



The Order of Worship

December 24, 2025  
5:00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

*Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshipping here with the goal of connecting faith and life. If you are a visitor, we pray you will feel welcome and blessed by our worship. We invite you to consider making Westminster your church home. Please let us have your contact information so we may be in touch. When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.*

PRELUDE

Carols for Organ arr. Alfred V. Fedak  
 O Come, All Ye Faithful  
 Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming  
 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice  
 What Child is This  
 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear  
 Cassidy Mackay, Organ

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Piel Family

HYMN NO. 147 The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Nowell the angel did say  
 was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
 in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
 on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
 Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star  
 shining in the east beyond them far;  
 and to the earth it gave great light,  
 and so it continued both day and night.  
 Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

TRAVELING TO BETHLEHEM

HYMN NO. 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

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.

THE FAMILY ARRIVES

HYMN NO. 115 Away in a Manger

MUELLER

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
 The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
 The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
 Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
 Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
 And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE SHEPHERDS

HYMN NO. 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

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 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!"

THE SHEPHERDS ARRIVE

HYMN NO. 113 Angels We Have Heard On High!

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high,  
 Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
 And the mountains in reply  
 Echoing their joyous strains.  
 Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
 Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
 Why your joyous strains prolong?  
 What the gladsome tidings be  
 which inspire your heavenly song?  
 Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
 Gloria in excelsis Deo!

THE MAGI ARRIVE

HYMN NO. 151 We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

We three kings of Orient are;  
 Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
 Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
 Following yonder star.  
 O star of wonder, star of night,  
 Star with royal beauty bright,  
 Westward leading, still proceeding,  
 Guide us to thy perfect light!

PASTORAL PRAYER AND INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN NO. 133 O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELIS

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!

True God from true God, Light from light eternal,  
 Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
 Very God, begotten, not created!  
 Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;  
 Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
 Glory to God, all glory in the highest!  
 Refrain

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

**WONDERING AND COMING CLOSE**

**\*HYMN NO. 122** Silent Night

*Children join their families.  
Congregation's candles are lit.*

**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.**

**PROCESSION TO THE COURTYARD**

*Ushers will direct the congregation seated on the pulpit side to exit to the courtyard by the sanctuary door near the chancel, beginning with the first row. Those seated on the font/organ side will exit back through the narthex beginning with the back row.*

**\*HYMN NO. 134** Joy to the World

**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.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.**

**\*BENEDICTION AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

\*Please stand in Body or Spirit

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES** are available from the ushers.

**SERVING TODAY**

**USHERS:** Suzanne Graham, Jewel Jennings, Katie Manrod, and Bill Wieseuegel

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** The Christmas Joy Offering opens doors of opportunity for the leaders who are shaped and supported through our gifts - doors that lead to hopeful futures for young people at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Our gifts open doors that lead to relief for church workers and their families when emergency needs arise. You will find offertory envelopes in the Narthex.

**WORSHIP ON DECEMBER 28** will be held at 11:00am. Our Sunday school hour will resume on January 4.

**FINAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2025**, as well as any 2026 prepaid offerings received in the church office through December 31, will be included in your final 2025 contribution statement. If you have any questions regarding your contributions, please contact Renee Wieseuegel (renee@wpcknox.org or 865-584-3957 ext 100.) prior to the end of the calendar year. Thank you.

**CHURCH STAFF HOLIDAY:** The staff appreciates your gift of time away so that staff can be with our families. The church office will be open on December 31 from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

**THE SESSION**

<b>Class of 2026</b>	<b>Class of 2027</b>	<b>Class of 2028</b>
Bill Farnham	George Barber	Amanda Fox
Lee Ingram	Mary Boyd	Mary Jo Mann
Lucy Johnson	Allie Brewington	Tim Ryan
Kathryn Oakes	Emily Gustafson	Ginger Williams
Richard Ward	Ken Hughes	Michael Yates
Youth Elder: Bobby Powell	Clerk of Session: Bitsy Ingram	

**TRUSTEES**

John Smartt	Larry Tragesser	Bill West
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**Advent Flowers 2025**

*We would like to thank everyone for their contributions to our Flower Guild during this Advent Season.*

**Donor(s)**

**Dedication**

Laura Barron . . . . . In memory of her family in this world and with God in heaven  
 Beeler Family . . . . . In memory of Brooks Henderson Beeler  
 Carol Beilharz, children and grandchildren. . . . . In loving memory of Clark  
 Jean and Brian Bonnyman. . . . . In honor of Barbara Adamcik, our friend  
 Mary Boyd. . . . . In loving memory of Andrew Boyd  
 Jeanie and Jeff Browning. . . . . In honor of grandchildren, Katie and Ella Jones  
 Jeanie and Jeff Browning. . . . . In memory of cousins, Eddie, Patty and Allan  
 Gail, Rob, April and Ayres Clark. . . . . In loving memory of Bo Clark  
 Anne and Tim Crais. . . . . In honor of Eade and Jane Anderson  
 on their 100<sup>th</sup> and 99<sup>th</sup> birthdays  
 Anne Davidson. . . . . In memory of Bud and Jean Davidson  
 Jack Draper . . . . . In memory of Shirley Warren Draper  
 Martha Edington . . . . . In honor of Westminster's incredible staff  
 Melissa and James Everett. . . . . In memory of Mark Noland  
 and in honor of Gail Noland and Kay and John Everett

The Fox-Kendziorski family . . . . . In memory of Bruce Canan and Nancy Goyer  
 Maria and David Gall . . . . . In memory of their dear parents  
 Gibbons and Fuller families . . . . . In memory of Ernie Fuller and Michael Gibbons  
 Connie and Donnie Graham. . . . . In honor of their children and grandchildren  
 Jan Gross . . . . . In memory of John Gross (husband), Jeffrey Allen Gross (son),  
 Dwight Allen Newman (brother)

Leslie Hull . . . . . In honor of her children and their families,  
 Clare, Andi and Joshua John "JJ" Dueñas and Thomas Welsch and Ana Katsini  
 Mary Jennings . . . . . In memory of her father, Benny McDaniel  
 Jordan and Virginia Knight. . . . . In memory of Betty Jo Smith and Delene Knight  
 Anne and John Langley . . . . . In honor of grandchildren, Bryson, Molly, and Anna  
 Mackay Family . . . . . In honor of Janna DeVente & Linda Yates  
 and in memory of Patch Mackay  
 Ed, Cile, Hannah & Eva Mathews and Danielle Mathews Hemsley. . . . .  
 In memory of Matt Mathews

John and Ibbie Muntz . . . . . In gratitude and loving memory of their parents,  
 Harold and Laura Muntz and George and Mildred Jack  
 Marty Pryor, Allison Pryor-Smith, Jackson and Grace Ann Kelly  
 . . . . . In memory of Jim Pryor  
 Amy Rawe . . . . . In honor of Rick and Janice Rawe, with love and gratitude  
 from their granddaughters - Margaret, Nina, and Samantha  
 Kathleen Shilling . . . . . In memory of John Shilling  
 Laura Stockdale . . . . . In memory of her parents, Dorothy and Jim Stockdale  
 In memory of her twin sister, Mary

Larry and Kathleen Tragesser. . . . . In memory of George and Justine Dukas,  
 Nick Dukas, Georgia D. Girardin, Judith D. Bailey, Gene and Clovis Tragesser  
 Jackie Vanden Dorpel and Alexandra McDonald . In memory of Neil Vanden Dorpel  
 Renee and Bill Wieseuegel . . . . . In loving memory of  
 Amy McBrayer, Shirley Rechenbach, Natalie and Jim Smith  
 Laurie and Josh Williams . . . . . In memory of Ruth and Fletcher Thompson  
 Jack Woodall and Sharon Boyce . . . . . In memory of Lauren Boyce Woodall Roady  
 Linda and Jim Yates . In memory of Bob and Sara Cantrell, Betty and Chris Salsbery,  
 Barbara and Fritz Schilling, Joe Ben Turner, and Eileen and Bruce Watt