

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- We do our best to answer your phone calls weekday mornings.
- You may be directed to our automated answering service at other times.
- We strive to provide access to the church building during office hours through our callbox in the rear of the church building.
- Please call ahead and inquire about building access if you are coming after 2:00 p.m.

**SCRIPT DEADLINE: for information in the February-March
Script the deadline is Tuesday, January 15 at noon.**

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*Christmas Eve
Candlelight Worship*



Westminster Presbyterian Church
5:00 p.m.
December 24, 2018

*At the ringing of the carillon please silence your cell phones and conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God. **Bolded text is read or sung by all.***
**Please rise in body or spirit.*



COME

Voluntary Pastoral Symphony from Messiah
Georg Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Christmas Cradle Song
Alfred Hollins (1865-1942)

Prelude on "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"
T. Frederick Candlyn (1892-1964)

Suite of Carols for Brass Quintet (Richard Price)
We Three Kings - Coventry Carol - The First Noel - I Saw Three Ships

"Finale" from Symphony No. 1
Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Solo The Little Road to Bethlehem Michael Head (1900-1976)
Stacy Franzmann, *soprano*

Processional Hymn 49 Once in Royal David's City IRBY

*Call to Worship Jacquie Mabry
Not in the mighty places of power, but in little Bethlehem, in a room
out back:

The Messiah is coming.

Not born in nobility and wealth, but of Mary and Joseph, who
pondered and planed wood:

The Messiah is coming.

Nothing will be impossible for God, but when and where we least

Calendar of Church Building Events December 24, 2018—January 1, 2019

Monday, 12/24

4:30 pm Child Care Center opens
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, 12/25 Merry Christmas Church Office Closed

**Wednesday, 12/26 - Thursday, 12/27 - Friday, 12/28
and Saturday, 12/29**

No Activities Planned

Sunday, 12/30

8:45 am Child Care Center opens
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:30 am Adult Education (Room 106)
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 am Coffee and fellowship (WHH)

Monday, 12/31 Church Office Closed

Tuesday, 1/1/19 Happy New Year Church Office Closed

In Memory of my parents Foster H. and Beverly J. Fry by Phillip B. Fry

In Loving Memory of Robert J. "Bob" Werner by Shirley Werner and Family

In Loving Memory and honor of our loved ones by Mr. and Mrs. Bain Malone

In Memory of Jenny Lynn Doelling by Allan and Carolyn Doelling; Amy Helton

In Loving Memory of Mildred Sweet, Frances Toth and Richard Sweet from Tracy McLean Ehrler

In Honor of Jo Barnes and in memory of Bill Barnes and Dave Barnes from Bruce and Pookie Barnes and Nichole and Brittany Barnes

In Memory of Lillian and Carl Gerig and Sara and Bob Hudson from the Hudson-Largent Family

In Memory of Henry S. & Margaret Beidler and Isaac Curtis Hale from Cindy Beidler and Mike Hale

In Memory of our parents W. M. & Phyllis Spaethe and Dwight & Ariette Keller by Phil and Kris Keller

In Memory of my sister Ruth Lang Hayes and my brother Gerald Allan Lang by Edith Lang Willoughby

In Memory of Henry and Mary S. Manton, J.P. and Harriet Seiberling, Laurance and Sylvia Chapman, and John D. and Mary S. Chapman by Harriet D. Chapman

expect it, look among the straw and the stars:
The Messiah is coming.

*Hymn 41 O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES

Lighting of the Advent Candles Isaiah 11:1-3
Todd, Jamie, Kinsie and Jack Willis

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from the roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him - the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and reverence for our God, and the Spirit will delight in righteousness.

We light these candles as a sign of our waiting and hoping for the coming Christ.

ENCOUNTER

*Response 567 Glory Be to the Father Gloria Patri
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*Passing the Peace
Greet both friends and strangers saying,
The peace of Christ be with you.

Time for Church Life

Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to those seated near you. If you are the last person to sign on that page, please tear it out and leave it on the pew for the ushers to pick up after the service.

Offertory A Babe Is Born William Mathias (1934-1992)

*Response 592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *Doxology*
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God,
all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly
hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Time with Young Disciples

*After the Time with Young Disciples, 3 through 6 year-olds are invited
to the Nursery for age-appropriate activities. Grades K-8 will stay in
worship with their family.*

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson Isaiah 9:2,6-7 Pew Bible, Old Testament p. 638

*Hymn 31 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN

The Second Lesson Luke 2:1-7 Pew Bible, New Testament p.58

*Hymn 44 O Little Town of Bethlehem ST. LOUIS

The Third Lesson Luke 2:8-14 Pew Bible, New Testament p. 58

Solo Gesù Bambino Pietro Yon (1886-1943)
Elizabeth Crabtree, *Soloist*

The Fourth Lesson Luke 2:15-20 Pew Bible, New Testament p. 58

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem O Holy Night Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)
Leslie Frye, *soprano*

Sermon The Christmas Message The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

In Loving Memory of Deloris A. Gray, wife, mother, and
grandmother and in honor of our children and grandchildren:
James, Mallory, Gabrielle, Samuel, & William Gray; Daniel,
Marissa, Jacob & Emily Gray; Joseph, Merideth, Caitlin & Joseph
Gray; Nicholas, Sabrina, and Thomas Gray from James D. Gray

In Loving Memory of Harold C. Colley from Jean Colley and family

In Memory of my parents James and Emma Hodge, and my Aunt
Jean D. Hodge from Jean Colley

In Loving Memory of Kaye Lebold by Charles Lebold and family

In Loving Memory of Lee C. Davies. Love Dot, Chris, Beth, Mike,
Phil and Diane

In Loving Memory of Bob and June Porter by Peggie Portor
Wagner

In Loving Memory of my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Sears,
from Sandra Gruneich and family

In Loving Memory of Jon Daugherty from his family

In Memory of Jarema and Maria Porchowsky, Frank and Dorothy
Preebe, and Ernest Biegacki by Mark and Helen Preebe

In Memory of Ruth and Bill Bond, Doyle and Virginia Greene, and
Duane Switzer by Susan and Wayne Greene

In Loving Memory of John D. Thackeray by Barbara Thackeray,
Amy and Brian Ketler, Laurie and Dan Hayes and their children

In Loving Memory of Woody Wilson by Martha Wilson and family



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Christmas Poinsettias Memorials and Gifts

In Memory of Sandra Ryburn Ryland (1945-1968) by Ron and Rita Ryland

In Memory of her husband, Jack Keogh, her brother, Douglas Edward Jones, and her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Edward Jones, Jr. by Dr. Nancy Jones Keogh

In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fortney, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sprinkle, Mr. Ronald Gangle, Mr. George Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schumacher, and Beatrice Herferle by Patricia Schumacher and family

In Loving Memory of William B. Brideweser, M.D. by the Brideweser Family

In Loving Memory of Tom Fisher by Polly Fisher

In Memory of their parents, Howard and Alma Stewart and Raymond and Mildred Carpenter by Neil and Mary Carpenter

In Loving Memory of their parents by Arthur and Jean Schooley

In Memory of our parents Robert and Ann Tutt and Robert and Grace Melver by Bill and Ginny Melver

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

We place our trust in Jesus Christ. After we refused to live in the image of God, he was born of Mary, sharing our genes and instincts, entering our culture, speaking our language, fulfilling the law of God. Being united to Christ's humanity, we know ourselves when we rest in him. Jesus Christ is the hope of God's world.

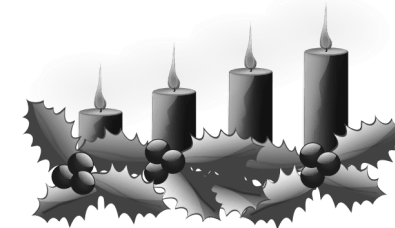
Prayers of the People, Silent Reflection and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn 23

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA



*Lighting of Congregational Candles

Please note that candles are not allowed in the balcony under Akron's city fire code.

The congregation is invited to light their individual candles as they sing. To light your candle, dip it into the flame passed on to you. Hold your candle upright once it is lit, and let the next person dip their candle into your flame. The last verse of Silent Night will be sung unaccompanied with all candles lit.

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.

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.

Please extinguish your candles at the close of the hymn.

*Charge and Benediction

Funding for the Paragon Brass Quintet is provided by the Enyart Endowment for Music Enrichment.

Welcome to our worship this evening!

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES, HYMNALS, CHILDREN'S BIBLES AND ACTIVITY BOXES are available. Please ask an usher.

USHERS Dave Stobbs (head usher), Linda Stobbs, Bob Leonard, Barbara Thackeray, Donna Gorrington, Dan Gorrington, Bill Bramley and Phil Fry.

VISITORS If you are new to Westminster, please pick-up your welcome bag that is in the entrance to the church.

2019 Stewardship

As of Dec. 16, 2018, 93 households pledged \$290,894 for 2019. Thank you for your generous gifts. Westminster Presbyterian Church will need Pledges and Contributions totaling \$487,916 to avoid spending Rowley Fund principal on operating expenses in 2019. If you have not already pledged, pledge cards are in the literature racks and are available from the Finance Office. Your pledge plays a vital role in fulfilling our goals. Please give generously!

COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES are located in the pews for your special year-end gifts to Westminster Presbyterian Church. Thank you for sharing your blessings.

WPC GIVING TREE Please donate new gloves, hats, scarves and socks this holiday season to benefit adults and children in the Access Shelter. Place all donations on or under the giving tree in the sanctuary this December.

YEAR-END GIFTS Just a reminder that your year-end gifts must be physically delivered to the Finance Office or postmarked on or before **December 31, 2018** to be included on your 2018 giving statement. The church offices will be closed Saturday, December 29 and Monday, December 31. Contributions received during worship on December 30 will be included on your 2018 giving statement. Thank you for your generous support of Westminster Presbyterian Church during 2018.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT! The last day for Presbyterian Women to earn community cash back for Acme receipts is **December 30**. Please turn in all your receipts to the box in WHH by January 15.