

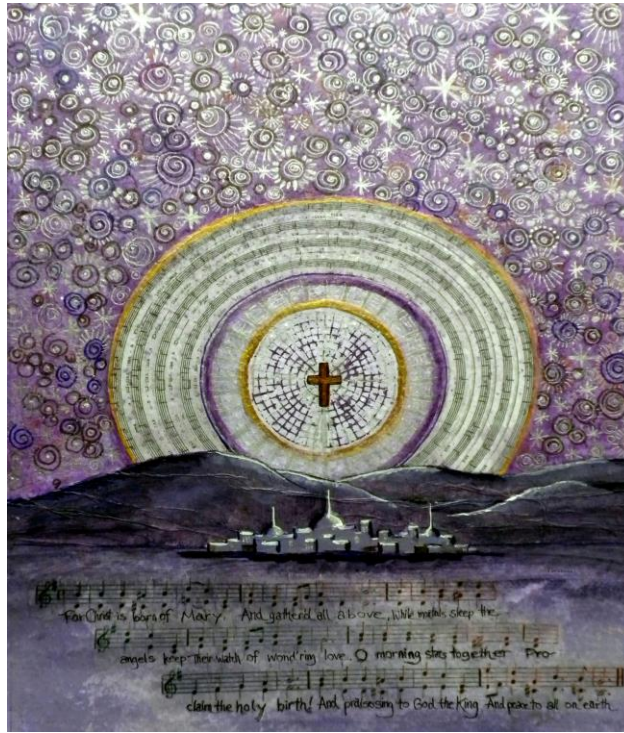
## LARGE PRINT BULLETIN

### WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Knowing Christ.....Making Christ Known

December 26, 2021

10:00 A.M. Traditional



### GATHERING THOUGHT

Like every newborn, he has come from very far.  
His eyes are closed against the brilliance of the star.  
So glorious is he, he goes to this immoderate length  
To show his love for us, discarding power and strength.  
Girded for war, humility his mighty dress,  
He moves into the battle wholly weaponless.

Madeleine L'Engle, "Like Every Newborn"

# **ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**December 26, 2021**

**10:00 a.m.**

## **PRELUDE**

*Carol Settings*

*J.S. Bach's Prelude in C*  
Eliza Stilley, piano

**WELCOME** *(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad in your pew.)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(from Wild Goose Resource Group)*

*Leader: Light looked down and saw darkness.*

**People: "I will go there," said Light.**

*Leader: Peace looked down and saw war.*

**People: "I will go there," said Peace.**

*Leader: Love looked down and saw hatred.*

**People: "I will go there," said Love.**

*Leader: Love looked down and saw all this,*

**People: And so He, the Lord of Light, the Prince of Peace,  
the King of Love, came down and crept in beside us.  
Let us Worship the Lord of All!**

## **HYMN #134**

*Joy to the World*

*(please stand if able)*

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.

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(from Sanctified Art)*

Gracious and loving God:

We could offer welcome, but we often choose judgment.

We could choose action, but we often choose silence.

We could choose advocacy, but we often choose comfort.

We could choose truth, but we often choose ignorance.

We could choose God, but we often choose ourselves.

Forgive us, LORD, for the moments when we chose poorly.

Open our hearts to choose You, to choose community, to choose love. Gratefully we offer our personal confessions to You in silence.....*(time for us to offer silent prayers of confession.)*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.*

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*(please stand if able)*

*Refrain from “Angels We Have Heard On High”*

Glo – ria, in excelsis Deo.

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## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

*(please stand if able)*

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*”**

## **THOUGHT FOR CHILDREN**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Micah 5: 2-5

(Pew Bible pg. 756)

### **HYMN #121**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* *(please remain seated)*

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.

For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.

## **PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

.....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**      *Why Not Buy An Extra Present*      M. Sammes  
Bob Morris, soloist

*Why not buy an extra present, when you've bought the others?  
Give it to a child with nothing; Christ has countless brothers. Be  
just like the Wise Men with their gifts of gold and myrrh. Make a  
poor child's Christmas with a toy to love and share. Why not buy  
an extra present, when you've bought the others?*

*Why not visit one who's lonely, as you do the manger? Why not see  
the sick and housebound, though you are a stranger? Be just like  
the Wise Men with their gifts of gold and myrrh. Just a friendly  
visit is a gift that's rich and rare. Why not visit one who's lonely,  
as you do the manger?*

*Why not feed the poor and hungry in a Third World stable? Help  
supply the loaves and fishes for their meager table. Be just like the  
Wise Men with their gifts of gold and myrrh. Having dinner one day  
helps to lighten their despair. Why not feed the poor and hungry in a  
Third World stable?*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**     Isaiah 9: 2b; 6-7     (Pew Bible pg. 555)

**HYMN #146**     *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*     (remain seated)

Gentle Mary laid her Child lowly in a manger;  
There He lay, the undefiled, to the world a Stranger:  
Such a Babe in such a place, can He be the Savior?  
Ask the saved of all the race who have found His favor.

Angels sang about His birth; Wise men sought and found Him;  
Heaven's star shone brightly forth, glory all around Him:  
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing;  
All the plains were lit that night, all the hills were ringing.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**     Colossians 1: 15-20     (Pew Bible pg. 956)

**HYMN #119**     *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*     (please stand if able)

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace, Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die.  
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

**MEDITATION**     *A Gift From the Heart*     Don Lincoln

**HYMN #132** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (please stand if able)

Good Christian friends rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice  
Give ye heed to what we say; Jesus Christ was born today  
Ox and ass before Him bow, And He is in the manger now  
Christ is born today, Christ is born today

Good Christian friends rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice  
Now ye hear of endless bliss, Jesus Christ was born for this  
He hath opened heaven's door, And we are blest forevermore  
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this

Good Christian friends rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice  
Now ye need not fear the grave, Jesus Christ was born to save  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall  
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Broughton



Worship Times:  
9:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We are glad you are here today. To help us welcome you personally, please fill out the Visitor Card found in the pews with your name, address, email and/or phone number and drop in the offering plates.

If you are interested in knowing more about being a follower of Jesus, have any questions, or desire follow-up information, please speak to one of the pastors.

Our next new members class is Sunday, February 27, 2022 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR TODAY** are: Isaiah 52:7-10 and Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14. In addition to Sunday readings, there are lectionary readings for every day. Go to [www.westminsterpc.org](http://www.westminsterpc.org) to the box called "Lectionary Reading" and click on the dates for the readings for the week.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Are you a college student and interested in connecting with other college students within the congregation? Please contact Pastor Jon Frost at [jfrost@westminsterpc.org](mailto:jfrost@westminsterpc.org).

**WE WOULD APPRECIATE** knowing what percentage of the congregation has been vaccinated. If you are willing to share your status, please call the church office at 610-399-3377, and they will be happy to update your profile. Thank you.



# WORSHIP INFORMATION

## WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### *Sanctuary*

9:30am – Traditional worship

11:00am – Contemporary worship with band

### *Wednesday Morning*

9:10-9:30am – Prayer and Communion worship

**HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES** are available for worship at the Information Center in the Narthex. Additionally, the sanctuary is equipped with an induction loop system that transmits to hearing aids and cochlear implants with telecoils. **PEW CUSHIONS** also available at the Information Center.

**TEXT GIVING** is available. You can give via your phone; it's easy, secure and instant. Start a new text message to 610-616-2826. Enter the dollar amount of your gift as the text. Send. First time givers are prompted to a link to enter credit/debit card information.

**TAIZÉ PRAYER** and contemplative worship occurs various times throughout the program year. Visit our website or call 610-399-3377 for dates and times.

**PRAYER CHAIN** members receive a weekly list of prayer requests via email and members include them in their conversations with God. To have a prayer request included in the Prayer Chain or to become a member, contact Sue Spotts at [sue.es.spotts@gmail.com](mailto:sue.es.spotts@gmail.com) or the church office.

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION** is celebrated the first Sunday of every month in all services.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** is celebrated the **third Sunday of every month**. Our **BAPTISM CLASS** is offered the last Sunday of each month, except December, at 10:00 a.m. Contact the office to register for the baptism class.

**VIDEO AND TEXT VERSIONS OF PREVIOUS SERMONS** can be found online at [www.westminsterpc.org](http://www.westminsterpc.org).

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