

**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

7:30 p.m.

December 24, 2019

*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.*

**Gathering Music**      Christmas Time is Here, The Christmas Song,  
I'll be Home for Christmas

The Band: Theron Brown, piano/leader; Christopher Coles, saxophone;  
Jordan McBride, bass; Zaire Darden, drums;  
Tommy Lehman, trumpet/vocals

**\*Call to Worship**                      Luke 2:10-15                      Gabby Gray

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.

**Congregational Carol 29**      Go, Tell It on the Mountain  
*(Congregation sings on refrain)*

**REFRAIN**    *Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.*

**Announcements and Welcome**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

James, Mallory, Gabby, Sam, and William Gray

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,

- ♦ 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
- ♦ In memory of my parents, Mary & Paul Prinz; celebrating my mother's 94<sup>th</sup> 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 Hoeferle by Patricia Schumacher and family
- ♦ In celebration of what would have been the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary for George & me on December 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

- ◆ 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 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary
- ◆ 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

**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.**

## Moment of Meditation

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| <b>Musical Meditation</b><br>Brown | Away in the Manger | Arr. Theron |
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**Psalm Reading** Psalm 96:1-3, 6, 11-13  
Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 550

**Congregational Carol 31** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

## Poetry Reading

# Prayer for Illumination Luke 2:19

**Congregational Carol 40** Joy to the World!

**Scripture Lesson**      Luke 2:1-20      Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 58

Musical Meditation O Holy Night

**Sermon**                      In Relation                      The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

### \*Lighting of Congregational Candles

*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

**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**

**Departing Music**      Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas,  
We Wish you a Merry Christmas

***Welcome to our worship this evening!***

USHERS are Raphael Peoples, Earl Pierson, and Phil Fry.

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.



## **2019 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