

Worship for the Lord's Day  
*the 64th Annual Service of Lessons & Carols*



presented by the Westminster Sanctuary Choir with Westminster Brass  
Sunday, December 22, 2024  
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Westminster Presbyterian Church (USA), Greenville, South Carolina

From the Choir Loft, *Marlon Hurst*

The 20<sup>th</sup> century Protestant Theologian Karl Barth is often quoted as having quipped, “Take your Bible and take your newspaper, and read both. But interpret newspapers from your Bible.” As we once again encounter the familiar (and yet still surprising) texts and songs of Advent and Christmas as found in the Service of Lessons and Carols, I’m reminded of how we, as Christians, always live in the tension between God’s Realm and Earth. We are a people whose worship practices call us to look at the world and its events through the lens of our sacred texts and traditions. Then as we look to the future on our journey of faith, these texts and traditions set the direction of our lives. However, in times of personal or social upheaval and unrest, it is easy to grow weary and lose heart, wondering “Will God’s realm ever arrive?” “Is our faith little more than aspirational?” “How can we continue to keep faith in the face of the troubles of the world?”

In the midst of this tension, I find both strength and comfort in God’s promises conveyed in the scriptures and interpreted through the songs of the Lessons and Carols liturgy. Together, they invite us into the miracle of our present moment – which would not exist but for God’s grace, and by which our lives are ordered and directed towards a future of God’s imagining where all of creation is honored, respected, and nourished.

In ways both implicit and explicit, “Peace” plays a particularly significant role in the choral and congregational song of this year’s service. We hear the words of the prophet Isaiah, both read and sung, pointing us to a time when there shall “be endless peace.” The African-American spiritual *Mary Had a Baby* lifts Isaiah’s words and places their mantle on Mary’s baby, Jesus. The angels sing, “Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!” And the beloved song *O Holy Night* reminds us that, “Truly he taught us to love one another; his law is love and his gospel is peace.” As these words are read and sung, we come face to face with the “already and not yet” – the realized eschatology that is central to our Reformed theology.

Although peace in our time is elusive and the hope for a future peace may seem unattainable, let us find solace and strength in the words of our Advent Doxology that frame this service, “...hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be.” In God’s promises of old we find strength for this moment and direction for our future. May we not grow weary in seeking the peace that is ultimately found only in the Prince of Peace.

COVER IMAGE: Mary & Child (AI)

# Worship for the Lord's Day

Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, 11:15a • The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
The 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Welcome and Announcements

Ben Dorr

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Hunter & Caroline Blouin, Nora, Bo

The fourth candle is the candle of love.

It symbolizes God's love for the world in sending the only Son to be our Savior.

Processional Hymn (140)

"Once in Royal David's City"

IRBY; arr. Willcocks

stanza 1 — Mary Eliza Duncan, soloist

stanza 2 — choir

\*stanza 3 (all)

**Jesus is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew;  
he was little, weak and helpless; tears and smiles like us he knew;  
and he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.**

\*stanza 4 (all)

**And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;  
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

Service of Giving

Offertory

*Creator of the Stars of Night*

arr. Smith

\*Doxology (108)

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

**Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be.**

**Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Children K5 & First Grade are invited to leave for Children's Church.

THE SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

CALL TO PRAYER (91)

“Come, Come Emmanuel”

COME, COME EMMANUEL

THE BIDDING PRAYER & 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.**

THE LESSONS

At the conclusion of each reading the reader will say, “The Word of the Lord.”  
The congregation will respond by saying, “**Thanks be to God.**”

THE FIRST LESSON, Genesis 3:8-15

Alex Kester

*God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman  
shall bruise the serpent's head.*

CAROL

*People, Look East*

BENSAÇON  
arr. Malcolm Archer

People, look East. The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth, and set the table.  
People, look East, and sing today:  
Love the Guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there.  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look East, and sing today:  
Love the Rose is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look East, and sing today:  
Love the Star is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast  
Him who cometh from the East.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look East, and sing today:  
Love the Lord is on the way.

—*Eleanor Farjeon*

THE SECOND LESSON, Genesis 22:15-18

Ellis McLarty

*God promises that, through Abraham,  
all the peoples of the world will be blessed.*

CAROL

*Creator of the Stars of Night*

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.

When this old world drew on t'ward night, you came; but not in splendor bright,  
not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild.

Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day;  
defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.

To God Creator, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
praise, honor, might and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.

—*Latin, 9<sup>th</sup> c.; Translation – The Hymnal, 1982*

THE THIRD LESSON, Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Julia Mowlajko

*The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.*

CAROL

*Prince of Peace*

Todd Monsell

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us, authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Jesus is Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom, he will establish it,  
he will uphold it with justice, and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore!

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

—*adapted from Isaiah 9*

*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*

\*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL (121)

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS; arr. Biery

**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.**

**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.**

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

THE FIFTH LESSON, Luke 1:26-33, 38

Lizzy Holt

*The angel Gabriel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child.*

CAROL

*The Linden Tree*

Old German tune  
arr. Reginald Jacques

There stood in heav'n a linden tree, but tho' t'was honey-laden,  
all angels cried, "No bloom shall be like that of one fair maiden."

Sped Gabriel on winged feet, and pass'd through bolted portals  
in Nazareth, a maid to greet, blest o'er all other mortals.

'Hail Mary!' quoth the angel mild, 'Of womankind the fairest:  
the Virgin ay shalt thou be styled, a babe although thou bearest.'

'So be it!' God's handmaiden cried, 'According to thy telling.'  
Where on the angel smartly hied up homeward to his dwelling.

This tidings fill'd his mates with glee: 'Twas pass'd from one to other,  
That 'twas Mary, and none but she, and God would call her Mother.

—translated by G. R. Woodward

THE SIXTH LESSON, Luke 2:1-7

Coleman Kirven

*Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child.*

CAROL

*Mary Had a Baby*

Spiritual  
arr. William L. Dawson

Mary had a baby. My Lord!

Where was he born? Born in a manger  
Oh, Mary had a baby born in a manger.  
Mary had a baby. My Lord!

What did they call Him? "King Jesus!"  
Oh, Mary had a baby. He was called "King Jesus."  
Mary had a baby, oh yes!

He is called "King Jesus," "Mighty Counselor,"  
"King Emmanuel," "Mighty God,"  
"Everlasting Father," "Prince of Peace."

Mary had a baby. My Lord!

THE SEVENTH LESSON, Luke 2:8-16

Hannah Dias

*Angels appear to the shepherds in the field and announce the birth of the Messiah.*

\*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL (119)

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN  
arr. Ferguson

**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!"***

**Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"***

**Hail the heaven-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!"***

*Magi from the East are led by the star to Jesus.*

CAROL

*O Holy Night*

Adolphe Adam; arr. Brian Luckner

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till he appeared, and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born.

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by his cradle we stand.  
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here came the wise men from the Orient land.  
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger, in all our trials born to be our friend.  
He knows our need, to our weakness no stranger; behold your King! Before him lowly bend!

Truly he taught us to love one another; his law is love and his gospel is peace.  
Chains shall he break for the slave is our brother, and in his name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we. Let all within us praise his holy name.  
Christ is the Lord, then ever, ever praise we. His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim.

—*Cappeau de Roquemaure*

\*THE NINTH LESSON, John 1: 1-5, 14

Ben Dorr

*John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.*

\*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL (108)

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM;  
arr. Burkhardt

**Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega; he the source the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore!**

**O, that birth forever blessed when the Virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race,  
and the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore!**

**O ye heights of heaven, adore him. Angel hosts, his praises sing.  
Powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King.  
Let no tongue on earth be silent; every voice in concert ring,  
evermore and evermore!**

**Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be.  
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,  
evermore and evermore! Amen.**



\*THE BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE (Hymn 130)

“Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light” from *Weihnachtsoratorium* J. S. Bach

Break forth, O beauteous, heavenly light and usher in the morning.  
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel’s warning.  
This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be.  
The power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.  
—*Johann Rist; tr. John Troutbeck*

\*POSTLUDE

*Hodie Christus Natus Est*

Gabrieli

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

Ben Dorr, *liturgist*

*The Sanctuary Choir*

Marlon Hurst, *music director*

Todd Monsell, *organist/ pianist*

*Westminster Brass:*

Craig King & Gary Malvern, *trumpets*

Mark Britt, & Henry Niehaus, *trombones*

Kathi Hurst and Allie Ablewood, *soloists*

Jacob Barker, *head usher*

Susan Grier, Mary Gentry, Walker Miller,

Elizabeth Timmons, Carroll Farmer, *greeters*

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***Join us in Welcoming***

Julian Camillo Asaro, born to Sergio & Kathryn Asaro, on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

Timothy Banks Clunan, born to to Cody & Sarah Clunan, on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

***We Remember in Prayer***

Gena Runnion and her family on the death of Gena’s mother, Myrna Staggs, on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

***2025 Stewardship Campaign***

As of Monday, December 16, we have received \$2,422,667 in pledges, which is 89% of our 2025

pledge goal. For your convenience, you may pledge online or send your pledge via email or USPS to the Church Financial manager, Lynn Bennett ([lbennett@wpc-online.org](mailto:lbennett@wpc-online.org)).

***Please Fulfill Your 2024 Giving***

As of December 15, we have received 91.8% of pledges made for 2024. If you need to know where you stand with your 2024 giving, please contact Lynn Bennett ([lbennett@wpc-online.org](mailto:lbennett@wpc-online.org)), or contact the church office. Thank you for your generosity to Westminster!

### ***Retirement Giving***

Westminster members age 70.5 and older can support the church with a gift from their Individual Retirement Account. Qualified charitable donations from IRAs may offer tax advantages while benefiting our congregation.

### ***Nursery***

Childcare for infants through 4K is available during the Lessons & Carols service and reception. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment for children. The Nursery is located on the Mezzanine Level. The Family Lounge and Atrium are always available for children and caregivers and have live streams of the worship service.

### ***Premiering in Worship, “Prince of Peace”***

The 64th Service of Lessons and Carols features the debut of “*Prince of Peace*” by Westminster organist Todd Monsell. “*Prince of Peace*” was written for this service. We are deeply grateful for Todd’s commitment to our congregation and choir, and proud to premier his work.

### ***Worship on Christmas Eve, 4p & 6p***

Westminster has two identical candlelight services on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4p and 6p. The Atrium will serve as an overflow space during both services. Nursery for infants through four-year kindergarten will be available at the 4p service. A Greenville city police officer will be on duty from 3:30-7:30p to help people who park in the TD Bank lot cross Augusta Rd.

### ***Worship the first Sunday following Christmas***

On Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> we will have one worship service at 11:15a preceded by a reception at 10a. Our two-service schedule will resume alongside Sunday School on Sunday, January 5, 2025.

### ***The PC(USA) Christmas Offering***

Presbyterians have long celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ by giving generously to a Christmas season offering. Fifty percent of the receipts to the Christmas Joy Offering are distributed to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs that provide support to retired and active church workers and their spouses and families. The other fifty percent supports the eight Presbyterian related racial ethnic schools and colleges through the National Ministries Division of the General Assembly Council. Joy Gift Christmas Offering envelopes are available in the Ritual of Friendship.

### ***The 2025 Heritage Lecture***

Announcing the 2025 Heritage Lecturer, the Reverend Dr. Hunter Farrell. Join us on Sunday, February 23rd to hear Dr. Farrell preach at both 9a and 11:15a. He will also lead the adult Sunday School class. Farrell previously served the PCUSA as Director of World Mission, and is presently the Leader of World Mission Initiative at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He is also the author of several books including *Freeing Congregational Mission: A Practical Vision for Companionship, Cultural Humility, and Co-Development*.

### ***Connect with Westminster***

Looking for ways to be involved? Please complete a Connection Card located in the Ritual of Friendship and place it on the offering plate and we’ll be in touch!

## 2024 Poinsettias

The beautiful poinsettias in the sanctuary  
have been given by the following:

Gwyn Anderson  
in memory of **Lynn Foushee Rowell**

Gwyn Anderson  
in memory of **Dr. Vernon Anderson**

Jack & Winn Ballenger  
in memory of **Nancy Quinn**

Margaret & Duff Bruce  
in memory of **Ben Sprague**

Margaret & Duff Bruce  
in memory of **Amy St. Pierre**

Aaron Cizon  
in honor of **Eliot Cizon and Addy Cizon**

Michael & Coleman Dixon  
in memory of **John F. Ellenberg**

Edward & Sandra Dobson  
in memory of **Allan McGill Dobson**  
and **Bradley Glenn Godfrey**

Edward & Sandra Dobson  
in memory of **Frances & Dennis Dobson**  
and **Bonnie & Stanley Holtzclaw**

Ben & Alissa Edwards  
in memory of **Dave Edwards**

Ben & Alissa Edwards  
in honor of **Joan Edwards**

Ben & Alissa Edwards  
in honor of **Mary Kathleen Duncan**  
and **Anna Hanor**

Will & Beth Edwards  
in memory of **Dave Edwards**

Will & Beth Edwards  
in honor of **Joan Edwards**

Diane Ellison & Family  
in memory of **Dr. Roy J. Ellison, Jr.**  
and **Roy J. Ellison, III**

Gray Geddie  
in memory of **Betty Geddie**

Katy Glidewell  
in memory of **Jim Glidewell**

Katy Glidewell  
in honor of **The Westminster Music**  
**Ministry**

David & Kristen Goff  
in memory of **Johnnie & Winifred Goff**

David & Kristen Goff  
in memory of **Bill & Janet Wolfe**

Brad, Meredith, Ford, & Tom Gower  
in memory of **Tom & Ducky Gower**

Susan & Paul Grier  
in honor of **Hayward Grier**  
& **Elizabeth West Grier**

Susan & Paul Grier  
in honor of **Elizabeth Grier**

The Grier Family  
in memory of **Dr. & Mrs. John Miller Grier**

The Grier Family  
in memory of **Mr. & Mrs. David Guritz**

Susan & Paul Grier  
in honor of **Westminster's Staff**

Henry, Garrison, and John Hill  
in memory of **their grandparents,**  
**Grace & Leo Hill**

Henry, Garrison, and John Hill  
in honor of **their grandmother,**  
**Kathryn Algary**

Darah Huffman  
in honor of **Elizabeth, Jan, Ella,  
Catherine, and Tate**

Darah Huffman  
in honor of **Martha & Rocky Huffman**

Becky Kaplan and The Leary Family  
in memory of **Thomas John Kaplan**

Lydia Kellett  
in memory of **Bill Kellett**

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in memory of **Gerry King**

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in memory of **Sarah Jane Hardrath  
Kramer**

Reed & Harriett-Graham Kramer  
in memory of **Harriett Courtney Lemke**

His Children and Their Families  
in memory of **Don Lester**

Her Children and Their Families  
in honor of **Dolores Lester**

The Lordo Family  
in memory of **Tommy Wilson**

Brad, Sarah, Bradley, Laney, Murray,  
and Maisie Lucas  
in memory of **Brad Whitlock**

Brad, Sarah, Bradley, Laney, Murray,  
and Maisie Lucas  
in memory of **Tommy Sinn**

The Marguet Family  
in memory of **Nancy Billings**

The Marguet Family  
in memory of **Pat & Joan Marguet**

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in memory of **Charles & Paula McFadden**

The McFadden Family  
in memory of **Ronald J. Meyer**

Bruce & Brenda Meyer  
in memory of **Mr. & Mrs. William Meyer**

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in memory of **Mr. & Mrs. Foster Brown**

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in memory of **Paul E. Miller**

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in memory of **Elaine G. Miller**

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in memory of **Jack, Ellen,  
and Jennifer Miller**

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in memory of **Martha Albrecht Miller**

Lee Anne, Jack, Alex,  
and Chapman Montgomery  
in memory of **Ryan Montgomery**

Lee Anne, Jack, Alex,  
and Chapman Montgomery  
in memory of **Haynes Morrow**

Lee Anne, Jack, Alex,  
and Chapman Montgomery  
in memory of **Wallace "Ace" Pohl**

Anne Nuttall  
in memory of **Nancy Quinn**

Derek, Janell, and Shirley Bea Pitman  
in memory of **Shirley Emery**

Derek, Janell, and Shirley Bea Pitman  
in memory of **Lois Jensen**

Kathy, Bryant, Cara, Anna, Claire,  
and Charlie Puntch;  
Emily, Travis, Emma Kate, Hayes,  
and Reece Hudson  
in memory of **Bubba Puntch**

Margaret Williams Rich  
in memory of **her husband, James D.  
Semans**

Margaret Williams Rich  
in memory of **her mother, Margaret C.  
Williams**

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in memory of **her father, Braxton H.  
Williams**

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in honor of **Circle 5**

Margaret Williams Rich  
in honor of **Kelly Moorhead**

Margaret Williams Rich  
in honor of **Libby & Meg Holleman**

Margaret Williams Rich  
in honor of **Charles Gentry**

Jan & Conrad Ross  
in memory of **Carolyn & Jim Lewis**

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in memory of **Russie & Conrad Ross, Sr.**

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in memory of **Margaret Williams**

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in memory of **Heidi Sprague Kennel**

Joel & Gaye Sprague  
in memory of **Bart Garrison**

Joel & Gaye Sprague  
in memory of **Ben Sprague**

Payne & Elizabeth Thomas  
in memory of **William Hughes Gage**

Melissa, Tony, Lillian, and Miles Threatt  
in memory of **Kathryn Turner Baker**

Melissa, Tony, Lillian, and Miles Threatt  
in honor of **Jane Hill Morrow**

Melissa, Tony, Lillian, and Miles Threatt  
in honor of **Lee Ann & Jerry Threatt  
and Harry Baker**

Kristin and Tatum Timmerman  
in memory of **Nancy & Sheldon, Sr.  
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Kristin and Tatum Timmerman  
in memory of **Granddaddy Phifer**

The Turner Family  
in memory of **Joseph Jackson Turner, IV**

The Turner Family  
in memory of **Inger Myrdal Waters**

Whit, Ellie, Colin, and Cameron Walker  
in memory of **Connie Walker**

Sam, LeAnne, Grayson,  
and Sarah Katherine White  
in memory **Margaret Bishop**

Sam, LeAnne, Grayson,  
and Sarah Katherine White  
in memory of **Laurie Jeanes**

Kay Newsom Williams  
in memory of **her student, Ben Sprague**

Rand, Kim, Clay, and Cathryn Wilson  
in memory of **David Wilson**

Rand, Kim, Clay, and Cathryn Wilson  
in memory of **Don Seemuller**

Rand, Kim, Clay, and Cathryn Wilson  
in memory of **Elizabeth Houser Seemuller**

The Wilson Family  
in honor of **Mary Walter**

The Wilson Family  
in honor of **Buffie Taylor**

**2024 Endowment Fund**

In both facilities and ministry,  
we are surrounded by a great  
cloud of witnesses, those who have gone ahead  
of us, and with their gifts of time, talent, and  
treasure have provided for our continual growth  
and maintenance of our facility.

*Susan, William, Thomas, and TJ Boyd*  
in memory of **Howard Boyd**

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in memory of **Rick Carpenter**

*Marian Carpenter*  
in memory of **Fred Carpenter**

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in honor of **Sam & Nancy White**

*Jack & Roxanne Cromartie*  
in honor of **Tod, Meg, Mary Hunter,**  
and **Thomas Hyche**

*Jack & Roxanne Cromartie*  
in honor of **Sam, LeAnne, Grayson,**  
and **Sarah Katherine White**

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in memory of **her father, Frank**  
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in memory of **her sister, Julie Blackwelder**

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in memory of **Eddie Houston**

*Kay Kelly*  
in memory of **her parents,**  
**Don & Pat Taylor**

*Bill, Katherine, McCrae, and Sadie Mattice*  
in honor of **Mary Kathleen Duncan**

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in honor of **Marlon Hurst**

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in honor of **Donn James**

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in memory of **Susan "SuSu" McCrae Moore**

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in memory of **John "Poppy" McCrae**

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in memory of **Rip Harris**

*Bill, Katherine, McCrae, and Sadie Mattice*  
in memory of **Haynes Morrow**

*Bill, Katherine, McCrae, and Sadie Mattice*  
in memory of **Marlie Sullivan**

*Bill, Katherine, McCrae, and Sadie Mattice  
in memory of **Vonceil "Granny" Ozburn***

*Anne Nuttall  
in memory of **Carl Nuttall***

*Margaret Paylor  
in memory of **John Hill Paylor, Jr.**  
and in honor of **her children,  
grandchildren,  
and great-grandchildren***

*Jim & Susan Robbins  
in memory of **Bill & Nancy Patterson***

*Jim & Susan Robbins  
in honor of **Lud & Jean Weaver***

*Sandra Wallace  
in honor of **Julia & Henry Bellew***

*Bill Young  
in memory of **Bette Young***

## **2024 Heritage Lecture Fund**

The Heritage Lecture Series is a long-standing tradition of Westminster's which seeks to expand the religious horizons of our community by inviting world-class lecturers to teach and preach one Sunday per year.

*Margaret & Duff Bruce  
in memory of **Tom & Ducky Gower***

*The Edwards Family  
in memory of **Dave Edwards***

*Kay Kelly  
in memory of **her parents,  
Don & Pat Taylor***

*Betty King and Family  
in memory of **Gerry King***

*Annie Leonard  
in honor of **Alma Steading***

*The McFadden Family  
in memory of **Charles & Paula McFadden***

*The McFadden Family  
in memory of **Ronald J. Meyer***

*Pat Shufeldt  
in honor of **The Library Committee***

*Pat Shufeldt  
in honor of **WPC Pastors and Staff***

*Sam, LeAnne, Grayson,  
and Sarah Katherine White  
in memory **Margaret Bishop***

*Sam, LeAnne, Grayson,  
and Sarah Katherine White  
in memory of **Laurie Jeanes***

*About the Service of Lessons & Carols*

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was first held on Christmas Eve 1918 at King's College, Cambridge. It was planned by Eric Milner-White, who, at the age of thirty-four, had just been appointed Dean of King's after experience as an army chaplain which had convinced him that the Church of England needed more imaginative worship.

A revision of the Order of Service was made in 1919 involving rearrangement of the lessons. From that date the service has always begun with the hymn 'Once in Royal David's City.' In almost every year the choice of carols has varied, and some new ones have been introduced. The backbone of the service, the lessons and the prayers, has remained virtually unchanged. The original service was, in fact, adapted from an order drawn up by E. W. Benson, later Archbishop of Canterbury, for use in the wooden shed, which then served as his cathedral in Truro, at 10 p.m. on Christmas Eve 1880.

The service is held during the Advent and Christmas season throughout the world, from the East Indies to the British Isles and Greenville, South Carolina. In 2024 we celebrate its 64<sup>th</sup> year as a centerpiece of the life and worship of Westminster.

Wherever the service is heard and however it is adapted, whether the music is provided by choir or congregation, the pattern and strength of the service, as Dean Milner-White pointed out, derive from the lessons and not the music. 'The main theme is the development of the loving purposes of God [seen] through the windows and the words of the Bible.' Many of those who took part in the first service must have recalled those killed in the Great War when it came to the famous passage 'all those who rejoice with us, but on another shore and in a greater light.' The center of the service is still found by those who 'go in heart and mind' and who consent to follow where the story leads.

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