



A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

2022 CHRISTMAS DAY
10:00 A.M.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS DAY CAROL SERVICE

DECEMBER 25, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Polish Carol

***Ringing of the Bell** *The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower bell.*

***Lighting of the Christ Candle and Call to Worship**

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was
with God, and the Word was God.

People: **The Word was in the beginning with God.
All things came into being through the Word,
and the Word was the light of all people.**

Leader: The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.

People: **The Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen God's glory.**

Leader: To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord.

People: **Glory to God in the highest! Christ is born! Alleluia!**

Leader: Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
(The Christ Candle is lit.)

***Hymn 133** O Come, All Ye Faithful *Adeste Fideles*

***Christmas Prayer** God of mystery and might, we praise and worship you,
for you came to us as a child of humble birth. We
thank you for the hope of the prophets, the song of the
angels, and the wonder of the shepherds. We thank you
that in Jesus you became flesh and dwelt among us,
sharing human hurts and joys.

In Christ's face we behold your glory, for Christ is the great light in our darkness. With grateful hearts, we praise your name, and tell this sacred story, that all may rejoice and believe the good news of your love. Amen.

***Declaration of Faith**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
People: **Jesus Christ, our Savior, is born today.**

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

***Response of Praise**

Gloria Patri Hymnal, Back Cover

Children's Sermon

Children will remain in worship following the Response

Congregational Response

Go, Tell It on the Mountain *Go Tell It*

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. ***Refrain***

The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. ***Refrain***

Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. ***Refrain***

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Pew Bible, OT page 638

***Carol 132**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

In Dulci Jubilo

***Responsive Psalm**

Psalm 96

Leader:

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People:

**Sing to the Lord; bless God's name;
tell of God's salvation from day to day.**

Leader:

Honor and majesty are before God;
strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.

People:

**Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Leader:

Worship the Lord in holy splendor;
tremble before God, all the earth.

People:

**Say among the nations, "The Lord is king!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
God will judge the peoples with equity."**

Leader:

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar and all that fills it;
let the field exult and everything in it.

People:

**Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the Lord, for God is coming,
for God is coming to judge the earth.**

Leader:

God will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with God's truth.

***Carol 145**

What Child Is This

Greensleeves

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:1-14

Pew Bible, NT page 58

Meditation

The Sacred Journey

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

The text: And she gave birth to her firstborn son... Luke 2:7

Anthem The Snow Lay on the Ground *Venite Adoremus*
The text for the anthem is 116 in the Glory to God hymnal

The Presentation of Our Gifts *At this time all worshipers are invited to sign and pass the Ministry of Friendship folders in the pew racks.*

Offertory Gesu Bambino Pietro Yon

***Offertory Response** Doxology Hymnal, 606

***Prayer of Dedication** Holy One, on this morning we thank you for the gift of Jesus our Savior. By your Spirit, fill our hearts with gratitude and joy that we may give as we have received. May our offerings bring peace and goodwill, and may our lives reflect your humility, God of love. Amen.

***Carol 110** Love Has Come *Bring a Torch*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary** I Saw Three Ships Traditional English Carol

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

IN MEMORIAM

William Meriweather 07/29/1940 -12/18/2022
United with Westminster 04/28/1991

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Greeters:** Paul Kieffer and Mary Ray
- **Christ Candle Lighters:** Mary and Coleman Moore
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Dale Rogers, organist
- **Ushers:** George Botanga (Head Usher) Mervice Alah Abung, Rich Canady, Terry Haynor, Alyssa Haacker, Paul Kieffer, Mary King, Mary Ray
- **Safety Team:** John Stafford
- **Videographers:** Bob Fox and Krista Steller

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** Infants, toddlers, preschoolers (Nursery) This week's Bible Story: "Baby Jesus is Born!" Caregivers: *Cathy Brower and Karen Sherrick*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children in Pre-K – Grade 5** remain in worship for this festive carol service. No Sunday School today.

WELCOME OUR VISITORS AND MERRY CHRISTMAS! We are delighted you have joined us on this Christmas morn! Information about who we are is in our Welcome Brochure located in the pew pockets and on our website www.wpcspi.org. Please complete the Ministry of Friendship folder located on the end of each pew. If you are interested in joining, please speak to a pastor.

WI-FI HEARING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM is available in our Sanctuary. A basket is located at each Sanctuary entrance with instructions to install the app for those with Bluetooth enabled hearing aids, lanyards and hearing amplifier packets for those with regular hearing aids, hearing amplifier packets and disposable earbuds for those without hearing aids. Please return the lanyards and hearing amplifier packets at the end of worship. For assistance, ask an usher.

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING assists current and retired church workers and their families who are in financial need, also makes it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Please look for the offering envelopes and nurture the promise of future leaders and those who serve the church.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, JANUARY 1 - Next Sunday on New Year's Day, we will gather for worship at 10:00 a.m. The service will include a meditation by Reverend Choi and the Sacrament of Communion.

CHURCH OFFICER RETREAT - On **Saturday, January 7** members of the Session and Board of Deacons will gather from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon in Parish Hall for worship and team building.

NEW OFFICER ORDINATION/INSTALLATION will be **Sunday, January 8** during service.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, December 26

All Day Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, December 27

No scheduled events

Wednesday, December 28

12:30 PM Reporter Team Meeting

Thursday, December 29

No scheduled events

Friday, December 30

12:00 PM Church Offices Close at Noon

Saturday, December 31

New Year's Eve

Sunday, January 1, 2017

New Years' Day

10:00 AM Communion Service (Sanctuary)

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