

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 23, 2018

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, 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 and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. Isaiah 9:7

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

9:00 a.m. - Bill & Becca and Abby Donohue, Clayton and Hudson Alford

11:15 a.m. - Kevin & Catherine Webb, Bobby, Marguerite, Teddy and Alice

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 140 "Once in Royal David's City" IRBY

Stanza 1 - Solo: Mary Mac Fairey Stanza 2 - Choir only

* Stanzas 3 & 4 - Congregation

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Offertory "Noël Suisse" Daquin

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

K5 and first grade children leave for Children's Church following the prayer.

58th ANNUAL SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

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."

FIRST LESSON - God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of

woman shall bruise the serpent's head. Genesis 3:8-15

Reader - Shaw Shurley

Carol - "Adam, Lay YBounden" Council

SECOND LESSON - God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of

the world will be blessed. Genesis 22:15-18

Reader - Lindsey Niedringhaus

Carol - "Jesus Christ, the Appletree" Poston

Kelly Kemp, soloist

THIRD LESSON - The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Reader - Bradley Wingate

* Congregational Carol No. 88 VENI EMMANUEL

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

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FOURTH LESSON - The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

Isaiah 11:1-9

Reader - Meredith Partridge

Carol - "E'en So Lord Jesus, Come" Manz

FIFTH LESSON - The angel Gabriel appears to Mary and announces that she

will bear a holy child. Luke 1:26-33, 38

Reader - Hope Gwaltney

Carol - "Wexford Carol" Hoelscher

SIXTH LESSON - Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives

birth to her child. Luke 2:1-7

Reader - Mark Pruitt

* Congregational Carol No. 133 ADESTE FIDELIS

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

SEVENTH LESSON - Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce

the birth of the Messiah. Luke 2:8-16

Reader - Cathy Grills

Carol - "The First Noel" arr. Forrest

EIGHTH LESSON - Magi from the East are led by the star to Jesus.

Matthew 2:1-11

Reader - Pete Roe

Carol - "We Three Kings of Orient Are" Culloton

Hunter Ditsch, Derek Pitman, Bob Dellert, soloists

* NINTH LESSON - John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

John 1:1-5, 14

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth."

* Congregational Carol No. 134 ANTIOCH

"Joy to the World"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE "O Holy Child of Bethlehem" Traditional

* POSTLUDE "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" arr. Limbaugh

*All who are able may stand

HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. Butler Mullins

11:15 a.m. John Paylor

SPONSOR: 11:15 a.m. Walter Hinton

GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Mike Hall, Elizabeth McElveen

Kathryn Freedman

11:15 a.m. Beri Draganic, Sarah-Ann Davis

Becca Donohue

LITURGIST: Ben Dorr

If you are visiting this morning, we extend a special welcome to you.

Westminster Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a community of faith open to all.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PARKING

We have permission to use the parking lots at the Uniform Shop and Augusta Commons Mall.

TRAFFIC POLICE OFFICER

A Greenville city police officer will be on duty from 9:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. to help people cross the street from the other side of Augusta Road.

STREAMING

All worship services at Westminster are broadcast via live video streaming. Navigate to the home page of the church website at www.wpc-online.org and click the link "Worship via Live Streaming."

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Mark Kemp, Music Director

Nancy Smith, Organist

The Sanctuary Choir

Westminster Brass

Craig King, Jim Kilgus, trumpets

Mark Britt and Richard deBondt,

trombones

Marcella Frese, percussion

NURSERY

Childcare is available for infants through four-year kindergarten. Our childcare program provides safe, secure nurseries for our babies and toddlers during worship services. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment to all children.

During the 9:00 a.m. worship service, children in rising K5-1st grade follow one of our ministers out for Children's Church in Room 206.

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.

GRAB A NAMETAG THIS SUNDAY!

We will continue to wear nametags each Sunday. Please find them near entrances and gathering areas and share your name with others. You'll be glad you did!

BAPTISM CLASS

If you are interested in having your child or children baptized at Westminster, you are invited to attend a brief class on baptism taught by Ben Dorr. The next class will be Sunday, January 13, at 4:00 p.m. in the Charter Room. Please email Michelle in the church office at michelle@wpc-online.org if you are planning to attend.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The church's offering envelopes are dateless and can be used until they run out. If you need more offering envelopes, please call the church office at 232-2424.

LET US PRAY FOR: Susan Jones and family The family of Alan Elmore

FINANCIAL MINISTRY 2018 BUDGET UPDATE



Amount Received \$2,079,966 (83%)

Pledges Outstanding \$468,083 (17%)

Our auditing firm has informed us that we must close our books on December 31. Please have any contributions you wish to show on your 2018 statement in by December 31, 2018. By fulfilling your pledge, you enable us to keep faith with our mission partners. Thank you.

RETIREMENT GIVING

For those 70 years of age or older, you can make a direct transfer of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to Westminster Presbyterian Church. Though you will not get a charitable deduction, the withdrawal can serve as your required minimum distribution. The money will not be taxed and will not count toward your adjusted gross income. If you have any questions, please contact Sherri Owens, the church's Financial Secretary.

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

Because of a scheduling conflict, Westminster's Book Club will wait until **Tuesday, February 5**, to discuss the book Swing Time by Zadie Smith. We meet from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the church library. New people are always welcome!

MEN'S GROUP BOOK STUDY

The Men's Group will begin a new book study on **Monday, January 7**, at **6:00 p.m.** in **Room 209-C**. We will study the book, The Jesus I Never Knew, by Philip Yancey. All WPC men are invited to participate and newcomers are welcome. For more information, contact *Rick Carpenter* (608-1881).

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday, December 23

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Worship Services

The 58th Annual Service of Lessons and Carols

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hour

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Candlelight Worship Services

Sunday, December 30

11:15 a.m.

One Worship Service (no Sunday School)

12:15 p.m.

Fellowship Hour

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 23-29, 2018

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Education Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

11:15 a.m. Worship Service

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

Church Office Closed

Weekday School closed thru January 7

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

TUESDAY

Christmas Day

Church Office Closed

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

THURSDAY

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30 WORSHIP

Sunday, **December 30**, we will have only one worship service at **11:15 a.m.** with no Sunday School. There will be a fellowship hour with donuts at **12:15 p.m.** in the **Sanctuary Atrium.**

SAVE THE DATE

Women of Westminster:

February 22-24

Women's Retreat

More details and sign-ups to come!



The tradition of Nine Lessons and Carols began in 1880 at Truro Cathedral in England. This Advent at Westminster, we will celebrate the 58th year of worshipping through the reading of the prophecies and birth narrative from scripture, and singing carols new and old.

A few traditions of our own have developed over these 57 years at Westminster. The service begins with the singing of "Once in Royal David's City." The first verse of the hymn has always been sung as a solo, and since 2004, by a 4th grader from Westminster's Children's Choir. This year's soloist is Mary Mac Fairey. The congregation's singing has been led and supported by brass ensemble and the Holtkamp organ. In 2010, an anthem celebrating the 50th occasion of Lessons and Carols was commissioned, and soon after "Still Shining in the Holy Light," by composer Glenn Rudolph was published by MorningStar Music. Following another tradition of King's College, the readers this year will progress from young to older church members, symbolizing the coming of Christ to all ages in all times.

The years of this great Advent tradition not only usher us toward the celebration of our Savior's birth, but also remind us that the songs we sing as we worship, the songs of the stories of our faith, carry the ageless and unending song of God With Us, Emmanuel.

2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



As of Tuesday, December 18, we have received \$2,231,166 in pledges toward our 2019 budget goal of \$2,573,739.

For your convenience, pledge cards are in the pews, or you may mail in your pledge or send it by email to the Church Financial Secretary, Sherri Owens at *sherri@wpc-online.org*.

- We have met 87% of our goal

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2018 POINSETTIAS CONTINUED

Nancy Easley
in honor of **Elliott Easley**

Nancy Easley
in memory of **Clarence Easley**

Scott & Annette Ferrell
in memory of **George & Anna Lee Gray**

Scott & Annette Ferrell
in memory of **Leo Ferrell**

Keith Gilbert
in memory of **Lyle & Sandra Gilbert**

Jim & Katy Glidewell
in memory of **Betsy Wilson**

Jim & Katy Glidewell
in honor of **Mark Kemp & WPC Choirs**

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

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

Paul, Susan, Hayward, and Elizabeth Grier
in memory of **Dr. & Mrs. John Miller Grier**

Paul, Susan, Hayward, and Elizabeth Grier
in honor of **Mr. & Mrs. David Guritz**

Paul, Susan, Hayward, and Elizabeth Grier
in honor of **Westminster's Staff**

Carolyn Heaton
in memory of **Peter Heaton**

Carolyn Heaton
in honor of **Westminster Choirs and Music Leaders**

*Edna Johnson, Mike, Ellen, and Kathryn Hall,
Chris, Lauren, Chapman, and Caroline Doar*
in memory of **Elmer Johnson and Martha Hall**

Lydia Kellett
in memory of **Bill Kellett**

Chas Key Family
in memory of **Gene Key**

2018 LIBRARY MEMORIALS CONTINUED

Jackie & Parks McLeod
in memory of **Betsy Wilson**

Jackie & Parks McLeod
in memory of **Mr. & Mrs. E. Hays Reynolds**

Jackie & Parks McLeod
in memory of **E. Hays Reynolds, IV**

Jackie & Parks McLeod
in honor of **Parks, Jr., Reynolds, and Martha**

Jackie & Parks McLeod
in honor of **Hank, Hays, Coleman, Cooper, Charlie, and Reynolds**

Becky Murphy
in memory of **Margaret Murphy**

Elizabeth, Jason, Whit, Laney, and Louisa Palmer
in honor of **Ben Dorr**

Elizabeth, Jason, Whit, Laney, and Louisa Palmer
in honor of **Mark Kemp**

Elizabeth, Jason, Whit, Laney, and Louisa Palmer
in honor of **Amos Workman**

Elizabeth, Jason, Whit, Laney, and Louisa Palmer
in honor of **Mary Kathleen Duncan**

Elizabeth, Jason, Whit, Laney, and Louisa Palmer
in honor of **Leigh Stuckey**

Elizabeth, Jason, Whit, Laney, and Louisa Palmer
in honor of **Barbara Stoop**

Elizabeth, Jason, Whit, Laney, and Louisa Palmer
in honor of **Katie Knauer**

Kay Payne
in memory of **Bob Shufeldt**

Kay Payne
in honor of **Pat Shufeldt**

Kay Payne
in honor of **Barbara Stoop**

Margaret W. Rich
in memory of **her grandparents, Dr. Ernest & Mary G. Copper
and Andrew & Caroline Williams**

2018 LIBRARY MEMORIALS CONTINUED

Margaret W. Rich
in memory of **her uncle, Col. Charles G. Cooper**

Margaret W. Rich
in memory of **her sister-in-law, Della Horton Williams**

Margaret W. Rich
in memory of **her mother's friends, Caroline Lewis, Jo Mills, Susie McClenaghan, Louise Johnstone, Ellen McCluggage, Martha Glenn Moorhead, and Mary Glenn Stockton**

Margaret W. Rich
in honor of **PW Circle #5**

Margaret W. Rich
in honor of **Kelly Moorhead**

Margaret W. Rich
in honor of **Libby Holleman**

Susan & Jim Robbins
in memory of **Nancy S. Patterson & William C. Patterson**

Carolyn Sems
in memory of **Dave Sems and Brian Samf**

Pat Shufeldt
in honor of **Julia & Henry Bellew**

Pat Shufeldt
in honor of **WPC Staff**

Pat Shufeldt
in honor of **Library Volunteers**

Pat Taylor
in memory of **her husband, Don**

Barbara Von Hofe, Johanna, Danny, and Anson Pasko
in memory of **Stan Von Hofe**

Keith & Fran Walker
in honor of **their children and grandchildren**

Laura, Mike, Zoey, and Molly Weiss
in memory of **Glenn Creyer**

Laura, Mike, Zoey, and Molly Weiss
in memory of **Martha & Richard Carpenter**

2018 POINSETTIAS

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

Kathryn Algary
in honor of **The Sanctuary Committee**

Talitha, Bill, Emily, and William Allen
in memory of **Flora Campbell Hutchison & James Brace Hutchison**

Talitha, Bill, Emily, and William Allen
in memory of **Kathleen Wethington Rogers Prevatte**

Talitha, Bill, Emily, and William Allen
in memory of **Margaret Emily Bowling and Martha Allen**

The Beasley Family
in memory of **Mary Jane Dull Hoffman**

The Beasley Family
in memory of **Henry Wesley Beasley**

Tom & Nancy Billings
in memory of **their parents**

Francey & Mike Brown
in honor of **Stewart Brown & Anna Patrick**

Fred Carpenter
in honor of **Rick Carpenter, Martha Shaleuly, and Bill Carpenter**

Paul & DeeDee Cass
in honor of **The Dorr Family**

Paul & DeeDee Cass
in honor of **The Kemp Family**

Aaron Cizon
in honor of **Paige Mulkey Cizon**

Tonya Cochran
in memory of **Marvin Jones**

Brandon, Laura, Lillian, Ellison, and James Coker
in honor of **Westminster Presbyterian Church**

Kimmie, Trey, Ellie, Cara, Jack, and Ben DuBose
in memory of **Boardman Homer Caraway, III**

Jim & Mary Jane Duncan
in honor of **David, Mary Kathleen, Mary Eliza, and Teddy Duncan**

Nancy Easley
in honor of **her children, Jenny Lee, Sara, and Brian Turner**

2018 POINSETTIAS CONTINUED

*Catherine & Gary Pollock
in memory of **Terrell Pollock***

*Catherine & Gary Pollock
in memory of **Scott Stoddard***

*Kathy Puntch & Family
in memory of **Charles "Bubba" Puntch***

*Betsy Raines & Jeff Ranew
in memory of **Dennis W. Raines***

*Betsy Raines & Jeff Ranew
in memory of **Lloyd Ranew***

*Betsy Raines & Jeff Ranew
in honor of **Janice Raines***

*Betsy Raines & Jeff Ranew
in honor of **Kay Ranew***

*Allen & Katie Reid
in memory of **Joseph & Christine Reid***

*Allen & Katie Reid
in memory of **Dr. Kemper Lake***

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

*Margaret W. Rich
in memory of **her father, Braxton H. Williams***

*Hank, Amanda, Anna, Trey, and Sarah Sanders
in memory of **Nannie, Betty Wood***

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

*Gaye & Joel Sprague
in memory of **Elizabeth Gower***

*Caroline & Dick Stewart
in memory of **Andrew Einstein***

*Caroline & Dick Stewart
in memory of **Travis Cale***

*Caroline & Dick Stewart
in memory of **Ben Sprague***

*Theology Reading Group
in memory of **Alan Elmore***

*WPC Wedding Committee
in memory of **Betsy Wilson***

2018 ENDOWMENT GIFTS

**The following have made donations
to the Endowment Fund of Westminster Presbyterian Church:**

*Margaret F. Paylor
in memory of **John Hill Paylor, Jr.***

*Margaret F. Paylor
in honor of **John & Toni Paylor,
Alice Paylor and Kit Regnery,
Ralph & Theresa Paylor,
Margaret Paylor and Wayne Kohli***

*Pat Shufeldt
in memory of **Alan Elmore***

*Pat Shufeldt
in honor of **Barbara Stoop***

*Pat Shufeldt
in honor of **Amos Workman***

2018 MUSIC GIFTS

**The following have made donations
to the Music Fund of Westminster Presbyterian Church:**

*Pat Shufeldt
in honor of **Mark & Kelly Kemp***

*Pat Shufeldt
in honor of **The Sanctuary Choir***

2018 LIBRARY MEMORIALS

**The following have made donations for books
and supplies for the library:**

*Margaret, Duff, Mac & Thomas Bruce
in memory of **Tom & Ducky Gower***

*Margaret, Duff, Mac & Thomas Bruce
in memory of **Ben Sprague***

*Aaron Cizon
in honor of **Eliot Cizon***

*Aaron Cizon
in honor of **Adelaide Cizon***

*Carole M. Dennison
in memory of **her parents,
Janet Hartland Dennison & Donald J. Dennison***

*Carole M. Dennison
in honor of **Hartland J. Moede***

*Carole M. Dennison
in honor of **Alexandra Trezise & Austin R. Moede***

*Allen, Kathryn, Murray, and Julia Freedman
in honor of **Philip Bryant***

*Allen, Kathryn, Murray, and Julia Freedman
in honor of **Mitchell Bryant***

*Jara, Hunt, and Meredith Jones
in memory of **Dr. John M. Bolinger***

*Jara, Hunt, and Meredith Jones
in honor of **Marcella Bolinger***

*Kay Kelly
in memory of **her father, Don Taylor**
and in honor of **her mother, Pat Taylor***

*Chas Key Family
in memory of **Alice Key***

*Ginger & Sandy McLean
in memory of **Dr. & Mrs. A.A. McLean, Jr.***

*Ginger & Sandy McLean
in memory of **Mr. & Mrs. Bennett E. Hudson***

*Ginger & Sandy McLean
in memory of **Mr. Bennett E. Hudson, Jr.***

*Susan & Dan McLeod
in honor of **Budd, Ellen, Mary-Frances, and Virginia Reynolds***

2018 POINSETTIAS CONTINUED

*Chas Key Family
in honor of **Gayle Key***

*Lee & Dawn Lucas
in memory of **Donald Lee & Francis Lucas***

*Lee & Dawn Lucas
in memory of **Mary & Larry Reiter***

*Lee & Dawn Lucas
in honor of **their grandchildren, Conner, Bradley, Laney,
Charlie, Murray, and Maisie, Owen, Rogers, and Sam***

*Sarah & Brad Lucas
in memory of **Brad Whitlock***

*Sarah & Brad Lucas
in memory of **Tommy Sinn***

*Liz McClenaghan
in memory of **Bill Ellis***

*Kelly Moorhead
in memory of **Margaret C. Williams***

*Kelly Moorhead
in memory of **Martha Moorhead and Mary Stockton***

*Kelly Moorhead
in honor of **Batey 7 – Dominican Republic***

*Jean & Karl Nations
in memory of **Rhett & Christine Boland***

*Jean & Karl Nations
in memory of **Karl & Billie Nations***

*The Al Norris Family
in memory of **Lewis & Ruth Norris**
and **Jack Floyd***

*PW Circle #3
in memory of **Betsy Wilson***

*Elizabeth, Jason, Whit, Laney, and Louisa Palmer
in memory of **Adam Carlisle Bean***

*Elizabeth, Jason, Whit, Laney, and Louisa Palmer
in memory of **Wayne Cole***

*Elizabeth, Jason, Whit, Laney, and Louisa Palmer
in honor of **Lud & Jean Weaver***