



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christmas Eve 2010

4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

On this holy night, we welcome visitor and friend to Westminster Presbyterian Church. Like Christians who observed this celebration in centuries past, allow the excitement of this evening to illumine your heart and mind as we recall an event, a time, and a place like no other. As with the shepherds and wise men, you and I come seeking the Christ child. Feel the anticipation, hear the divine declaration, as this community of faith leads you to bow before the manger.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE

Nancy Smith, organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Unto us a child is born, and unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders; and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

People: Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* CAROL – “O Come, All Ye Faithful” ADESTE FIDELES

- 1) O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, Born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!
- 2) Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!
- 3) Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exaltation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS WREATH

4:00 p.m. – *Paul & Janet Schultz, Nathan, Erin, Kristen and Kathleen*

6:00 p.m. – *Carl & Allison Muller, Allidah, Wiley and Amelia*

The four candles have been lit. The season of preparation is past, and now it is Christmas Eve. We light the *Christ candle* in honor of His birth. It is the center candle as Christ Himself is central to our understanding of God. The white color signifies the pure life of Christ. The flame is a symbol of Christ, the Light of the world.

WELCOME

* CAROL – “The First Nowell”

THE FIRST NOWELL

- 1) The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.
- 2) They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far.
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.
- 3) And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.
- 4) Then let us all with one accord,
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with His blood our life hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-16

SOLO – “What Child Is This?”

arr. Smith

Mark Kemp, tenor

A CHRISTMAS STORY

Ludwig Weaver

“The Last Straw”

by Paula Palangi McDonald

* SERVICE OF CANDLELIGHTING AND “SILENT NIGHT”

The first verse of “Silent Night” will be sung as a solo by Mark Kemp. The congregation will join in on the second and following verses. **We will conclude by repeating the first verse.** As “Silent Night” is being sung, the lights will be dimmed, and the minister will light a candle from the Christ candle on the Advent wreath. The minister will light the candles of the ushers. They will then be passed from worshipper to worshipper. Remember that the lighted candle remains upright, and the unlighted candle is tipped to be lighted. Before leaving their pews, worshippers are requested to extinguish their candles.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- 1) 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.
- 2) Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."
- 3) Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
- 4) 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.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

- * CAROL – "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH

- 1) Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King,
Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
- 2) Joy to the world! The Savior reigns: let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3) No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow, far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4) He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

* BENEDICTION

- * POSTLUDE – "Flourish on ADESTE FIDELIS" arr. Mitchell

LITURGISTS:	4:00 p.m.	Steve Phillips, Dave Sems
	6:00 p.m.	Jean Weaver, Barbara Stoop
HEAD USHERS:	4:00 p.m.	Will Quinn
	6:00 p.m.	Stuart Jackson

* Congregation Standing

*Plates will be placed at the rear of the Sanctuary
for those desiring to leave a retiring offering.*

*The Pastors & Church Staff wish each of you
a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.*

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**THE SESSION
The Class of 2011**

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Denise Broderick	Tina Phillips
Christopher Carsten	Charlie Warth
Trey DuBose	David Massey
Anne Holleman	Jim Young

The Class of 2012

Ben Alexander	Amy Grace
Chris Beard	Jennifer Keir
Gayle Blouin	Tim Reed
Howard Boyd	Amanda Sanders
Dorothy Dowe	Paul Schultz
Joe Frasher	Courtenay Williams

The Class of 2013

Will Edwards	Becky Murphy
Carroll Farmer	Anne Nuttall
Lydia Kellett	Ben Rigby
Clara Lawson	Neil Shurley
Stuart Mauney	Russell Stall
Parks McLeod	Bill Wallace

PARKING

We have permission to use the parking lots at the Uniform Shop and Augusta Commons Mall. Also, we will use our green parking lot that will be lit for the services.

**TRAFFIC POLICE
OFFICER**

A Greenville city police officer will be on duty from 3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. to help people cross the street from the Carolina First Bank on the other side of Augusta Road.

NURSERY

Childcare is available for infants through four-year kindergarten. Our childcare program provides safe, secure nurseries for our babies and toddlers during worship services. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment to all children.

2010 BUDGET UPDATE

Our auditing firm has informed us that we must close our books on December 31. Please have any contributions you wish to show on your 2010 statement in by December 31, 2010. By fulfilling your pledge, you enable us to keep faith with our mission partners. Thank you.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26
WORSHIP**

This **Sunday, December 26**, we will have only *one* worship service at **11:15 a.m.** with no Sunday School.