

Magnify

A soulful Christmas celebration

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Westminster Presbyterian Church

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We Come Into God's Presence with Joy

Life of the Church

Prelude

* Call to Worship

Marcia Anderson, liturgist

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

*Those who lived in a land of deep darkness –
on them light has shined.*

We long for a light to guide us.

*You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy.*

We long for God's joy in our lives.

*For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.*

We long to be relieved of all that we carry.

*For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

He is named Emmanuel:

God with us.

**In this tiny baby, this vulnerable child,
we find our light, our joy, our comfort.**

Joy to the World! The Lord is come!

written by Rev. Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Pastor at First Church Congregational in Rochester, NH

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- I. *Hallelujah to the Newborn King*
with Hark! the Herald Angels Sing,
Angels We Have Heard on High, I Came to Magnify
- II. *We Rejoice*
with Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
- III. *More Than Just a Story*
Suzanne Lange, soloist
- IV. *He's the Messiah*
Andrea & Eric Klooster, soloists
- V. *O Holy Night*
- VI. *My Soul Does Magnify*
- VII. *Glory to God*
- VIII. *Follow the Star*
Ron Fairchild, soloist
- IX. *We Are Here to Worship You*
with O Come, Let Us Adore Him
- X. *He Came All This Way*
- XI. *Finale*
Joy to the World, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,
Hallelujah to the Newborn King, Angels We Have Heard on High

We Go Forth to Serve

* Benediction for Christmas

Our Savior born.

A seed planted.

Roots driven into the earth.

Soil quakes.

A mighty tree shoots toward the heavens.

Branches sprout, extending hands of praise.

Leaves flower, shouting glory and grace.

The family tree made simple.

Singular.

All-encompassing.

Perfect.

God the Father.

We the family.

Brothers and sisters.

The seed has been planted.

And we are one.

Halleluia.

And let all God's people say, "Alleluia! Amen!"

Written by Mike Yager, and posted on Ecclesia

Instrumentalists:

Mark Kieme, saxophone

Carla Margolis, percussion

Larry Prentiss, bass

Shawn McDonald, piano

This Week's News

Communion is served next Sunday, January 12. You're invited to bring a loaf of fresh-baked bread to worship, which we'll deliver the following Wednesday to guests at Riverside Community Gathering, as a way of sharing the grace of the Lord's table with them.

New Year's Celebration: By popular demand, the New Year's Celebration will return on Friday, January 17. Join us for a special performance of jazz, cabaret, and dance music by Club Cole! Desserts and fellowship will start at 7:00, with the performance beginning at 7:30. It's sure to be a fun evening together with a great performance by Shawn and Carla to continue welcoming 2025! Invite your friends, neighbors, and family. Please sign up on the bulletin board by January 8 so we have an approximate count for set-up and food.

Congregational Meeting: A brief congregational meeting will be held immediately after worship on January 12th for the purpose of electing the 2025 Nominating Committee.

Joint Worship Service: On Thursday, January 23rd, Westminster will gather with several Presbyterian churches on the western side of the Presbytery for a joint dinner and worship service, celebrating our connections and offering prayer for one another. We will gather at First Presbyterian Church of Saline (143 East Michigan Avenue, Saline, MI 48176) at 6pm for a potluck dinner, followed by worship at 7pm. More details to come.

The approved minutes from the December 8 session meeting and the December 17 session meeting and ministry team reports are available on the bookshelf across from the elevator.

Grow in Faith and Friendship

Reading Through the Bible Group meets Sundays at 9:30am. Please contact Marcia Anderson (hilden.anderson@gmail.com; 734-757-4305) for more info.

Sunday Morning Adult Ed meets in the fellowship hall at 9:30am. Our current study is based on Brian McLaren's book, *We Make the Road by Walking*.

Monday Conversations are weekly at 1pm online. The Zoom invitation is in the Friday *Good Things* and Sunday podcast emails.

Mary Martha Group meets the first and third Mondays at 7pm via Zoom. Please contact Margaret Klammer (mklammer@comcast.net) for more information.

Matthew 25 Study Group meets at 7pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. For meeting information please contact Elizabeth Tidd (lizbeth0405@yahoo.com) or Carol Hufnagel (carol.hufnagel@tetrattech.com).

Thursday Book Club meets weekly at 1pm at Westminster and over Zoom. Please contact Linda Harnisch for more information. (rlharnisch@gmail.com).

We pray for our Westminster family

Ongoing needs: Fran Bolhouse, Cara Doane, Anne Gensheimer

Condolences to the family of Roger Vance on the December 8 death of Roger.

Please email prayer requests to Gail Arnold (garnold@umich.edu) for listing here and in the *Friday Good Things Are Happening* email; or contact Jill Fairchild, prayer chain coordinator (jill@thefairchilds.net or 734-417-0816). You can join our email prayer chain by contacting Jill. To keep us current, please share updates on those for whom we are praying.

Welcome to Westminster

Our Values: Love, Compassion, Connection, Inclusion, Earth-Care, Service

Our Mission: Show the love of Jesus Christ by welcoming everyone, without exception, into the full life of the church; participating in the joyful worship of God; engaging in regular study, reflection, prayer and sharing of our faith; committing ourselves and our resources to the spiritual and physical needs of our church family and neighbors near and far; seeking to be a good neighbor in our neighborhood.

Sunday worship podcasts are at bit.ly/westpres_online.

For deacon care, please contact Gail Arnold (garnold@umich.edu).

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