

# *winter's grace*

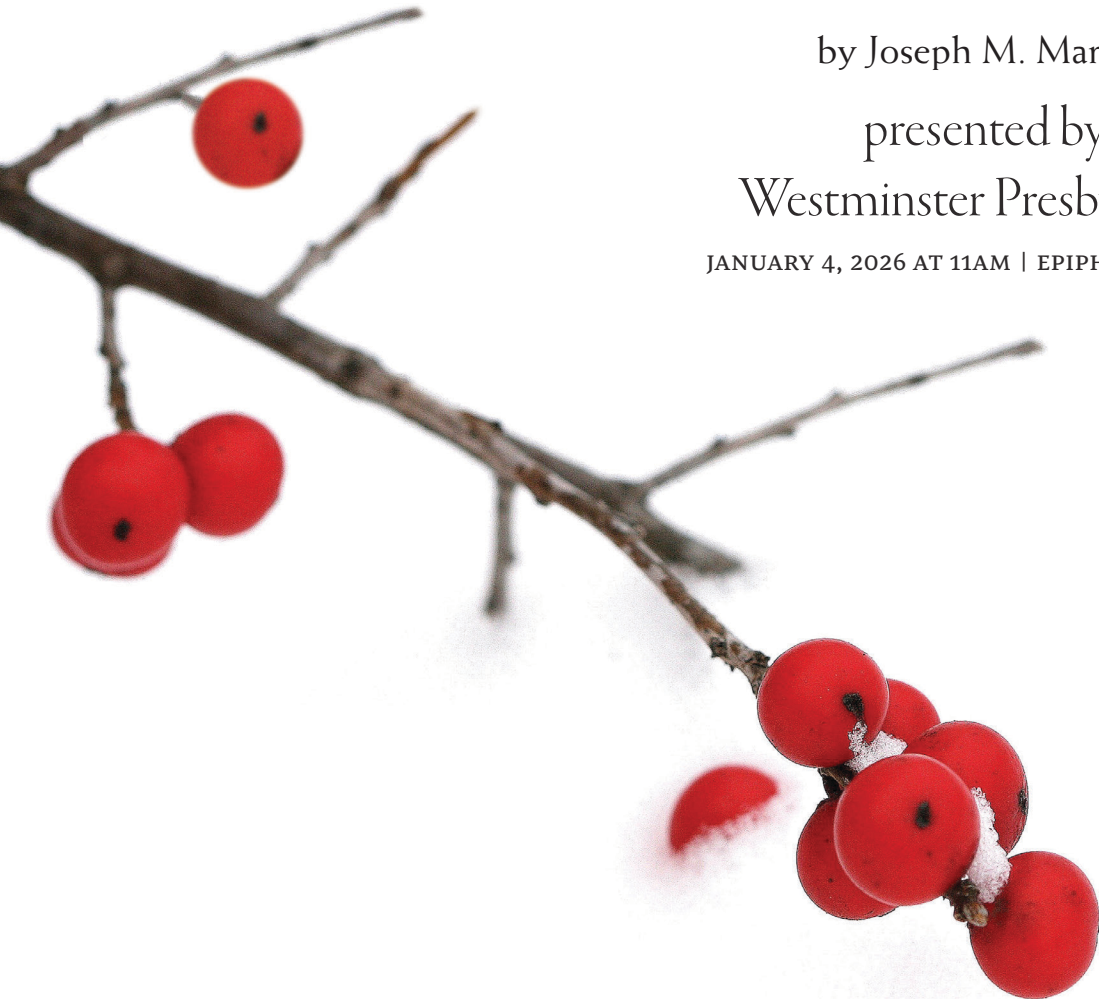
## A CANTATA FOR CHRISTMAS

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Westminster Presbyterian

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# We Come Into God's Presence with Joy

Life of the Church

\* Call to Worship

Earl Begg, liturgist

*Let us go, in heart and mind,  
to see what has come to pass.*

*Let us go with the shepherds:*

**Let us go to find the Savior!**

*Let us go with the wise ones:*

**Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!**

*Let us go with the poor and humble:*

**Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.**

*Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations.*

*Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him:*

**Christ the Lord!**

*from "The Gift of Joy: Isaiah 12" posted on the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship website*

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

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- I. *Prologue*  
**April Wright, soloist**
- II. *A Winter's Song*
- III. *Celebration for Advent*
- IV. *Hope, Peace, Joy, Love*
- V. *Carols of Adoration*  
**Dorothy MacArthur, soloist**

*Please join the choir in the refrain:*

**O Come, let us adore him.**  
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**O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

- VI. *Carols of Promise and Peace*
- VII. *Let the Earth Resound with Praise!*
- VIII. *What Strangers Are These?*  
**Carole Franklin, soloist**

IX. *Canticle of Peace*

X. *Silent Night, Holy Night*

*Please join in the first and last verses of this carol:*

**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.**

Verse 2 (choir only)

Verse 3 (choir only)

**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.**

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Instrumental Ensemble:

Marcia Anderson, clarinet

Gail Arnold, flute

Sonia Lee, violin

Carla Margolis, percussion

Shawn McDonald, piano & conductor

## *This Week's News*

**New Year's Celebration:** Our annual New Year's Celebration will return on Saturday, January 10! Join us for a special performance of jazz, cabaret, and dance music by Club Cole! Snacks and fellowship will start at 6:30pm, with the performance beginning at 7pm. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board; attendees are encouraged to bring an appetizer or cookies to share. It's sure to be a fun evening together with a great performance by Shawn and Carla to welcome in 2026! Invite your friends, neighbors, and family.

**We will celebrate Communion** on Sunday, January 11th, a week later than usual to account for the Cantata on January 4th.

**Game Night!** Our next game night will be on Friday, January 9. 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend and join the fun!

**Lunches for HOPE:** To welcome in the new year, the Mission Ministry Team is sponsoring Sack Lunches for Hope Clinic from January 4-February 8. Our new motto is 96 in '26. We're aiming for 96 lunches packed out, which will cover one day's need. More information will be coming soon. Thank you all for your continued support and generosity as we reach out into the community and help our neighbors!

## Grow in Faith and Friendship

**Reading Through the Bible Group** meets Sundays at 9:30am in Room 34 and via Zoom. Contact Marcia Anderson (hilden.anderson@gmail.com; 734-757-4305) for more information.

**Sunday Morning Adult Ed** meets in the fellowship hall at 9:30am.

**Children and Youth Faith Formation** meets on the second and third Sundays of each month at 9:30am. Contact Cathy Daniels (catld1121@gmail.com) for more info.

**Monday Conversations** are weekly at 1pm online: an opportunity to discuss Sunday's sermon in a small group. 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. 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. Contact Linda Harnisch for more information (rlharnisch@gmail.com).

### We pray for our Westminster family

**Ongoing needs:** Cara Doane, Donna Greyerbiehl, Kathy Kamm

**Condolences:** Our prayers continue with Peter and Paul Gensheimer, and their family, as we remember the life of Anne Gensheimer, who passed away last month.

Please email prayer requests to Amy Welzenbach (awelzenbach411@gmail.com) 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.

## *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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