



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

*O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.*  
Latin, c. 12<sup>th</sup> century

**December 10, 2017  
Second Sunday in Advent  
Service of Lessons and Carols**

# Service of Lessons and Carols

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## CARILLON PEAL

### CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

Variations on a French Noel

*Claude Balbastre*

"What Child Is This" (Hymn 53)

*English tune, arr. Cathy Mokolbust*

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

*French carol, arr. Kevin McChesney*

Meditation on "In dulci jubilo" (Hymn 28)

*German folk tune, arr. Marcel Dupré*

(During the Call to Worship in Music you are requested to enter into a time of silence, actively opening your spirit to God's presence in your midst.)

### INTROIT - "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

*Hans Leo Hassler*

From heaven above to earth I come

To bring good news to everyone!

Glad tidings of great joy I bring

To all the world, and gladly sing.

### WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Tom and Frances Bankston

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

(Please greet your neighbor with a Christian welcome. For example, "Peace be with you" or "The peace of Christ be with you." Respond with "And also with you.")

### \*TOLLING OF THE CARILLON AND CALL TO SILENCE (Please remain standing.)

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMNS

49 - "Once in Royal David's City"

*Irby*

Stanza 1 - Soloist

Stanza 2 - Chamber Choir

Stanzas 3 and 4 - All Sing

58 - "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" (All sing)

*Winchester Old*

### PRAYER (in unison)

The Reverend Dr. Richard L. Baker, Jr.

All glory to you, great God

for the gift of your son,

light in darkness and hope of the world,

whom you sent to save us.

With singing angels,

let us praise your name,

and tell the earth his story,

that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down,

acknowledging your love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**RESPONSE** (All sing)

Stuttgart

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in thee.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST LESSON** - Genesis 3:8-15

Margaret Haney

*Adam and Eve are banished from the Garden.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Please use this response after each Scripture Lesson.)

**“Jesus Christ the Apple Tree”**

Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit, and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell,  
The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile:  
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

*Westminster Choir*

**SECOND LESSON** - Genesis 22:15-18

Milt Ross

*God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham.*

**“Come Ye, O Come, Emmanuel”**

Dan R. Edwards

Come, ye, O come Emmanuel, ransom captive Israel,  
God dwells with us, glad tidings we tell.

*Knox Choir (grades 7-12)*

**THIRD LESSON** - Isaiah 11:1-3; 6-9

Susan Wild

*The prophecy is proclaimed.*

**“Rejoice, Rejoice, the Savior Comes”**

*English carol, arr. Michael Burkhardt*

Rejoice, rejoice, the Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;  
Let every heart prepare a throne  
And every voice a song.

He comes the prisoners to release,  
In evil bondage held.

The gates of brass before him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to sure,  
And with the treasures of God's grace  
To bless the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Your welcome shall proclaim,  
And heaven's eternal arches ring  
With your beloved name.

- Philip Doddridge

**\*Hymn 9 (stanzas 1 and 3) - "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

*Veni Emmanuel*

**FOURTH LESSON - Luke 1:26-38**

Laura Bascom

*The angel Gabriel visits Mary.*

**A Waiting Carol**

*Helen Kemp*

He's coming! Oh, tell us, who is coming?  
Lord Jesus is coming to light our lives again!  
Each candle is saying, "Get ready for his birthday."  
Prepare us to greet him with love and joy, we pray.  
We wait with joy to greet you.  
We wait with love to meet you.  
Come quickly! Quickly come!  
We wait with joy.  
Come holy boy!

Oh, come, see the candles, the sparkle with light.  
They help us to wait for the day of delight!  
Come, lift up your voices, prepare for the boy.  
The birth of the Christ child will fill us with joy!  
Oh, come!

**"Lullaby, Holy One"**

*Polish carol, arr. Terry D. Taylor*

Lullaby, holy One, quiet your weeping.  
Mary is holding you, guarding and keeping.  
Rest now, oh, Jesus there's no need for crying.  
Safe in your mother's arms; hush all your sighing.

*Calvin Choir (grades 3-6)*

**\*Hymn 41 (stanzas 1 and 3) - "O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

*Adeste fideles*

*(Please stand with the choir.)*

**FIFTH LESSON - Luke 2:1-7**

Brent Manley

*Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

**"Just a Baby"**

*Allison Gilliam*

Just a baby in a manger,  
Much like any child today,  
In the stillness hear him crying,  
Cradled in the hay;  
But this baby, though so tiny,  
Came to be a King;  
"Son of God, born for all,"  
Hear his mother sing.

**"O Come, Little Children"**

*German carol, arr. Kathy Clark*

O come, little children, O come one and all,  
O come to the manger in Bethlehem stall,  
Where sweetly he lieth, the heavenly child,  
So poor and so humble, so meek and so mild.  
  
Now "Glory to God" sing the angels on high,  
And "Peace upon Earth" heavenly voices reply,  
Then come little children and join in the song,  
That gladdened the world on the first Christmas day.  
  
*Cherub Choir (grades K-2)*

**\*Hymn 44 (stanzas 1 and 4) - "O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

*St. Louis*

**SIXTH LESSON - Luke 2:8-20**

*Gail Evans*

*The shepherds go to the manger.*

**"Run, Shepherds, Run"**

*William M. Shoenfeld*

Run, shepherds, run to Bethlehem; follow the star that shines so bright.  
Run, shepherds, run with all your might; follow that star, oh, so bright!  
Singing gloria, gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!  
  
Run, shepherds, run, for peace has come, born in the form of a little child.  
Run, shepherds, run, both old and young; seek ye the Babe, wrapped so snug.  
Singing gloria, gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Run, shepherds, run, don't tire now.  
In a moment you shall kneel, giving honor and glory and blessings all!  
Singing gloria, gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!  
  
Hush! Now, shepherds, your journey's ended.  
See the babe sleeping, oh, so calmly.  
Run, shepherds, run back to your flock, singing honor and glory and blessings all!  
Singing with the angels: gloria, gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria!  
  
- William Drummond of Hawthornden (17<sup>th</sup> cent.)

**"The Dark Softly Falling"**

*Austrian carol, arr. Harriet Ziegenhals*

The dark softly falling brings with it the night.  
So come we before you, our Savior and Light,

To be singing a lullaby to our loved ones so small,  
We know you're not sleeping, we still hear your call.  
Lullaby, lullaby, now sleep dearest child.

Ah yes, that stable how lovely thou art.  
Oh, how from your good could we ever depart.  
We sing you a melody to wish you our best,  
While angels from heaven are bringing you rest.  
Lullaby, lullaby, now sleep dearest child.

Forget not, oh little one, discomfort and care,  
That you in your manger must patiently bear.  
The angels who watch o'er the place where you lie,  
Bring beauty no king for his palace could buy.  
Lullaby, lullaby, now sleep, dearest child.

**"All My Heart This Night Rejoices"**

*German tune, arr. Austin C. Lovelace*

All my heart this night rejoices,  
As I hear, far and near,  
Sweetest angel voices:  
"Christ is born," their choirs are singing,  
Till the air, everywhere, now with joy is ringing.

Hark! A voice from yonder manger,  
Soft and sweet, doth entreat:  
"Flee from woe and danger;"  
Come and see;  
From all that grieves you, you are freed;  
All you need I will surely give you."

Come, then, let us hasten yonder;  
Here let all, great and small,  
Kneel in awe and wonder;  
Love him, who with love is yearning;  
Hail the star, that from far  
Bright with hope is burning!

**\*Hymn 40 (stanzas 1 and 2) - "Joy to the World!"**

*Antioch*

**SEVENTH LESSON - Matthew 2:1-11**

Barbara Wilson

*The Wisemen are led by the star to Jesus.*

**"Out of the Orient Crystal Skies"**

*Richard Zgodava*

Out of the Orient crystal skies,  
A blazing star did shine,  
Showing the place where poorly lies  
A blessed babe divine.

This shining star three kings did guide  
Even from the farthest east,  
To Bethlehem where it betide  
This blessed babe did rest.

He was born of a maid of royal blood  
Who Mary was called by name,  
A sacred rose which one did bud  
By grace of heavenly flame.

And for the joy of this great birth  
A thousand angels sing,  
Glory and peace unto the earth,  
Where born is this heavenly King.  
- English (c.1610)

**EIGHTH LESSON** - John 1:1-5, 10-12, 14, 16  
*John unfolds the mystery of the incarnation.*

Regina Payne

**Hymn** - "Silent Night, Holy Night" (All sing)  
**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.**

*Stille Nacht*

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

(During the Offertory, please fill out the Fellowship Pads and pass them up and down the pews in order that we may greet one another by name after worship.)

Offertory Anthem – "The Snow Lay on the Ground" *English melody, arr. Leo Sowerby*

The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright,  
When Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night.  
*Venite adoremus Dominum;*  
*Venite adoremus Dominum.*

'Twas Mary, virgin pure of holy Anne,  
That brought into the world the God-made man.  
She laid him in a stall at Bethlehem;  
The ass and oxen shared the roof with them.

Saint Joseph, too, was by to tend the child;  
To guard him and protect his mother mild:  
The angels hovered round, and sang this song,

And thus that manger poor became a throne;  
For he whom Mary bore was God the Son.  
O come, then, let us join the heavenly host  
To praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**\*HYMN 56 - "The First Nowell"** (All sing)  
(Please stand at the first note of the organ.)

*The First Nowell*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE - Seven-Fold Amen**

*John Stainer*

**CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY - Rondo in G**

(The Concluding Voluntary is the final Alleluia of our worship.  
You are invited to remain in silence.)

*John Bull*

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

**Add your prayer to our Prayer Wall**, located in the Sanctuary near the Chancel on the east wall. You will find blank prayer papers and pencils in the four mini-desks built into the wall. Write your prayer on the paper, roll up the paper, and insert it between the bricks of the wall. These prayers are completely private, between you and God. After the first Sunday of each month, the wall will be cleared and all prayer papers will be respectfully burned. Prayer Wall postcards are now available to send to someone for whom you prayed. They are located in the Prayer Wall mini-desks and the Narthex.

*I will call upon you, O Lord; come quickly to me: give ear to my voice when I call to you. Let my prayer be counted as incense before you. Psalm 141:1-2a.*



**The Service of Lessons and Carols:** Originating in England, the Service of Lessons and Carols is one of the most beloved traditions of Advent and Christmas for many churches. God's purpose, from creation to the Incarnation, is proclaimed in a sequence of Scripture readings and both choral and congregational song. This service was first conceived by Archbishop Benson for use in the Truro Cathedral in the late nineteenth century and was simplified and adapted for use in King's College Chapel, Cambridge, in 1918.

**Liturgist:** The Reverend Dr. Richard L. Baker, Jr.

**Participating Choirs:**

Westminster Ringers (Jerry Taylor, Director)

Westminster Choir

Knox Choir (grades 7-12; John Neely, Director; Brent Manley, Pianist)

Calvin Choir (grades 3-6; John Neely, Director; Brent Manley, Pianist)

Cherub Choir (grades K-2; Rachael Boezi, Director; Linda Norkus, Pianist)

Marcia Wood is directing the Offertory Anthem.

**Readers:** Those who read the lessons vary from year to year. Today the readers are Stephen Ministers.

**Bible Bearer:** Marty Jones

**Associate Pastor for Music:** John Neely

**Music Associate** (organist today): Jerry Taylor

**Instrumentalists:**

French Horn – Jamey Boezi

Flutes – Hilary Toerner and Marcia Wood

Percussion – Sue Seeberger, Mike Toerner, and Christi Wilson

**Soloist:** "Once in Royal David's City" – Rachael Boezi

**Chamber Choir:**

Sopranos – Rachael Boezi, Amy Potter, Kathy Raisch, Mary Ann Woods

Altos – Carla Drye, Sharon Norton, Barbara Piatt, Sue Seeberger

Tenors – Mike Gregory, Bob Knechel, Tom Lehmann, John Norkus

Basses – Gary Blacklidge, Nick Raines, Dave Roderick, Paul Weaver

Composer of the arrangement of "O Come, Little Children" is Westminster Choir member Kathy Clark.

**Head Usher:** Tom Best

**Church Office Receptionist:** Virginia Miller

**CPR/AED:** Linda Kohl, Bob Cline

**Head Greeter:** Peggy Conner

**Bus Driver:** Ernie McCallister

## **Advent and Christmas at Westminster**

### **Mission Arts and Crafts Sale**

*Today, 9:00-10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.,  
and before and after the Carol Sing this Friday, December 15.*

The sale will be located on the west side of the Sanctuary in Room 207-211. Wonderful treasures galore—come and see! Your purchase will help support needy artisans from around the world.

### **Cookie Walk**

*Today, in Fellowship Hall, immediately following worship*

Purchase a delicious variety of home-baked cookies, candies, pies, and cakes, and help Westminster Presbyterian Women support the PDA Hurricane Relief program and The Castle.

### **Noonday Carol Sing**

*This Friday, December 15*

**12:00 Noon** - Handbell Prelude

Westminster Ringers

**12:10- 12:40 p.m.** – Carol Sing

A fun and festive community event with carol singing by all and music by the choirs of Xenia High School.

A quick lunch for \$6 will be served following the Carol Sing. Invite your friends!

### **Christmas Eve**

*Sunday, December 24*

**10:00 a.m. - Christmas in the Stable**

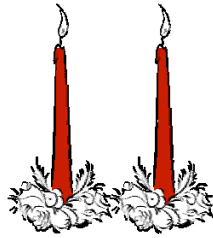
This service is designed as a family service, but all are invited. Children are encouraged to come to the worship service dressed as their favorite character from the Christmas story. Baby dolls are welcome to come as baby Jesus, and stuffed lambs,

cows, and other animals are encouraged to come to decorate the stable. Extra costumes will be available in the Narthex before the service. The nursery will be available for our tiniest members. Following worship, parents are welcome to photograph children at the manger, and everyone is invited to go to Fellowship Hall for a birthday party for Jesus.

**10:00 p.m. - Christmas in the Cathedral**

An extended Prelude begins at 9:20 p.m. Arrival at 9:00 p.m. is suggested. Please do not save seats. Please note that nursery care is *not* available. This service features a darkened Sanctuary, candlelight, the Westminster Choir, Carillon Bells, Te Deum Ringers, Betsy Hofeldt, violinist, and Mark Hofeldt, cellist. Plan to bring a friend to this beautiful Christmas Eve service.

*Additional free parking will be available in the lot on the corner of Perry and Second Streets (former location of Family Court Building). The entrance to this lot is on Second Street.*



**Looking Ahead...**

**Children's Epiphany Party**

*Saturday, January 6, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.*

Here is a chance for children and parents to enjoy an Epiphany party *after* the hubbub of December. Following the tradition of the Wisemen, whom scholars indicate actually found their way to the manger some time after Jesus' birth, we will celebrate their epiphany of seeing the Christ child and presentation of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. This relaxing evening begins with a child-friendly menu provided for all, followed by Epiphany crafts (including Shrinkydinks, aromatic sachets, and cookie house decorating) and storytelling by our teens. Families with children (infant - second grade) are encouraged to attend and bring friends with children.

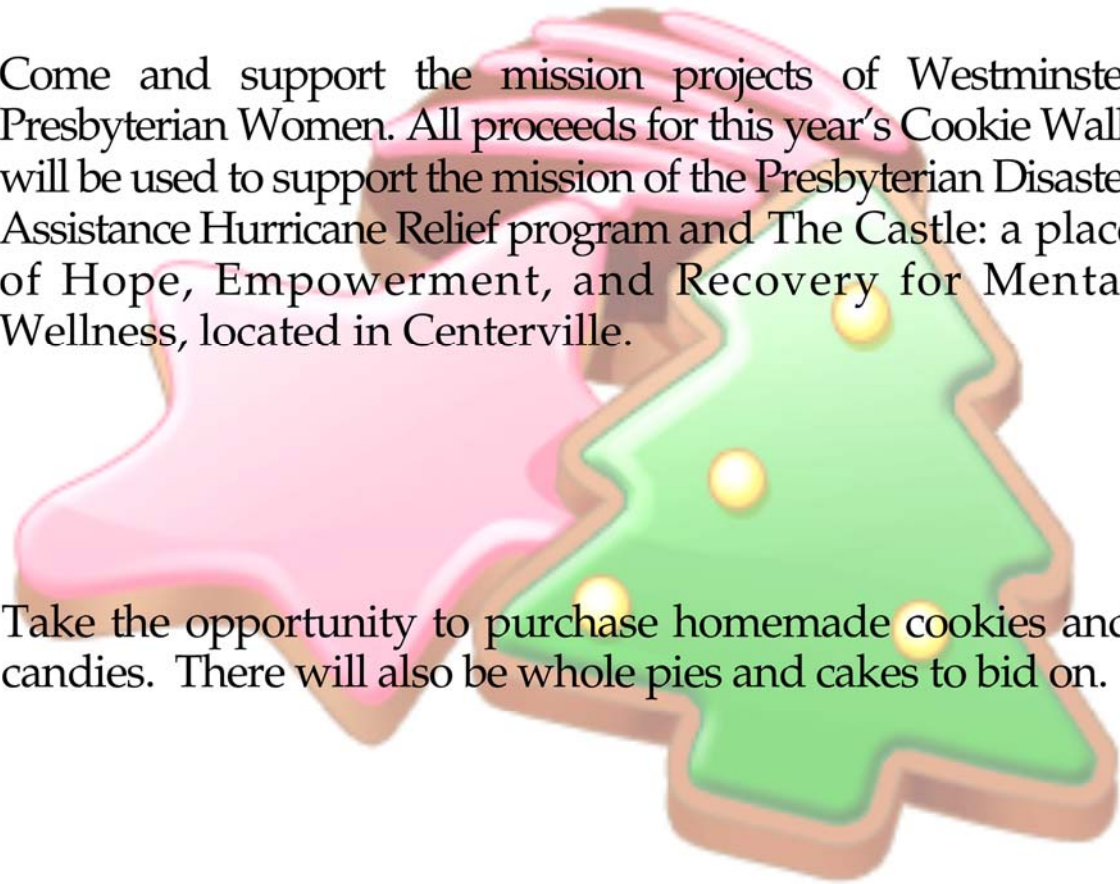
# Cookie Walk

**TODAY**

Fellowship Hall

Come and support the mission projects of Westminster Presbyterian Women. All proceeds for this year's Cookie Walk will be used to support the mission of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Hurricane Relief program and The Castle: a place of Hope, Empowerment, and Recovery for Mental Wellness, located in Centerville.

Take the opportunity to purchase homemade cookies and candies. There will also be whole pies and cakes to bid on.



In Montgomery County, 1 in 5 live in poverty

Support the Identification Ministry

A Special Offering - December 17



Our neighbors need our help. As a downtown church, we are visited daily by people looking for emergency assistance. Some are fleeing abusive relationships; some have been released from prison with nothing but a mug shot to their name; others are hard-working parents and guardians living paycheck to paycheck and providing for their children.

The ID Ministry is the #1 source in the county of help for people needing state IDs and birth certificates and serves a crucial role in supporting the underserved. Every Wednesday morning, our volunteers help over 100 people who need assistance securing state identification cards and birth certificates — required items for obtaining access to food, housing, and other services in the community. This year, the ID Ministry has issued \$55,000 in checks, the highest demand since the program's inception, and the need keeps growing.

**Helps us continue to show our neighbors the love of God, and transform their lives.**

For more information about the ID Ministry, and the impact it has on our community, contact Jenne Gross ([jenne@westminsterdayton.org](mailto:jenne@westminsterdayton.org) or 937-223-7285)

# The *Impact* of Your MAC Purchase



INDIA

## 1 EMPOWERED WOMEN

Through their work and income, women develop confidence in all aspects of their lives.



SOUTH AFRICA

## 2 EDUCATED CHILDREN

Children are protected and gain access to education.



UGANDA

## 3 STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Sustainable income and long-term investments create thriving artisan neighborhoods.



NEPAL

## 4 CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Eco-friendly materials and hand-crafting protect the earth.

## WELCOME VISITORS!

**We are glad you are here.** During the offertory, we hope you will take the opportunity to provide your name and contact information on the Fellowship Pad when it gets passed to you in the pew. After the service today, please stop by our "Welcome Center" just outside the Sanctuary's double doors. We have a small gift for you today to say, "Thanks for being here today" and for adding to our worshipping community.

## PARISH NOTES

**The white poinsettias** under the painting are given in loving memory of Merritt and Dottie Culp by their family.

Please join us following worship for **Coffee Hour**, downstairs in Fellowship Hall. You are invited to enjoy some light refreshments and fellowship. Donation containers for members are placed near the coffee.

Next Sunday, December 17, come to the Chapel Reception Room and have your **blood pressure checked** from 9:30 to 9:45 and 11:00 to 11:15 a.m.

**Emergency Response Training**—Sunday, December 17, 12:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall. A special training on the topic of active shooter response will be conducted by the Dayton Police. This is a repeat training that has been given to church staff and front-line church volunteers. Contact Craig Showalter ([craig@westminsterdayton.org](mailto:craig@westminsterdayton.org)) with any questions

**Beautiful Note cards of the Te Deum window** are for sale in Fellowship Hall next Sunday—\$10 for a packet of six, with two assortments from which to choose. All proceeds go to the Capital Campaign. This is a project of the Highlander Presby Group.

In Advent we listen to the words of the prophets and the angels that proclaim the Good News of the Messiah's birth. In the living of our lives, we need people to listen to us and help us through conversation realize where God is present, particularly in times of struggle. **Stephen Ministers** are trained listeners ready to offer a compassionate ear. If you could benefit from extra support this holiday season, please contact Sue Hamilton.

We wrap Christmas presents and gifts of food with beautiful paper or holiday-colored ribbons. It is a joy to share expressions of love. Sometimes what is most needed is to be wrapped in prayer. If you know of someone who would be comforted this Advent season

with the gift of a **prayer shawl**, please stop by the Library before worship on Sunday morning or immediately following the service, and a member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry Team can help you.

In the season of Advent we wait for the coming of Christ, the Prince of Peace. The **Earth Stewardship Ministry Team** invites all to discover the peacefulness of God in all of nature, to care for the elements of God's creation, and to let us be peace with our loved ones, ourselves, and our God. Scripture verses inform and inspire us on our journey. Each week, Earth Stewardship will share a new verse and a new practice for achieving the peace of the Season. Week 1—(Psalm 23: 2) "He makes me to lie down in green pastures"—A reminder to use organic enrichments to obtain the green lawns we so prize in our current culture.

**Large print bulletins, hymnals, Bibles, and sermons** are available in the Narthex, from an usher, or on the table by the elevator.

During the service, if you notice someone who appears to require **medical attention**, please *raise your hand or contact the head usher*. Response Team members will care for the person.

**If someone asks you for money**, we encourage you instead to give them one of Westminster's Emergency Assistance Cards, which are available in the Narthex or the Church Office.

Each week the churches of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley keep one particular congregation in their prayers. This week the churches are praying for **St. Luke United Presbyterian Church, Middletown**.

**Need to speak with a pastor after worship?** Here is where you can find them: Richard – Narthex; Sue – Perry St. door; Nancy and Denise – Fellowship Hall.

## ADULTS AND OLDER ADULTS

**Between Jobs**, a Westminster support group, assists people looking for work opportunities on their spiritual and vocational search. WPC volunteers also mentor some of these individuals. If you know of someone looking for work, please have them contact Vic Barnett ([vic.barnett@daytonaero.com](mailto:vic.barnett@daytonaero.com)). We will try to support with companies, contacts, and information. If you own a business or are a key decision maker, **Between Jobs** can use your ideas, a little bit of your time, and your talent.

## ADULT EDUCATION

### The Following Class Continues Next Sunday with Betsy Hofeldt, Violinist and Member of the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra

*Handel's "Messiah" through three lenses: Theologian, Musician, Conductor.* Together the pen of the prophet, the bow of the string player, and the baton of the conductor produce the kaleidoscope of sound and meaning in Handel's *Messiah*. In this course each of these three unique perspectives will be given a separate class. How do bow strokes drive the movement in "For Unto Us a Son is Given?" What is the role of the continuo and bass line, especially in the recitatives? How do the musical constructive aspects support the theology and story being told? How does the Maestro put it all together from the podium? The Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra will perform Handel's *Messiah* next Sunday, December 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Westminster Sanctuary. Tickets must be purchased in advance through [ticketcenterstage.com](http://ticketcenterstage.com).

## DONATIONS

Boxes of 2018 offering envelopes are in Heritage Hall for those who regularly use them. If you want a box of 2018 offering envelopes and one is not set up for you, please let the Church Office know and one will be available for you to pick up next week.

Please be advised that per IRS regulations, **all gifts must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2017, to receive credit for 2017.**

Our iPad giving kiosks are located in the Narthex near the Sanctuary doors. They accept contributions for any program of the church. Donations may be made by Visa, Master Card, or Discover credit cards. Donations may even be made anonymously.

Use your smart phone to scan the QR code on the back cover of the bulletin to visit our website and donate now electronically.

## INFANTS AND CHILDREN

**Infants and Toddlers** (Infant - 4 years old) are cared for from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 108. Parents of infants are provided a beeper by the nursery staff in case immediate communication is needed while they worship in the Sanctuary. During the worship hour, the older toddlers participate in a faith formation class, First Lessons in Faith, take part in an activity, and enjoy a snack.

We welcome young children to worship in our Sanctuary at Westminster today with cloth worship bags freshly stocked with new quiet, worship-related activities, including a Children's Bulletin and felt board designed specifically for today's service. Not all bags are the same! Next week, your child will likely find a different, new activity inside his or her bag. The bags can be found in a basket on a bench in the Narthex (main Sanctuary entrance) and upstairs in the balcony. All children are invited to use one throughout the worship time and then return the bag to its original location, taking the papers home with them.

**Children from Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade** will remain in the Sanctuary for the entire service of Lessons and Carols.

## MISSION

Registration is open for the **Service and Learning Mission Trip**, March 12-17. Brochures are available in the literature racks and on the church website. Please speak to Nancy Hodgkins or Sue Hamilton for more information.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** is currently responding to areas in the United States and worldwide that have been affected by disasters. You may make a donation to support the relief effort by using the PDA envelope in the pew rack or by giving online. Please make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church, and write PDA in the memo line.

## MUSIC

**Choirs for children and youth today. New members are welcome!**

**11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

*Genesis Singers* (4 and 5 year olds, Pre-K) - Room 104  
Holly Martin, Director

*Cherub Choir* (grades K-2), Theater  
Rachael Boezi, Director

*Calvin Choir* (grades 3-6), Room 100 (Choir Room)  
John Neely, Director

*Carillon Bells* (grades 7-8), Room 301  
Brent Manley, Director

*Te Deum Ringers* (grades 9-12), Room 300  
Jerry Taylor, Director

The **Knox Choir (grades 7-12)** will resume a regular schedule of rehearsal on Sunday, January 14.

**Handel's *Messiah*** - The Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra and Chamber Chorus will perform Handel's



monumental *Messiah* at Westminster next Sunday, December 17, at 6:30 p.m. For tickets call Ticket Center Stage: (937) 228-3630.

### YOUTH

The **Youth Class** will not meet this morning due to Lessons and Carols.

**Junior High and Senior High Youth Fellowships** will meet this evening for the Youth Christmas Party, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., at the home of Jack Mehlberth. All youth in grades 7 - 12 are welcome. We will leave from the Westminster parking lot at 5:00 p.m. Youth are asked to bring a wrapped candy or sweet (\$5) to exchange and \$2.00 for dinner. We will return to the parking lot at 8:00 p.m. Parents, please let Nancy know in advance if you plan to transport your youth directly to the party.

Looking for a way to catch up with your Westminster friends this Christmas? There will be a Christmas Open House for **Westminster Post-Highs and Young Adults** on Sunday, December 17, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the home of Holly and Scott Fischer (220 E. Dixon Ave., Oakwood 45419). Please contact the Fishers or speak to Nancy Hodgkins for more information.

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Members are known to be in the hospital** as of Thursday, December 7: Kettering Hospital—Sue Perry; Miami Valley Hospital South—Mike Grimes. Recently hospitalized and released: Jim Woodcock.



## Noonday Carol Sing This Friday, December 15

12:00 Noon - Handbell Prelude  
Westminster Ringers

12:10 - 12:40 p.m. – Carol Sing

A fun and festive community event with carol singing by all and music by the choirs of Xenia High School.

A quick lunch for \$6 will be served following the Carol Sing.  
Invite your friends!

**A SPECIAL NOTE TO OUR VISITORS THIS MORNING**

Thank you for your presence here in worship today. Every Sunday God blesses us with the gift of new visitors. Some of you have come across town or across the country and found your way here today. This may be your first time ever, or first time in a long while to be in a church on a Sunday morning. Or you may be a member of another congregation. Whatever tradition you may have come from, we are delighted to have you here today and invite you to experience our worship, Coffee Hour, Sunday classes, or whatever captures your imagination and need. To learn more about us, visit our website, [www.westminsterdayton.org](http://www.westminsterdayton.org), "Like Us" on Facebook, take a brochure from the pew rack, or contact the Church Office.

We have good news for you: Westminster is a safe place to ask questions and to live the questions of life that have no easy or pat answers. We believe that Jesus welcomes all people, just as they are, and so do we. We understand the life of faith to be a journey better walked together than alone. Westminster is an exciting congregation where you can grow in faith and discover meaningful opportunities to be a part of a community *where loving God and neighbor is transforming lives*. That's our purpose. And that takes all of us.

God's grace and peace to you this day,  
Westminster Pastoral Staff and Congregation

**MINISTERS**

All members of the Church

Richard L. Baker, Jr.....Pastor/Head of Staff  
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Nancy S. Hodgkins..... Assoc. Pastor for Youth & Mission  
Susan G. Hamilton..... Pastoral Affiliate for Congregational Care  
Denise W. Weaver.....Interim Assoc. Pastor for Spiritual Growth  
Jerry Taylor .....Music Associate  
Jenne Gross .....Mission Associate

Craig Showalter .....Business Administrator  
Amanda Newhart.....Executive Assistant to Dr. Baker  
Kate Stephenson ..... Administrative Assistant  
Miranda Watt ..... Administrative Assistant  
Brittany Campbell ..... Administrative Assistant  
Wayne King ..... Maintenance Supervisor  
Marvin Fleming .....Sexton

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Tom Perry

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**Event Schedule**

Visit our website at [www.westminsterdayton.org](http://www.westminsterdayton.org) for possible calendar changes.

**Sunday, December 10**

8:30	Nursery (birth - age 4)	108
9:00	Mission Arts and Crafts Sale	207-211
	Gifts from the Heart	Chapel
10:00	Service of Lessons and Carols	Sanctuary
10:20	First Lessons in Faith for Toddlers (ages 3-4)	106
11:00	WPW Cookie Walk	FH
11:00	Coffee Hour	HH
	Mission Arts and Crafts Sale	207-211
11:30	Genesis Singers Rehearsal (ages 4-5, Pre-K)	104
	Cherub Choir (grades K-2)	Theater
	Calvin Choir (grades 3-6)	100
	Carillon Bells (grades 7-8)	301
	Te Deum Ringers (grades 9-12)	Sanctuary
12:30	Deacons Christmas Caroling Lunch	WP
1:15	Deacons Christmas Caroling	
2:00	Student Recital (J.Y. How-VanderMeer's piano students)	WP/Sanctuary
5:00	Youth Christmas Party	

**Monday, December 11**

6:00	Victims of Homicide Service	Sanctuary
6:30	Bridge Interest Group	WP
7:00	Westminster Lecture Ministry Team	CRR

**Tuesday, December 12**

12:00	Staff Meeting	WP
4:30	Miami Valley Pipe Band Lessons	Library
5:00	Miami Valley Pipe Band	FH
7:30	<i>Messiah</i> Rehearsal—Dayton Philharmonic	Sanctuary

**Wednesday, December 13**

10:00	ID Ministry	Chapel/CRR
6:00	Earth Stewardship Ministry Team	Library
7:30	<i>Messiah</i> Rehearsal—Dayton Philharmonic	Sanctuary

**Thursday, December 14**

10:00	Coffee, Caring, and Crafts Circle	WP
1:00	W.I.N.G.S. Bible Study	YWCA
6:30	DGMC Committee Meeting	206
7:30	Westminster Choir Rehearsal	100

**Friday, December 15**

11:00	Mission Arts and Crafts Sale	207-211
	Westminster Ringers Rehearsal	Sanctuary
12:10	Noonday Carol Sing	Sanctuary
12:40	Lunch	Fellowship Hall
	Mission Arts and Crafts Sale	207-211

**Saturday, December 16**

9:00	Bach Society Board Meeting	WP
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**Sunday, December 17**

8:30	Nursery (birth - age 4)	108
9:00	Confirmation Class (grades 9-12)	WP
	Westminster Choir and Te Deum Ringers Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:30	Blood Pressure Check	CRR
10:00	Worship	Sanctuary
10:20	First Lessons in Faith for Toddlers (ages 3-4)	106
	Children and Worship (Pre-K—K)	102
	Come and See (grades 1 and 2)	104
10:55	CrossRoads: Education for the Journey	
	GPS Sunday (grades 1-6)	Theater
	Youth Class (grades 7-12)	301
11:00	Blood Pressure Check	CRR
	Coffee Hour	FH
	Westminster Note Card Sales	FH
11:20	Adult Education	Sanctuary
11:30	Genesis Singers Rehearsal (ages 4-5, Pre-K)	104
	Cherub Choir (grades K-2)	Theater
	Calvin Choir (grades 3-6)	100
	Carillon Bells (grades 7-8)	301
	Te Deum Ringers (grades 9-12)	Sanctuary
12:30	Active Shooter Response Training	FH
6:30	Dayton Philharmonic <i>Messiah</i> Performance	Sanctuary

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CRR—Chapel Reception Room  
FH—Fellowship Hall  
HH—Heritage Hall  
WP—West Parlor



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