

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN



DEC 24 AT 7PM

The background of the entire page is a close-up photograph of evergreen tree branches covered in a thick layer of white frost or snow. The branches are dark green and brown, creating a textured, wintry scene.

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# Christmas Eve

Welcome

\* Call to Worship

Vickie Gross, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

*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.*

*based on Luke 2:10-15*

\* Hymn #133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Advent Candle Lighting

Lynda Berg and Richard LeSueur

*Together we celebrate the gift of this night,*

**We gather to once again bask in the glory**

**That visited a stable and a manger,**

**Shepherds watching their flocks,**

**And a young couple cradling the newborn Messiah.**

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\* You are invited to stand as you are able.

Song of Response #110 *Love Has Come (vs.1, 3)*

**Love has come: a light in the darkness!  
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;  
hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!  
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.**

**Love has come and never will leave us!  
Love is life everlasting and free.  
Love is Jesus within and among us.  
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.  
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!**

#### Unison Prayer of Praise

**Living God, on this holy night we gather.  
To stand with shepherds, amazed at your glory;  
to sing with angels, rejoicing in your work;  
to wait with Joseph, trusting in your promise;  
to sit with Mary, cradling your love.**

**May the good news of this night inspire us to tell the world  
of our great joy; for unto us is born a Savior, the Messiah,  
the Lord. Glory and praise to you forever! Amen.**

#### Music

*Away in a Manger*  
Rainbow Bells

First Scripture Lesson

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

Solo

*O Sanctissima*  
Gail Arnold, harp

arr. Ann Sullivan

Second Scripture Lesson

**Luke 2:1-7**

Anthem

*O Little Town  
of Bethlehem*  
Westminster Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

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 starts together, proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So, God imparts to human hearts the blessing of His heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

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!

Third Scripture Lesson

**Luke 2:8-14**

\* Hymn Medley

#145 *What Child is This* (vs. 1, 3)

GREENSLEEVES

#119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (vs. 1, 2)

MENDELSSOHN

Fourth Scripture Lesson

John 1:1-14

Music

*Christmas Joy*  
*Alleluia Ringers*

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Fifth Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:15-20

Christmas Reflection

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

\* Hymn #144

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

CRANHAM

Christmas Prayer

Offering our Gifts

**Prayer of Dedication**

Passing the Light

*Light from the Christ candle will be passed;  
please light your candle from the flame of the person next to you,  
tipping your unlit candle to meet the flame.  
During the singing of Silent Night, lift your candles for all to see.*

Solo

*O Holy Night*

by Adolphe Adam

Carol #122

*Silent Night*

STILLE NACHT

*Please lower and extinguish your candle at the conclusion of Silent Night.*

Benediction

\* Carol #134

*Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

\* Dismissal

*And let all God's people say:*

**Alleluia! Amen!**

Postlude

*Fantasia of  
"In dulci jubilo"*

by J. S. Bach

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*Thank you for worshipping at Westminster Presbyterian Church this evening.*

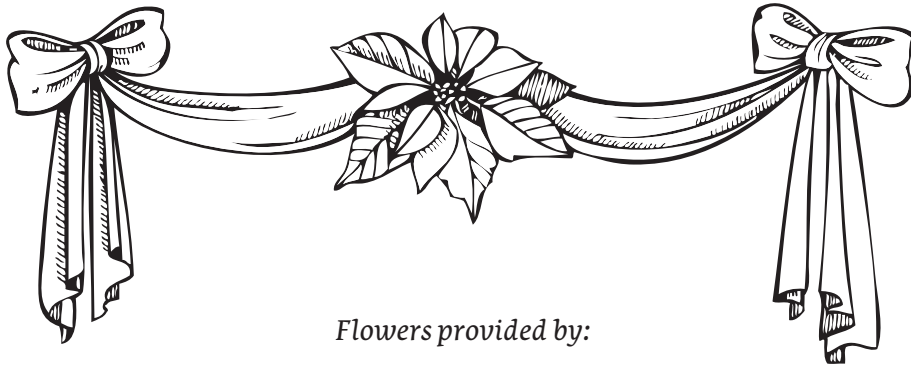
*Our services are every Sunday at 11am; there is always a place for you to connect here and be nourished in body, mind, and spirit.*

*Join us on Sunday, January 4 at 11am, for our Christmas Choir Cantata!*

*Our Westminster Choir will present "Winter's Grace: A Cantata for Christmas" by Joseph M. Martin. This joyful morning of music will feature soloists from the choir as well as an accompanying chamber ensemble of musicians. All are welcome!*

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*Please note: the church offices will be closed until January 5th, when normal office hours will resume. If you need support in the meantime, please reach out to Pastor Hannah by email, [hannah@westpresa2.org](mailto:hannah@westpresa2.org).*



*Flowers provided by:*

Lynda Berg

*in memory of James K. Berg*

Shirley Brady

*in memory of Jim Brady*

Sharon Cloke

*in memory of Waldo & Virginia  
Zimmerman*

The Flynns and The Keelings

*in memory of Richard, Edith,  
and Thomas Carbeck;  
Ken Keeling; Larry Lande; Gordon Flynn*

Connie George

*in honor of Kristin and Derek Staudt*

JoAnn Hirth

*in memory of Greg Schladt*

Margaret Klammer

*in honor of my Westminster family*

Ralph & Suzanne Lange

*in memory of Richard Lange, brother*

Richard LeSueur

Nancy & Walt Lunsford  
*in memory of both of our parents*

Gale Ring

*in honor of Catherine Graham;  
in memory of Gary Graham*

Doug & Elizabeth Tidd

*in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Orlow*

April & Dave Wright

*in memory of Bill, Marilyn,  
and Steve Wright; Happy & Grace Mitchell;  
Elias Wright; Linda Jo (Mitchell) Nehring;  
Gail (Mitchell) Goodell*

## *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](http://bit.ly/westpres_online).

**For deacon care**, please contact Janet Eaton ([jmfeaton@umich.edu](mailto:jmfeaton@umich.edu)).

**Thank you for continuing to fulfill your pledges** and financial commitments in support of the mission and ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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