

The Order of Worship

December 24, 2010

5:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

We welcome all to this service of worship, especially our visitors and guests. In the time before the service begins, we invite all who worship here to take a moment to offer a prayer lifting up to God the life and work of this family of faith and its pastors.

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING...

PROCURE A CANDLE IN THE NARTHEX

PRELUDE Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ

Johann Pachelbel

Praise Be to Thee, Jesus Christ

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her

Georg Böhm

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Buran F. Phillips

***HYMN NO. 31** (blue hymnal) Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Wes, Sandra, and Spencer Williams

CALL TO WORSHIP

Becca Millett

Leader: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

People: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Leader: And this shall be a sign for you.

People: You will find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

Leader: And suddenly there was, with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God.

People: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

***HYMN NO. 116** (red hymnal) Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

Rev. John Muntz

HAIL THE HEAVEN-BORN PRINCE OF PEACE...

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Ellen Anderson

***HYMN NO. 53** (blue hymnal) What Child Is This

Greensleeves

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:2,6-7

Ryan Rotella

SCRIPTURE Psalm 96:1-6, 10-13

Anna Rennich

***HYMN NO. 40** (blue hymnal) Joy to the World!

Antioch

SCRIPTURE Titus 2:11-14

Sarah Rennich

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7

Aidan Sears

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-14

Eric Adamcik

***HYMN NO. 41** (blue hymnal) O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste fideles

HEBREWS 1:1-4

Buran Phillips

CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION

Buran Phillips

BORN THAT WE NO MORE MAY DIE...

ANTHEM Mary, Did You Know?

Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene

Mary, did you know That your baby boy will one day walk on water? Did you know That your baby boy will save our sons and daughters? Did you know That your baby boy has come to make you new? This child that you've delivered Will soon deliver you.

Mary, did you know That your baby boy will give sight to a blind man? Did you know That your baby boy will calm a storm with His hand? Did you know That your baby boy has walked where angels trod? And when you kiss your little boy You've kissed the face of God.

Mary, did you know? The blind will see, The deaf will hear, And the dead will live again. The lame will leap, The dumb will speak The praises of the Lamb.

Mary, did you know That your baby boy is Lord of all creation? Did you know That your baby boy will one day rule the nations? Did you know That your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb? This sleeping child you're holding Is the Great I Am.

Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene

Deborah Phillips, Soprano

Laura Dupper, Soprano and Guitar

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Tonight we will be celebrating Holy Communion by the method of intinction, where worshipers may come forward and take a piece of bread to dip into the cup. The ministers and ushers will direct you.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION (the congregation singing)

Hymn No. 43 (blue hymnal) O Little Town of Bethlehem

Forest Green

Hymn No. 25 (blue hymnal) Away in a Manger

Mueller

SERVICE OF CANDLE LIGHTING ...

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:15-20

Rev. John Muntz

After the scripture is read, the lights will be dimmed, and the minister will light a candle from the Christ Candle. The minister will then light the candles of the ushers, who will then light the candles of the first

person on each aisle. Light will then be passed from worshiper to worshiper. Remember that the lighted candle remains upright and the unlighted candle is tipped to the lighted candle.

***HYMN** Silent Night, Holy Night

Stille Nacht

(The candle is held close to the breast)

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.

(The candle is extended outward)

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."

(The candle is extended upward)

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.

Following the singing of the final hymn, the ministers will lead a silent processional to carry the light outside, weather permitting. After everyone has gathered in the front courtyard, we will sing the first verse of "O Come All Ye Faithful."

***BENEDICTION**

*Indicates standing.

OUR THANKS to Deborah Phillips and Laura Dupper for their enrichment of our worship this evening.

COLLEGE AGE/YOUNG ADULT GATHERING: All college age/young adults are invited to come on Sunday evening, December 26th at 6:00 p.m. to catch up with your WPC friends! Pizza and soft drinks will be provided. We'll look for you in the SHOW room. Hope to see you there!

On behalf of the staff of Westminster Presbyterian Church, we would like to wish everyone a joyous, meaningful and blessed Christmas season. We consider it a privilege to serve you in the capacity that we do, and we continue to feel gratitude for the support and encouragement we receive. You remind us daily of what it means to be a caring community of faith that seeks faithfully to carry on the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Although these continue to be uncertain times in our world, with the addition of Ginny and Barbara to complement our team, we feel excited about the future and the programs and ministries that await us and the many opportunities that will be before us to connect faith and life. As we move into the New Year, celebrating God's wondrous gift of the Christ-child, we also celebrate the special place that is Westminster, and, again, wish all of you a wonderful New Year!

Symbolism of the Lights

The significance of the Candlelight Service is twofold. First, in the distribution of the lights, we see dramatized before us the spreading of the Gospel Message and the growth of the church through the centuries. The pastor's candle is symbolic of Christ, the living Word, and is an extension of the Christ candle in the Advent wreath. The ushers who carry the light to the congregation represent the Apostles whom Christ sent out to spread the Word and draw the world to Him. The church has grown because men and women and young people who have heard the Good News have been faithful in telling someone else about it, and this is symbolized by your passing the light to the person beside you. The ushers will light the candle closest to the aisle. As each candle bursts into flame and the sanctuary gradually brightens, we catch the significance of Jesus' statement that we are "the light of the world," and that we should spread this light to the "very ends of the world." Secondly, we find significance in the lights during the singing of the dedication hymn. During the singing of the first verse, we hold our lights close as we rededicate ourselves to Christ. As we sing the second verse, we hold the candle out in front of us as we rededicate our homes and families once again to him. During the last verse, we hold our candles high as we rededicate our part of His church here to the task of taking the Gospel Light to every corner of the earth. After the Benediction, please extinguish your light. Receptacles for the spent candles are located in the narthex.

Please use extreme caution in the handling of the lighted candles to prevent accidents with the hair or clothing of the person in front of you and the pews or carpet. Children must be carefully supervised. For safety's sake, it is requested that children under six should "share" their parents candle.

READERS: Eric Adamcik, Becca Millett, Anna Rennich, Sarah Rennich, Ryan Rotella, Aidan Sears

USHERS: Middle School and High School Youth: Will Bendy, Laura Dupper, Ethan Partelow, Delaney Sears, Jake Tidwell, Leah Woehr, Max Yates,

ELDERS: Bingham Graves, Cile Mathews, Leslie Rotella, John Salsbery, Wes Williams, Dave Woehr, and Michael Yates

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN on December 31. Please make sure you get your 2010 contributions and any pre-paid pledges for 2011 in no later than 10:00 a.m. December 31.

DECEMBER 26 WORSHIP SERVICE will be held at 11:00 a.m. (no early service).

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"Where Faith and Life Connect"

THE SESSION

Class of 2011

Brian Bonnyman

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Anne Dungan

Judy Jorden

Stephanie Lynch-Wright

Michael Yates

Youth Elder: Anna Rennich

Class of 2012

Don Byerly

Bill Farnham

Bonny Naugher

Pam Potocik

Leslie Rotella

Cindy Serbin

Wes Williams

Class of 2013

Ruthie Carey

Kristi Gordon

Buz Johnson

Tim Ryan

John Salsbery

TRUSTEES

Cile Mathews

Jerry Faerber

Roy Hawk

Advent Flowers 2010

We would like to thank everyone for their contributions to our service with the beautiful flowers that were given during the Advent Season.

Given By:

Ellen and Ken Anderson In memory of Ken’s mother, Lucille Anderson
Jack and Laura Barron In honor of Marriette Rowe
..... In memory of Lester Rowe; John and Viola Barron
Carol Beilharz, children and grandchildren In memory of Clark Beilharz
The Bonnyman family In memory of Dave Dungan
Sharon Boyce and Jack Woodall In Memory of Virginia Boyce,
..... Erwin Boyce, Lee Boyce; and Eloise and Jack Woodall
Marlene Browning In memory of Larry Browning
Scott and Jerry Carley In honor of Renee Wiesehuegel
The Dean family In memory of Scott and Carter Dean and Mimi Crossley
Christie Dowling In honor of mother, Betty Caldwell
John and Betty Hanes..... In memory of our parents
Gary, Katherine, Kaitlyn, and Nathan Harmon In memory of Benjamin Harmon
Thalia A. Morton Hatmaker To the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for
..... WPC’s new Youth Director Barbara Adamcik
Russell Holt In memory of Edith Diane McFadden
Paul and Judy Jordan In honor of Gordon Jordan’s 100th birthday,
..... mother of Paul Jordan
Anne and John Langley In honor of Mrs. Robert Shepard;
..... Sarah, Patrick and Bryson; Mercer and Emily
Gail Latimer In memory of Gail’s father, Bill McDonald
Ed and Cile Mathews In honor of Hannah and Eva Mathews
The Murrian family In memory of Betty S. Boone, Albert K. Murrian,
..... William M. House, Jr.
Bob and Ada Pfohl. In memory of Dr. and Mrs. C.L. Greenblatt;
..... Mr. and Mrs. John Kenneth Pfohl; and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Campbell
Rick and Janice Rawe In honor of granddaughters Maggie, Nina and Sammy
Jay and Debbie Schmid In memory of their parents,
..... Jim and Elizabeth (Flip) Schmid and L. David Fischer

The Tortorelli family In memory of Alberta and William Bertelsen;
..... and Flora and Joseph Tortorelli
Larry, Kathleen, Chloé and Lacey Tragesser In memory of
..... Mr. and Mrs. Gene Tragesser and Mr. and Mrs. George E. Dukas
Renee Wiesehuegel In memory of her mother, Shirley Jean Rechenbach
Jim and Linda Yates In memory of Bob Cantrell,
..... Chris Salsbery and Barbara Schilling

Any poinsettias that are left at the conclusion of the 11:00 p.m. worship service will be donated to the “Random Acts of Flowers” program. You can check out their wonderful ministry from their website: <http://randomactsofflowers.org>.

NEWS FROM THE FLOWER GUILD

2011 FLOWER CALENDAR is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please remember to choose a date for 2011 in honor or memory of family or friends. A reminder card will be sent to you. We ask for a \$60.00 donation made payable to Westminster Flower Guild. If you have any questions, contact the church office.