wise men and farmers and shepherds and all. But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, and the promise of ages it then did recall.*

*If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, a star in the sky, or a bird on the wing, or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing, He surely could have it, 'cause He was the King. I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die, for poor on 'ry people like you and like I...I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.*

**MEDITATION**                    “*The Story*”                    Don Lincoln

## **THE COMING OF THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

*The pastor lights a candle from Christ candle, lights ushers' candles, and ushers light candles of the first person in each row. The light is passed along as each person tips an UNLIGHTED candle TOWARD A LIGHTED ONE. Let your candle remain lit until after the benediction; then place it in the receptacle at the door upon leaving.*

**CAROL***Silent Night, Holy Night*

## Stille Nacht

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.

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."

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.

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****POSTLUDE***Joy to the World*

arr. Hobby



**Participants in these Christmas Eve services are:**

Pastors: Don Lincoln, Jennie Clark, Jon Frost, Ann Hatfield  
Director of Music: Bob Morris; Organist, Glenn Kinckner;  
Westminster Chancel Choir  
Brass Choir: Aaron Folmsbee, Art Greene, Casey Hesse, Ron Evans

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**One worship service Sunday,  
December 26 at 10:00 A.M.**

The Staff and Leaders of Westminster wish you a most joyous Christmas!

If you are considering church membership at Westminster, or are interested in knowing more about faith in Jesus Christ, please feel free to contact one of the pastors.

*Westminster Presbyterian Church*  
*Poinsettia Dedications 2021*

Jim Ash, Jr.

In loving honor of his parents, Jim and Jane Ash

Betsy Ballantyne

In loving memory of Rev. Dr. David Ballantyne and Loved Ones

Claudia Beckmann and Family

In loving memory of Dr. Charles R. B. Beckmann

Bob Bell, Jr.

In loving memory of his parents, Robert H. and Eleanor Bell

Bob Bell, Jr.

In loving memory of his grandmother, Dorothy G. Bell

Judy Bell

For new beginnings

Her husband Rene, son Robert, and daughter Linda

In loving memory of Lois A. Braun

Ronnie and Dan Carrone

In loving memory of her mother, Veronica Le Sage

Lucinda and Mark Deese and Family

In loving memory of Margaret Bovard

The DeWilde, Flores and Casswell Families

For our beloved Carolyn, love is forever

His wife, Nan, his children and his grandchildren

In loving memory of Wes Fasnacht

Diana Forrest

In loving memory of her sister, Cindy Forrest

The Gambill Family

In loving honor of Michelle-Greenwood Gambill

The Gambill Family

In loving honor of Arielle Gambill

The Gambill Family

In loving honor of David Gambill

Anita Gordon

In honor and gratitude for the WPC Gleaning Gardeners

Jack and Anita Gordon

In loving memory of Bob Connors

Jack and Anita Gordon

In loving memory of Nancy Owens

Tom and Doris Green

In loving memory of Loved Ones

The Hawkins Family

In loving memory of Paul Rusek

Ann and Jim Hatfield

In loving memory of her mother, Mary Harnwell

Jim and Ann Hatfield

In loving memory of his parents, Jack and Betty Hatfield

Michelle Holman and James Drain

In loving memory of their father, Don Drain

Lois and Jim Kelican

In loving memory of Loved Ones

Barry and Ruth Kershaw

In loving memory of their sister-in-law, Dorcas A. Channell

Ernie and Gabrielle Kimmel

In memory of Verna and Ernest Kimmel

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In memory of Edith and Stevan I. Stevens

Nancy Kovach

In loving memory of John H. Rickards

Nancy Kovach

In loving honor of Jane F. Rickards

Nancy Kovach

In loving memory of Hayward and Mattie Rickards

Nancy Kovach

In loving memory of George and Florence MacFarland

Carmen Knox

In honor of the faithful, generous, and diligent

Westminster Thrift Shop volunteers

Bonnie Mainwaring

In loving memory of her husband, Rick Mainwaring

Their Family

In loving memory of Robert E. and Anna Mae McFalls

Ginny McFalls

In loving honor of Dan & Heather McFalls and their children:

Eden, Ryder, Chase, Austin, Quinn, Margo

Diane and Ed McFalls

In loving memory of her parents, Arthur and Ruth Leidheiser

Perk and Tony Musacchio

In loving memory of Jim and Peg Metzgar

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In loving memory of Helen and Antonio Musacchio

Mommy and Daddy (Victoria and Bill Nesti)

In loving memory of Carson Nesti

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In loving memory of Weston Nesti

Carol and Gregg Nelms

In loving memory of her parents, Millard and Beverly Brown

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In loving memory of her brother, Robert Brown

Gregg and Carol Nelms

In loving memory of his mother, Shirley Nelms

Marianne Prabel

In loving memory of Loved Ones

Kim and Rich Prann

In loving memory of their parents

Mary Ann Starkey

In loving memory of her husband, Leonard J. Starkey

Nancy J. Tuttle

In loving memory of Brian Tuttle

Sharlee and Craig Van Tine

In loving memory of her father, Charles M. Kennedy

Sharlee and Craig Van Tine

In loving honor of their children, Trent and Allie Van Tine

Sharlee and Craig Van Tine

In loving memory of her cousin, Nicole Croft

Jenny Verbiar

In loving memory of her mother, Debra Lou Verbiar

Julia Verbiar

In loving memory of her mother, Debra Lou Verbiar

Bob Verbiar

In loving memory of his mom and dad

The Verbiar Family

In loving memory of their grandparents

Ida Verno

In loving memory of her husband, C. Ralph Verno

Linda Verno

In loving memory of her father, C. Ralph Verno

Sharon Weiner

In loving memory of Dr. John Weiner

Bill and Florence Pollock Wilson

In loving memory of Andy Pollock and Alcine Wilson

Alison Wood

In loving memory of her grandparents, Ellis E. and Anna M.P. Stern

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His Family

In loving memory of G. Michael Hawkins

Barbara Wheeler

In loving honor of Dr. Robert Poole

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*Wishing you a very  
Blessed Christmas*

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