

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 to be included in the February/March Script, the deadline is Monday, January 13, 2020.

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Westminster Presbyterian Church

5:00 p.m.

December 24, 2019

*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

Prelude of Seasonal Music

Christmas Fantasy for Organ & Brass Arr. Joel Raney
 The Paragon Brass Quintet

Voluntary on “Divinum Mysterium” Arr. Craig Phillips

Angelus ad Virginem (14th century) Arr. Lawrence David Eden

O Holy Night (duet) Adolphe Adam
 Elizabeth Crabtree & Benjamin Hayes

A Suite of Carols for Brass Quintet Arr. John Jay Hilfiger
 1. Joy to the World 2. Echo Hymn 3. Lo, How a Rose
 4. God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen 5. Away in a Manger
 6. Angels We Have Heard on High

Go, Tell It on the Mountain African-American Spiritual
 Westminster Childrens’ Choir
 Zachary Troyer, conductor

*Call to Worship Luke 2:10-15 Liam Hauerwas

Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy.
**To us is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
 the Messiah, the Lord.**
 This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in cloth
 and lying in a manger.
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace!
 Let us go now to Bethlehem.



Calendar of Church Building Events December 24, 2019—January 1, 2020

Tuesday, 12/24 Christmas Eve: 2 Services—Church Office Closed
 3:45 pm Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
 4:00 pm Chancel Choir and Brass Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 4:30 pm Child Care Center Opens for Family Candlelight Service
 5:00 pm Family Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)
 7:30 pm Jazz Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, 12/25 Merry Christmas—Church Office Closed

Thursday, 12/26
 11:00 am WPC Staff Meeting (Pastor’s Office)

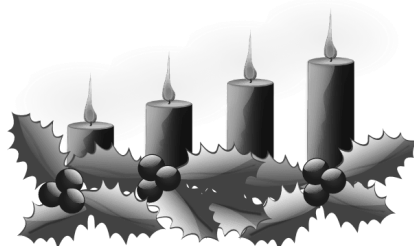
Friday, 12/27 & Saturday, 12/28 No Activities Planned

Sunday, 12/29 1st Sunday of Christmas
 10:00 am Child Care Center Opens
 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (WHH)

Tuesday, 12/31 Church Office Closed

Wednesday, 1/1/20 Happy New Year—Church Office Closed

- ♦ In memory of my parents, Mary & Paul Prinz; celebrating my mother's 94th birthday on Christmas day, from their loving son Tim Prinz
- ♦ In Loving Memory of their parents from Arthur and Jean Schooley
- ♦ In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fortney, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sprinkle, Mr. Ron Gangle, Mr. George Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schumacher, and Beatrice Hoeflerle by Patricia Schumacher and family
- ♦ In celebration of what would have been the 47th anniversary for George & me on December 23rd from Patricia Schumacher
- ♦ In Loving Memory of John D. Thackeray from Barbara Thackeray, Amy & Brian Ketler, Laurie & Dan Hayes and their children
- ♦ In Loving Memory of Robert J. "Bob" Werner from Shirley Werner and family
- ♦ In loving memory of H.N.W. Willoughby (Maj. USAF Ret.) from Edie Willoughby
- ♦ In Memory of Martha & Woody Wilson from their family – Chuck, Holly & Dave Wilson
- ♦ In loving memory of Claude Wilton from Anna Marie & family
- ♦ In honor of Mary Wojno from her loving son, Brad Wojno



Introit Carol of the Bells Arr. Dean Wagner
Westminster Handbell Choir

*Hymn 41 O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES

Lighting of the Advent Candles Tom and Shelley Koutnik

The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end.
It is a symbol of God's unending love and faithfulness.
Jesus Christ is the brightest revelation of God's love. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.
Christ Jesus, who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.
The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory,
the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

ENCOUNTER

*Hymn 23, verses 1,3 Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

**1. 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.**

**3. 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.**

*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 Gloria in Excelsis Deo Daniel Pinkham
(from the Christmas Cantata)

<i>Gloria in excelsis Deo,</i>	<i>Glory to God in the highest,</i>
<i>Et in terra pax hominibus</i>	<i>And on earth peace,</i>
<i>bonae voluntatis.</i>	<i>Good will toward men.</i>
<i>ubilate Deo omnis terra</i>	<i>Rejoice in God all the earth,</i>
<i>Servite Dominum in laetitia.</i>	<i>Serve the Lord with gladness.</i>
<i>Introite in conspectu ejus</i>	<i>Enter into His presence</i>
<i>In exultatione.</i>	<i>With jubilation.</i>
<i>Scitote quoniam Dominus</i>	<i>Know that the Lord</i>
<i>Ipse est Deus</i>	<i>alone is God;</i>
<i>Ipse fecit nos, et non ipsi nos.</i>	<i>He has made us, and not we ourselves.</i>

*Response Hymn 36, verse 4	In the Bleak Midwinter	CRANHAM
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**What can I give Him, Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: Give my heart.**

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

Luke 2:19

- ◆ In Loving Memory of Jon Daugherty from Ellen Daugherty and family
- ◆ In memory of my wife Eileen O. Field and my parents, Frank L. Field, Sr. & Virginia C. Field from Frank L. Field, Jr.
- ◆ In loving memory of Thomas W. Fisher from Polly Fisher
- ◆ In honor of Duane & Joann Switzer, Doyle & Virginia Greene from Susan and Wayne Greene
- ◆ In memory of my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Sears from Sandy Gruneich and family
- ◆ In loving memory of our parents, Dwight & Ariette Keller and William & Phyllis Spaethe from Phil and Kris Keller
- ◆ In loving memory of her husband, Jack Keogh, and her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Edward Jones, Jr. by Dr. Nancy Jones Keogh
- ◆ In loving memory of Marilyn Labbe from Ed and Laurel Labbe
- ◆ In Loving Memory of Kaye Lebold from her family
- ◆ In memory of Fred Mathias from the Malone family
- ◆ In loving memory of our parents, Ann & Bob Tutt and Grace & Bob Melver from Bill and Ginny Melver
- ◆ In memory of our grandparents Hanna, Melver, Tutt and Ward from Catherine, Kevin & Zoe Melver
- ◆ In loving memory of our parents: Jess & Katherine Messaros and Carl & Fran Matthews from Marc & Peggy Messaros
- ◆ In Memory of Jarema and Maria Porchowsky, Frank and Dorothy Preebe, Ernest Biegacki and Anna Firko by Mark and Helen Preebe



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Christmas Poinsettias Memorials and Gifts

- ♦ In loving memory of sister-in-law, Marilyn Albertson from Lou Albertson
- ♦ In honor of our grandchildren: Rob & Catherine Culp; Sarah, Hannah & Rebecca Stutler; Lauren & Kent Bailey
- ♦ In honor of Jo Barnes from Bruce & Pookie Barnes, Brittany Barnes, Nikki Barnes & Justin Catoni
- ♦ In memory of Hilda Love, our Gigi, from the Blaha family
- ♦ In Loving Memory of William B. Brideweser M.D from his family
- ♦ In loving memory of Phil Buehl and Dan D'Avello from Joan Buehl
- ♦ In loving memory of Henry & Mary S. Manton, Laurance & Sylvia Chapman, J.P. & Harriet Seiberling and John D. & Mary S. Chapman from Harriet D. Chapman
- ♦ In Loving Memory of Harold C. Colley from Jean Colley and family; also in loving memory of my parents, James and Emma Hodge
- ♦ We honor Harriet & Harloe Cutler as they celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary

The First Lesson	Isaiah 9:2,6-7	Pew Bible, Old Testament p. 638
Hymn 40, verses 1 & 4	Joy to the World!	ANTIOCH
The Second Lesson	Luke 2:1-7	Pew Bible, New Testament p. 58
Hymn 44, verses 1 & 3	O Little Town of Bethlehem	ST. LOUIS
The Third Lesson	Luke 2:8-20	Pew Bible, New Testament p. 58
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!		
Sermon	In Relation	The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

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.

*Lighting of Congregational Candles

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

*You are now invited to light your individual candle as you 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.*

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."**

(Sung unaccompanied)

**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 candle at the close of the hymn.

*Charge and Benediction

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

THE PARAGON BRASS QUINTET

- ♦ *Scott Johnston, trumpet*
- ♦ *Ethan Symonds, trumpet*
- ♦ *Lisa Fink, horn*
- ♦ *Paul Ferguson, trombone*
- ♦ *Christopher Blaha, tuba*

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 are Bob Leonard (Head Usher), Raphael Peoples, Earl Pierson,
Don Rearick, Phil Fry, Dave & Linda Stobbs, Dan Gorrington, and Youth Ushers
Sam Grau and Kinsie Willis.

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

COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

TIME IS RUNNING OUT! The last day for Presbyterian Women to earn
community cash back for Acme receipts is December 28. Please turn in all
your receipts to the box in WHH.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL for children, tweens and youth on December 29.
Classes will resume on Sunday, January 5, 2020.

NO ADULT EDUCATION on Sunday, December 29.

NO CHOIR REHEARSAL on December 29, 2019 and January 5, 2020.

YEAR-END GIFTS Because the church offices will be closed on Tuesday
December 31, we will need all contributions by Monday, December 30, 2019.
Christmas envelopes are located in the pews for your special year-end-gifts
to Westminster Presbyterian Church. Thank you for your generosity.

CHILDREN ICE SKATING Please join us January 5, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at
Lock 3 for a Family Ice Skating outing. \$2.00 if you have your own skates
and \$4.00 if you need to rent them. This is an annual event and
refreshments are provided.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER Save the Date! We are offering an adult
fellowship dinner (restaurant location TBD) on Saturday, January 25, 2020.
Free childcare will be available at Westminster.