



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Christmas Eve 2011



Art by Hanna Cheriyan Varghese, Malaysia, *The Shepherds: "Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace,"* Overseas Ministries Study Center: www.omsc.org

WELCOME

ON THIS HOLY NIGHT, we engage one of the deep mysteries of our faith. In celebrating Christmas, we try to push away the cares of the moment and the rush of tasks to do. As we worship, we create a wide, sweet space to listen, to pray, to sing, and to receive the gift of God's presence. No one will ever make sense of how God, the Infinite, was revealed in the finite. So, we tell a story and simply wonder at it all. Welcome to this house of wonder.

PASTORAL STAFF:

Gregory K. Jones, Head of Staff
Anne R. Ledbetter, Associate Pastor
Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

CHURCH EDUCATOR:

Susan Moseley

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR:

Debbie Brown

MUSIC STAFF:

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Mary Beth Davis, Director of Music for Children, Youth and Handbells
Section Leaders/Soloists: Diana Milburn, Susan Rheingans,
Justin Gonzalez, Raymond Sambolin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel flowers this evening are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles M. Krick, Jr. and Janet and John Rowell by the Linderman, Krick and Rowell families.

We encourage you to take poinsettias to our homebound members as you leave the 8:00 p.m. or 10:00 p.m. worship service. Special cards will be available in a box at the reception desk with recipients' names and addresses. If you will be taking a poinsettia to a homebound member, please be sure to take the card with the flower so that we know which people have received a plant.

The Passion Window, located in the west transept, and **the Children's Window**, on the east wall of the sanctuary, are currently being restored through the generosity of Russell O. Jones in memory of his parents, Rose B. and John Paul Jones. The Passion Window illustrates the story of Holy Week and was given in honor of Rev. Candee who served from 1909 – 1925. The Children's Window illustrates Jesus as a boy, as an adult surrounded with children and with his disciples and a little child. It was given in loving memory of Otho, Lottie and Louise Nowland. Both windows were installed in 1958. The windows will return, fully restored, in late spring.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Friday, December 30.

Sunday, December 25 and Sunday, January 1: One morning service at 10:00 a.m.

Join us as we continue to celebrate the Christmas season through word and song.
There will be no Cribbery and Sunday School for Under Six on December 25.
There will be Cribbery only on January 1. Enjoy coffee and fellowship in the Meeting Room on both dates following the service.

FAMILY SERVICE
4:00 P.M.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Darkness is banished;
God's light has come.
Silence is over;
God's Word has come.
Fear is driven out;
God's love is here!

*CAROL

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

CAROL

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
From heaven's all gracious King":
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When with the evercircling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

*OPENING PRAYER

**Holy God, you came to Mary and Joseph, to the shepherds and angels,
to the little village of Bethlehem. Come now to us: be born in us this night. Amen.**

*CAROL

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND HOPE

O God of the little town, hear our prayer.
O Angel of the multitudes, hear our praise.
O Shepherd of the helpless, hear our thanks.
O King of the refugee, hear our faith.
O Mother of the infant child, hear our hope.
O Father of new generations, hear our deep, quiet, steady, certain love.
In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Passages in bold print may be said by all. At the asterisk () please stand (as you are able).*

RESPONSE

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!

LESSON

Matthew 1:18-23

CAROL

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Infant holy, Infant lowly, For His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, Little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging Angels singing, Noels ringing,
Tidings bringing; Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping; Shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new.
Saw the glory, Heard the story, Tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow, Praises voicing
Greet the morrow; Christ the babe was born for you.

LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

CAROL

“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 sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

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.

LESSON

Luke 2:8-14

CAROL

“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!”*

LESSON

Luke 2:15-20

CAROL

“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 a-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.*

LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

CAROL

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

THREE 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!*

Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia
Sounds through the earth and skies.
*O star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light!*

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

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CHRISTMAS PRAYER

**Women: Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the Magi.**

**Men: Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.**

**All: May the Christmas morning make us happy to be your children,
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen**

(A Christmas Prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson)

CAROL

“Silent Night”

STILLE NACHT

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!
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.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Tonight we light the central candle of our Advent Wreath,
reminding us that Christ is the light of the world,
the center of our lives, and the shining beacon of hope for the entire universe.
Christ is born.
Praise God!

Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels, let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

BLESSING

A baby has been born for us;
A child has been given to us.
And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Once we were no people.
Now we are God's people.
Once we walked in darkness;
Now we have seen a great Light!
Let us go in joy and in peace to worship Christ with our lives.

*RESPONSE

“Joy to the World!”

ANTIOCH

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.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns:
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

PARTICIPANTS

Mary	Sara Gavenonis
Joseph	John Gavenonis
Baby Jesus	John Samuel Gavenonis

Shepherds

Will Alexander-Shortlidge
Sully Burkhardt
James Hearn
Ian Stoddard
Gates Thompson
Grant Wagner
Lexi Wolff
Nate Zehner
Thomas Zehner

Angels

Amber Biekett
Danielle Biekett
Alexis Carroll
Autumn Hearn
Alyssa Kearns
Charlotte Kidd
Tessa McKenzie
Audrey Prees
Ella Stoddard
Payton Thompson
Valerie Thompson
Keira Tolbert
Libby Wagner
Sophia Wolff
Campbell Zehner

Magi	Miles Hearn, Connor Owen, Spencer Owen
Stage Manager	Jeanne Checkel

FAMILY SERVICE

5:30 P.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God of love, Creator of all, the darkness that covered the earth has given way to the bright dawn of your Word made flesh. Make us a people of this light. Make us faithful to your Word that we may bring your life to the waiting world. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

INTROIT

“Joy to the World”

ANTIOCH

Sunshine Choir and D.R.U.M. Ensemble

*CALL TO WORSHIP

There's a song in the air. Will you sing it?

Let us sing to the Lord a new song.

There's a star in the sky. Will you follow it?

Let us abandon our darkness and embrace the light.

There's a mother's deep prayer. Will you breathe it?

Let us repent of our shallowness and ponder his coming.

And a baby's low cry. Will you adore him?

Let us worship the Babe in Bethlehem, Jesus the Christ.

*CAROL

“There's A Song in the Air”

There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonderful birth,
For the virgin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Miraculous God, we know this story so well.

All the characters are familiar. All the words are known by heart.

All the songs have been sung so many times. We love this story and its comfortable, comforting familiarity.

We praise you for the miracles which come to us in the familiar.

At the center of this story is the eternal God stepping into human history. The All-Powerful One choosing to live in fragile flesh. The Creator becoming a creature.

We praise you for the miracle of God becoming human.

At the center of this story is a God Who reveals Incarnate Love to all men and women. A God Who works miracles through ordinary people who say, “yes” to God. A God Who enters every willing soul to give birth to new life.

We praise You for the miracle of Your life within us.

Miraculous God, may we see You, know You and be united with You again this Christmastime.

May our lives be changed by Your miraculous love, and may we become part of Your miraculous salvation, now and always. Amen.

TABLEAU OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

LESSON

Matthew 1:18-24

Robert Moore, Lauren Stabler, Chase Pfleegor

*CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELES

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!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Robert Moore, Bonnie Decktor

CAROL

“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 sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

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.

LESSON

Luke 2:8-14

Shelley Gnade, Mary-beth Howard

CAROL

“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.

Come to Bethlehem and see,
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo,
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

LESSON

Luke 2:15-20
Shelley Gnade, Mary-beth Howard

CAROL

“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 akeeping 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.*

LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12
Jen Barrington, Carol Shortlidge, Rick Stabler

CAROL

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

*Verse 1: All
Verses 2-4: Magi
Verse 5: All*

1. 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!*

5. Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia
Sounds through the earth and skies.
*O star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light!*

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born”
Sunshine Choir and D.R.U.M. Ensemble

Barbara Mays

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night”

STILLE NACHT

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.

BENEDICTION

Go forth in joy! For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.

**And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

*RESPONSE

“Joy to the World!”

ANTIOCH

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.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns:
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

PARTICIPANTS

Storytellers: Westminster By Heart

Mary Teisha Fooks
Joseph Jacob Fooks
Jesus Wyatt Fooks

Angel Lizzi Sprague
Other angels Katie Lengel, Britt Hickey, Lindsay Singewald
Shepherds Jan van Amerongen, Jason Lengel, Jackson Singewald

Singing Magi Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Jack Michener

Costume assistance by Melody Layman, Judy Stoffer and Beth Bowersock

D.R.U.M. Ensemble

Gia Benckert	Alexandra Kidd	Ben Schiltz
Reed Burkhardt	Katie Kunz	Mark Stallone
John Dietz	Maggie Kunz	Gregory Stanard
Nate Gerstenschlager	Justin Lengel	Anna Thomas
Carter Gramiak	Lorelei Bechtel-Lipscomb	Hugh Underhill
Gwen Hubbard	Sophia Malatesta	Christian van Amerongen
Zachary Huddleston	Luke Mathé	Schuyler van Amerongen
Sydney Huzar	Rabea Pfaff	Kelsey Wagner
Kate Immesberger	Davis Piercy	John Weber
Patrick Keenan	Jake Robinson	

Sunshine Choir

Hannah Bachman	Hanna Huddleston	Tucker Poff
Ava Barton	Morgan Huddleston	Alexa Psaros
Lucie Bechtel-Lipscomb	Jack Immesberger	Luke Psaros
Emma Burkhardt	Colin Keenan	Baden Saathoff
Hannah Dawson	Charlotte Langlois	Evie Saathoff
Kate Dietz	Greer Marvel	Anna Schlitz
Adelaide Etshman	Greg Mathé	Chloe Steiner
Megumi Field	Delanie McKenzie	Max Steiner
Lili Gerstenschlager	Keegan McKenzie	Elizabeth Thomas
Margo Gramiak	Ian Morton	Owen Thomas
Miles Hearn	Annika Pfaff	Kristian Tolbert
Drew Holmes	Ava Pfaff	Ellery Underhill
Lily Holmes	Logan Piercy	Lindsey Wagner

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

8:00 p.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Let the just rejoice, for their Justifier is born.

Let the sick and infirm rejoice, for their Savior is born.

Let the captives rejoice, for their Redeemer is born.

Let all Christians rejoice, for Jesus Christ is born. St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-440)

PRELUDE MUSIC

(Organ) Fantasy on *Adeste Fidelis* Eric H. Thiman

(Choir) "Sing We Now of Christmas" arr. Mark Kellner

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here!
Hear our grateful praises to the Babe so dear.
Angels called to shepherds, "Leave your flocks at rest,
journey forth to Bethlehem, find the Child so blest."
In Bethlehem they found Him; Joseph and Mary mild,
seated by the manger, watching the holy Child.
From the eastern country came the kings afar.
bearing gifts to Bethlehem, guided by a star.
Gold and myrrh they took there, gifts of greatest price;
there was ne'er a place on earth so like paradise.

(Choir) Shepherds' Carol arr. Michael Burkhardt

Shepherds, run to Bethlehem this holy night,
Leave your sheep, be on your way, behold the sight!
Shepherds, pay your homage to the Infant King,
Joyfully, with heart and voice, your praises sing!
Shepherds heard the good news angel choirs did bring,
News, so wondrous, heav'n and earth together sing:
Praise be to God in heaven,
Peace on earth!

(Choir) "Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella" arr. Robert A. Hobby

Bring a torch, Jeannette, Isabella!	It is wrong when the child is sleeping,
Bring a torch, to the cradle run!	it is wrong to talk so loud;
It is Jesus, good folk of the village;	Silence, all, as you gather around,
Christ is born and Mary's calling;	lest your noise should waken Jesus.
Ah! ah! beautiful is the mother!	Hush! hush! see how fast he slumbers;
Ah! ah! beautiful is her Son!	Hush! hush! see how fast he sleeps.

Softly to the little stable,
Softly for a moment, come;
Look and see how charming is Jesus,
how he is still, his eyelids closing.
Hush! hush! see how the child is sleeping;
Hush! hush! see how he smiles in dreams.

(Organ) In Dulci Jubilo (2 settings) Paul Manz
(Tune: Hymn #28)

CALL TO WORSHIP

The light of life has come into the world.
Our Savior is born in Bethlehem!
Let all people rejoice in his salvation.
Glory to God in the highest!

CHORAL INTROIT

A Christmas Intrada

Ovid Young

Christ is born, alleluia!
The Christ is born today!
Let joy rebound
and trumpets sound,
And bells and cymbals ring!
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing!

*HYMN NO. 40

“Joy to the World!”

ANTIOCH

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

George and Jan Patrick and her mother, Carrie Peters

PRAYER OF ADORATION

**Gracious God,
Your love for your creation is wider and deeper than we can fathom.
On this night of wonder we remember that you loved the world so passionately
that you gave your only son
to free us from the things that destroy us
to point the way to an abundant life
and to fill us with hope in this life and the next.
Open our hearts to receive this beautiful mystery our minds cannot grasp
and fill us with your everlasting love
so that we may share your goodness with a hurting world.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

ANTHEM

“I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve”

arr. John Ferguson

I am so glad each Christmas Eve,
The night of Jesus' birth!
Then like the sun the star shone forth,
And angles sang on earth.

He dwells again in heaven's realm,
The Son of God today;
And still he loves his little ones
And hears them when they pray.

The little child in Bethlehem,
He was a king indeed!
For he came down from heav'n above
To help a world in need.

I am so glad each Christmas Eve!
His praises then I sing;
He opens now for ev'ry child
The palace of the king.

And so I love each Christmas Eve,
the night of Jesus' birth!
When he came down from heav'n above
to save us here on earth.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

Shelley Gnade, Biblical Storyteller

*HYMN NO. 23

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

GLORIA

SERMON

“Peace on Earth”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 31

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

MENDELSSOHN

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Gloria in Excelsis”

attributed to W. A. Mozart

Gloria in excelsis Deo	<i>Glory to God in the highest</i>
Et in terra pax	<i>And on earth peace</i>
hominibus bonae voluntatis.	<i>to all those of good will.</i>
Laudamus, benedicimus,	<i>We praise thee. We bless thee.</i>
adoramus, glorificamus.	<i>We worship thee. We glorify thee.</i>
Gratias agimus tibi	<i>We give thanks to thee</i>
propter magnam gloriam tuam.	<i>according to thy great glory.</i>
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,	<i>Lord God, Heavenly King,</i>
Deus Pater omnipotens.	<i>God the Father almighty.</i>
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.	<i>Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son.</i>
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,	<i>Lord God, Lamb of God,</i>
Filius Patris.	<i>Son of the Father.</i>

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Lord’s Supper is open to all who trust in Christ.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Tonight old dreams are surpassed as new dreams come to life.

Glory to God in the highest!

Hope paves the way to joy and prayer leads to proclamation.

The Light of the World has come!

This light is a light for all; igniting a flame within our souls as we break bread together.

God is born within us and among us.

Glory to God in the highest!

May there be peace and goodwill to all!

HYMN NO. 44

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS

COMMUNION PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER (p. 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, using “debts” and “debtors.”)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Supper is open to all who trust in Christ.

COMMUNION ANTHEMS

“My Little Son”

Eric Thiman

Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart...

My little son, the holy one, Son of our God most high, What solemn destiny is yours? Where shall the future lie?	My little babe, whom shepherds hailed As Saviour, Christ the Lord, What will you know of suffering, your life for all outpoured?
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My little Jesus, Lamb of God,
Light of the world and King,
How could you know my heart is pierced,
For all the bliss you bring?

“Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head”

John Jacob Niles

Sharon Babcock, soloist

Jesus, Jesus, rest your head, You have got a manger bed; All the people here on earth Sleep in feathers at their birth; Jesus, Jesus, rest your head, You have got a manger bed.	Have you heard about our Jesus? Have you heard about his fate? How his mother went to that stable On that Christmas eve so late? Winds were blowing, cows were lowing, Stars were glowing, glowing, glowing.
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PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**O God of peace,
to you we ascribe all honor and majesty, beauty and strength.
You bring forth a child whom we call blessed,
upon whose shoulders rests the destiny of nations.
You give us the gift of life everlasting,
and a wonderful counselor who shall guide your people.
With shepherds and angels, we lift our voices rejoicing:
All glory to you in the highest,
and on earth peace among all. Amen.**

HYMN No. 60

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

STILLE NACHT

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Following the service, you may keep your candle or deposit it in a box near the doors.*

BENEDICTION

Westminster Choir

Dick Armen	Carol Johnson
Charley Babcock	Steve Johnson
Sharon Babcock	Debbie MacKelcan
Brenda Bilous	Patricia Martinez
Joe Blair	Linda McGregor
Mary Ann Blair	Jack Michener
Beth Brown	Diana Milburn
Chuck Brown	Bill Moore
Dianne Browne	Ruth Nace
Monique Claudio	Julie Petrovick
Ed Davis	Susan Rheingans
Charlie Donaghy	Raymond Sambolin
Sara Dubberly	Fred Schmitt
Mike Enderle	Julie Schmitt
George Evans	Paula Szczuka
Sandi Evans	Ann Shaddock
Bill Farnham	Carol Shelly
Lynn Foltz	Wayne Sparling
Jill Getty	Ross Stevens
Sara Geuder	Zora Stevens
Shelley Gnade	Martha Tatnall
Justin Gonzalez	Chris Waisanen
Chuck Griffith	Barbara Winchester
Dick Haden	Mary Young
Tom Hogue	Helen Zumsteg
Barbara Jobe	Rick Zumsteg

Tower Chime

Craig Checkel

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE
10:00 P.M.

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

GATHERING MUSIC

Sue Spilecki, handbells

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Give us, O God, the vision which can see Your love in the world in spite of human failure.
Give us the faith to trust Your goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness.
Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts.
And show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of the day of universal peace.*
Frank Borman, Apollo 8 space mission

PRELUDE

“Behold”
Soloist: Lauren Carroll

David Kauffman

Refrain:

Behold, Behold, the mighty one has done great things for me.
Behold, Behold, the mighty one has done great things for me.
And Holy is Your name, and Holy is Your name.
My soul exalts you, behold my Lord, whose mercy lies on me.

My soul magnifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in my Savior.
He looks at me with kindness
as with holy eyes of blindness,
and all will call me blessed. *(Refrain)*

Compassion inhabits those who fear him.
He has done great things with his arm.
Scattered the proud,
rulers all brought down,
and He has lifted the humble. *(Refrain)*

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent away the selfish empty handed.
He has helped his servant in remembrance of his mercy;
and He has kept his promise. *(Refrain)*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Ron and Beth Bowersock and their son, Brian

INTROIT

“Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow!”
Soloists: Brian Bowersock and Chris Hickey

*HYMN NO. 41

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELES

PRAYER OF ADORATION

On this Holy Night, O God,
we turn our hearts and minds to you.

You are our hope and our salvation.

On this Holy Night, O God,
we celebrate the joy of your coming,

and dare to be transformed by your Spirit.

On this Holy Night, O God,
we welcome the Christ Child who was born to a peasant couple,

wrapped in bands of cloth and laid in a feeding trough.

On this Holy Night, O God,
we rejoice in your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

He is the true light of the world! Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:1-20
Jon McPheeters, Biblical Storyteller

ANTHEM

“How Quietly”
High School/Alumni Choir
Soloist: Lizzi Sprague
Handbells: Kris Qualls, Cori Rydgren, Stephi Rydgren Tina Rydgren, Sue Spilecki
Joel Raney

SERMON

“Peace on Earth”
Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 22

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”
REGENT SQUARE

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

*The entire Christmas Eve Offering is given those in need beyond our walls.
Please see the back cover for details.*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Lord’s Supper is open to all who trust in Christ.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Christ came into the world as a vulnerable infant.
Yet this child was full of grace and truth, revealing the glory of God.
This one was the Messiah
who brings abundant life to all who follow him.

HYMN NO. 53

“What Child Is This”
GREENSLEEVES

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*When an usher invites you to approach a communion station, please take a piece of bread,
the symbol of Christ’s love for you, and dip it in the cup, representing the new life in Christ.
If you are unable to come to a station, please tell an usher so that you may be served.*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Carol of the Bells”
High School/Alumni Choir
M. Leontovich

PARTICIPANTS

High School/Alumni Choir

Brian Bowersock	Alex Knepper
Lauren Carroll	Emily Knepper
Josh Cox	Molly McPheeters
Dana Davis	Emily Mosher
Gracie Firestone	Emily Ritter
Emily Harrison	Molly Ritter
Meredith Harrison	Sophie Ritter
Chris Hickey	Hayley Rosser
Sarah Hoopes	Alex Sprague
Susie Hoopes	Shelly Sprague

CHRISTMAS 2011 MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

In Honor Of:

*The Volunteers at the Reception Desk
Grandparents Herbert and Lelia Thompson and loved ones
Ralph and Leola Lewis
Gavin, Payton, Gates and Valerie Thompson*

Given By:

*Susan Alexander
Ralph L. Lewis
Sandy and Stark Thompson*

CHRISTMAS 2011 MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

In Loving Memory Of:

Bernie Alexander
Rose and Paul Jones
William C. Deans
Teddy Bedrossian
E. Howard Bedrossian, MD
Rosetta Bedrossian
Jane and Wally Johnson
Wallace Bibb Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. David Bernhard, Mr. Victor Lawryniuk
Mr. and Mrs. John R. Becker
Pauline and Lew Black
Jeremy Tuschak
Irene and Paul Hangen
Walter Blair
Our Parents and Other Loved Ones
Frank and Fay Staats, Bud Bryde
My brother, Douglas Russell Buttner
Our Parents
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Taylor
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Checkel
Mrs. Inez M. Cobb
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Our Parents
Barbara, Charlie and Seth Cruice
Martin, Frances and Jim Wilmarth
John D. Cullen and Dr. Donald H. McGee
Carolyn and Frank Diver
Ann and Dick Lowe
Cerd Marsh
Jack and Grace Reighard
Charles and Emily Evans
Our Fathers, Jack Foster and Charles Pfleegor
Ann Pickering
Tom and Pearl Freeman
Richard and Eleanor Freeth
Loved Ones
L. Martin Gravely
James and Elmere Guthrie; Scott Dege
Chad Miller
Bill Swanson
Louise and Denny Hatch
Wally Johnson
Walter Z. Heldt
Nick Marcopulos
Elizabeth Higgins
Cathy Hodges
Maurice Ward, Wanda and Russell Hogue
Janet W. Hoopes
Timothy G. Hoopes, MD

Given By:

Susan, Shawn, Kristen, Will and John
Nancy and Bill Barlow
Fay Deans Barnaby
Ned Bedrossian and Family
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Nancy and Walter Bercaw
Jim Bercaw and Family
Diane Bernhard
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Kay and Lew Black, Jr.
Mary Ann and Joe Blair
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Nancy and Herb Boden
Gary and Sue Bryde
Sally Buttner
Polly Pyle-Carter and Jim Carter
Jeanne and Bob Checkel
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Bill Cobb
Rosemary and Barry Cobb
Joan and Art Connolly
Chip and Kathy Cruice
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Patricia McGee Cullen
Nancy and Art Diver
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Ells and Gail Edwards
George and Sandra Evans
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Anne Foster and Chip Pfleegor
Tom and Natalie Freeman
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David, Allison, Corinne and Julia Freeth
Nancy D. Gemmell
His Family
Edie Guthrie and Lauren Cardillo
The Hatches
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Dorothy L. Heldt
Cathy Higgins
Her Family
Margaret and Jim Hodges
Carol and Tom Hogue
Harry E. Hoopes and Family
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CHRISTMAS 2011 MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

In Loving Memory Of:

Fred Hurlock, Jr.; Frances and Fred Hurlock, Sr.
Sarah and Dave Frie and son David
William and Gretchen Iobst
Simon and Lee McNeely
Hillis Johnston
Wallace and Lillian Spielman
Bob Kelley
Jane, Ann and Jay
Our Parents and Grandparents
Ralph L. Lewis Sr. and Mildred G. Thompson-Ellison
Our Parents
Charles M. Krick, Jr. and Ann E. Linderman
Cerd Marsh
Carolyn McKeown
Arnold, Alice and Charles Sharpley
John and Lillian Michener
Louisa S. Morse
Robert T. Currin
Ingrid Pamm
Mr. and Mrs. George H. Patrick
Mr. Raymond Peters
George W. Pfautz
Ann Pickering
William Poole and Louise H. Poole
Bob, Helen and Brian Hunt
Our Parents
Wanda C. Ritter
Dorothy and Joseph Barkley
Wally Johnson
Florence Drexel
Wilma Tull

Fran and Ray Scofield
Our Parents
Jay, Anne, Grammy and Grandpop
Our Parents
Robert M. Eissner

Dr. Oscar N. Stern
Anne K. Burrough
Our Parents
Wayne Suiter
Roger B. Thomas, Jr.
Lowell Weaver
Marvin and Marty Bloomsburg
Vince and Doris Wemlinger
Sally Wemmers
Chad and Chris Miller
Barbara W. Wheatley
A.C. and Dorothy Wilson
Great grandparents, Duard and Helen Little

Given By:

Suzie Hurlock
Suzie Hurlock
Jane and Fred Iobst
Jane and Fred Iobst
John and Dede Johnston
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His Family
The Kline Family
Jerald and Virginia Lee and Family
Ralph L. Lewis
Sue and Bob Linderman
Sue and Bob Linderman
Jessie Marsh
Bob McKeown
Bunny and Jack Michener
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Alice and Bill Morse
The Pamm Family
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George and Jan Patrick
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Sonja Pfautz
Frank Pickering
Stephen C. Poole and Elizabeth H. Poole
Elizabeth Poole
Charlie and Linda Reinhardt
Her Family
Hoopes and Ritter Families
Robin and Hayley Rosser
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Bob and Sue Scofield, Peter Rittenhouse
and Bill Lang
Bob, Sue, Jeff, Kelley and Dave Scofield
Donna and Tom Shaw
The Spilecki Family
David and Jane M. Stabler
His daughter, Melissa Eissner Stabler and
her family Craig, Rick and Lauren Stabler
Mrs. Oscar N. Stern
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Paul and Judy Stoffer
Jane Suiter
Diane H. Thomas
His Family
Mary, Vince and Vin Wemlinger
Mary, Vince and Vin Wemlinger
Craig Wemmers
The Westminster Staff
Her Grandchildren
Their daughters
Annika Yakubic

Peace On Earth



CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

As the hands and feet of Christ, we have the chance to make a difference in the lives of people who are in distress. Our Annual Christmas Eve Offering gives us the opportunity to share a portion of our blessings with people in dire circumstances. This year our Christmas Eve Offering will help relieve hunger in the Horn of Africa, support Churches for Middle East Peace, and provide much needed funds for local ministries of critical importance. Will you help those in our community and in other troubled spots around the globe find hope?



Through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, 25% of your offering will aid tens of thousands of refugees. Displaced by war and famine, many walk for weeks, avoiding main roads for fear of attack, to reach the relative safety of an overcrowded refugee camp.

www.pcusa.org/ministries/pda/kenya-camp-dadaab-gallery



25% of your gift will aid the Mary Randall Center, a ministry of Meeting Ground, which helps those living isolated from the community, in cars and woodlands, find transitional and permanent housing, and provide ongoing support so they may continue to live independently.

www.meetingground.org



At last, work is underway at the Habitat Mill Stone community! 25% of your offering will help complete our commitment to the Thomas, Mathias and Baker families, whose homes are primarily funded by the 2010 and 2011 'Bike to Build' events.

www.habitatncc.org



As a charter member of Family Promise of Delaware, Westminster hosts homeless families in our church building four or more weeks a year. 20% of your contribution will go to Family Promise, which achieves an 80% success rate placing homeless families into long-term housing.

www.familypromisede.org



Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." 5% of your donation will support Churches for Middle East Peace as it works to promote a just, lasting and comprehensive resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, ensuring security, human rights and religious freedom for all the people of the region.

www.cmep.org

Thank you for your support!
We extend wishes for a joyful Christmas and
a wonderful New Year to you and your loved ones.