

Welcome
TO
Westminster

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021 - 10:00PM

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PASTOR: REV. QUINCY A. WORTHINGTON

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: REV. AUSTIN WICKS

MUSIC DIRECTOR & ORGANIST: VERDEEN STRAIN



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC BY STEVE STRAINS & JOHN MAGROU

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PRELUDE O HOLY NIGHT BY STEPHANIE SEPIOL-MILNE & DON HILL

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We count it in mere hours now. Soon the first pains of labor will be felt.

People: Soon the Light will shine in the darkness, soon the baby will be born.

Leader: Soon God will once again break into our lives,

People: Coming in a way that is expected yet unusual, challenging our expectations and calling us to see life differently.

MUSIC #133 O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL



LIGHTING OF THE *Advent Candle*

Reader One: The Advent candles burned brightly, drawing our hearts and minds to hope, peace, joy, and love. Now, at last, on Christmas Eve, we light our Christ Candle. This candle is the center of our celebration, just as Christ has a place at the very center of our lives. Jesus Christ is the anchor of our hope, the bringer of true peace, the source of all joy, and the witness of love between family members, neighbors, friends, and those who were formerly enemies. On this day, and all days, we celebrate the gift of God coming into the world, as one of us, to learn and grow and suffer as one of us. In the same way, even as he lived as a full human being, Jesus was the Christ, God's anointed, who had the fullness of God within himself- the power to bring life out of death. We celebrate Christ's birth. We give thanks for Christ's life and resurrection. We rejoice in Christ's presence in the world today. We anticipate the promise of Christ's future, when all will be made new.

LIGHT THE CANDLE

Reader Two: Let us pray. God of all glory, this day and all days belong to you. You alone are worthy of our full praise, devotion, and thanksgiving. We, who have so much, dare to ask for one more thing. We humbly ask that you fill our hearts with Christmas grace- the power to restore, to welcome, to celebrate, and to see Christ's power brought forth in this world. Pour this Christmas grace into our heart and give it substance in our thoughts, our words, and our deeds. In Christ's own name, we pray. Amen.

MUSIC LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING BY SHAW-PARKER

LITURGY:

Leader: God of birth, God of light, in this time of song and prayer and silence,

People: reawaken in us the awe of Christmas.

Leader: As we hear again the story of a young woman and a surprising visitor,

People: remind us that we are called to respond to you in unexpected ways.

Leader: And when we leave this place,

People: may we be willing to sing praises for a young woman who said YES and the birth that we prepare to celebrate.

Leader: We pray in the name of the child who even now is starting to push from the womb, who would later teach his friends to pray saying "Our Father."

MUSIC ALL MY HEART THIS NIGHT REJOICES BY Z. RANDALL STROOPE

*PRAYER

People: O God of love, you have brought us together tonight and blessed us with your very self. Open our eyes to the light of Christ which glows in the darkness of a world engulfed in apathy, pain and loss; a world separated from you. Speak to us now that we may hear the good news of your salvation. Bring us into the wonder of your presence. Fill us with that light and carry it out with us into our lives. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

MUSIC SING ANGELS, KINGS & FOLK BY BEN ALLWAY

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

MUSIC #119 HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-5

MUSIC CANDLE LIGHT CAROL

SERMON: REV. QUINCY WORTHINGTON

OUR PRAYER FOR OTHERS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE OFFERING

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*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

People: Lord Jesus, you are the Messiah, the savior of the world. We dedicate these earthly things to your use, that they and all the world might shine with your light. We celebrate the gift of life abundant, in your holy name. Amen.

MUSIC #121 O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

CHRISTMAS BENEDICTION

CANDLE CAROL HYMN #122 SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

Choir will sing one verse of Silent Night in German to commemorate the original carol composed 200 years ago in Austria followed by the congregation singing all verses in English.

Westminster Connection Point

HOW CAN WE HELP?

_____ A PASTOR

_____ A DEACON

_____ STEPHEN MINISTER

_____ PRAYER REQUEST

_____ PHONE CALL

_____ HOME COMMUNION

PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS

INTERESTED IN WPC? LET US CONTACT YOU!

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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Upcoming Events

THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Visit us on Sunday, December 26 at 10am. Wear your comfiest PJs and come sign Christmas carols during worship.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to our WPC decorating teams for making our church look beautiful! And a big thank you to all of our awesome volunteers.

PRAYER LIST

Anderson, Cheryl
Baker, George (father of Sarah
Baker Kerrick)
Boender, Jim (husband of Linda,
Sam. Center)
Bolitho, Albert (Austin's
Grandfather)
Borbely, Buddy
Borbely-Orrick, Morgan
Boyd, Richard (Rhonda Reynold's
brother)
Brown, Tom
Cook, Barbie (grandson Logan,
friends, Kevin, Becky, Michelle,
Janet, Katherine and Jean)
Dickman-Lopez Family,
(Matthew Beechler, Ginny's
cousin, Kelda Lopez, Robs Sister-
in Law)
Dicostanzo, Mary Lou
Feege Mike & Terri & Family
Fiegle, Carol
Fehring Family (Nancy
Echterling's family)
Henderson, Cathy (sister-in-law
of Cheryl Anderson)
Golden, Bob
Hill, Don
Holden, Karen (in loss of her
father Arnold Handlon)
Hudson, Ann
Hughes, Beverly
Iwachiw, Myrna (mother of Jerry
Iwachiw)
Jones Family (one of our
Adopt-a-Familys)
Karlen, Kim
Kirk, Elaine (mom of Ann
Williams)
Largus, Carol
LeMonnier, Shari
McDaniel, Joe
Morrow, Adelia (Paige Stephan's
daughter)
Mullins, Kay (friend of Shirley
Golden)
Myer, Family
Orr, Denny & Sharon
Pedrick Family
Poerio, Kelly (Sue Cook's sister-
in-law)
Rogala, Cheri (Aunt of Heater
Bognar)
Ross, Natalie (Sonja's daughter)
Saculla, Sally
Scahill, Caryl
Siergey, Karen and family (sister-
in-law of Cindy Siergey)
Trent, John & Sally
Troeger, Christine (Glenn
Rhodes' sister)
Troop, Doris (Gwen Horn's Mom)
Truhlar, Kathy (friend of Shirley
Golden)
VanSenus, Matthew
Weier, Chuck
Wright, Donna (friend of Wendy
Borbely)
Yackel, Erna

***If you have a prayer
request, please contact
Mary Lomey.***



*Merry
Christmas*

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR