

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 11, 2011

11:15 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

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Solo "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Hayes

\* Doxology (Hymnal, No. 592)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Prayer of Dedication

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

\* HYMN No. 22 "Angels From the Realms of Glory" REGENT SQUARE

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## "I Heard It From the Shepherds"

by RG Huff and Vicki Hancock Wright

Presented by the Junior & Senior Choristers and Cherub Choir

Hodie! Hodie!"

Madeleine Hopkins, Braeden Thompson, soloists

"Prophets? Who Were They?"

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

"Little Gray Donkey"

Cherub Choir

"Silent Night"

"Cradle Dance"

Addison Godwin, Caroline Eades, soloists

"I Heard It From the Shepherds"

"Angels We Have Heard on High/Hodie!"

Kell Runnion, Addie Cobb, soloists

The Choirs invite the congregation to join in singing the refrain of hymn no. 23

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

"He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child"

arr. Phillips

\*All who are able may stand.

HEAD USHER:

Joe Grace

SPONSOR:

Ann Fuller

GREETERS:

Sue Inman, Steve Johnson

Parks McLeod

LITURGISTS:

Ludwig Weaver and Dave Sems

If you are visiting this morning, we extend a special welcome to you. Westminster Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a community of faith open to all who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

## THE CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Kelly Kemp, Children's Choir Coordinator

Mark Kemp, Music Director

Martha Beaudrot, accompanist

Alexandra Mauney, Nicole Ream, assistants

Narrators: Kate Edmondson, Sutton Vanderbloemen, Wiley Phillips

## CHERUB CHOIR

Capers Bouton, Morgan Broderick, Katie Cobb, Dargan Culclasure, Jack DuBose, Jackson Eller, Ellis Farmer, Patrick Farmer, Olivia Galipeau, Katie Hoffman, Caroline Howard, Levi Kemp, Carter Likes, Creighton Likes, David Lowe, Laura Morgan, Rebecca Nelson, Abby Newton, Lincoln Oles, Spencer Ream, Margaret Rowan, Lily Runnion, Kathleen Schultz, Shaw Shurley, Ellie Thompson, Mary Burton Wilkins.

## JUNIOR CHORISTERS

Cameron Barnhardt, Carleigh Bultz, Teddy Cobb, Wiley Crittenden, Cara DuBose, Grant Eades, Ava Eads, Thomas Edmondson, Sarah Grace Givens, Elle Greer, Tyler Hohmann, Avery Howard, Anna Major, Ava Major, Bennett Maloney, Ellison Mallico, Cain McCall, Grant Moon, Ella Newton, Alexander Reid, Trey Sanders, Kristen Schultz, Rylie Shaw, Emma Shurley, Kennedy Thompson, Bruce Usher, Grayson White, Brice Woodhouse.

## SENIOR CHORISTERS

Grace Beasley, Emily Broderick, Addie Cobb, Wilkie Cobb, Douglas Culclasure, Ellie DuBose, Holly Dumpert, Caroline Eades, Kate Edmondson, Coleman Evans, Rees Evans, Chase Givens, Addison Godwin, Madeleine Hopkins, Cooper Kemp, Morgan Key, Logan Leonard, Cannon McEldowney, Ellis McLarty, Jackson Miller, Jack Montgomery, Jack Moon, Wiley Phillips, Kell Runnion, Anna Sanders, Davis Taylor, Braeden Thompson, Davis Usher, Sutton Vanderbloemen.

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## PARKING

We have permission to use the parking lots at the Uniform Shop and Augusta Commons Mall.

## TRAFFIC POLICE OFFICER

A Greenville city police officer will be on duty from 9:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. to help people cross the street from the other side of Augusta Road.

## STREAMING

Both the 9:00 a.m. and the 11:15 a.m. Worship Services are broadcast via live video streaming. Navigate to the home page of the church website at [www.wpc-online.org](http://www.wpc-online.org) and click the link under Worship called "Watch the Service on Sunday Live."

## CHURCH NOTES

During the worship service, children who are in K5 - 1st grade follow one of our ministers out for Children's Church in Room 207. The leader for Children's Church this Sunday, December 11:

**9:00 a.m.** Rand & Kim Wilson

**11:15 a.m.** NO Children's Church

**Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:**

Nancy Smith, organist

Emily Sweezey, soprano

**9:00 a.m.**

Chancel Choir

**11:15 a.m.**

Children's Choirs

**To preserve the worship environment, please refrain from taking photographs and videos during the musical.** DVDs of the worship service will be available in the church office for \$1. Please email Michelle Little at [michelle@wpc-online.org](mailto:michelle@wpc-online.org) to reserve your copy.

## 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.

## 2012 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

As of Tuesday, December 6, we have received \$1,762,039 in pledges toward our 2012 budget goal of \$2,162,386.

For your convenience, pledge cards are in the pews, or you may mail in your pledge or send it by e-mail to the Church Financial Secretary, Sherri Owens at [secretary@wpc-online.org](mailto:secretary@wpc-online.org).

## ADULT EDUCATION UPDATE

During the busy season of Advent join one of the following classes for a time of reflection and conversation about the depth, joy and demand of being a disciple of Christ.

### Journey to Bethlehem

Teacher: Barbara Stoop

### Holly Days/Holidays/Holy Days:

#### Preparing for a Spirit-Filled Holy Season

Teacher: Judith Chandler-Huse

#### Questions of Faith

Teachers: Henry Chaskelis

and Ellen Stevenson

#### The Writings of Paul

Teacher: Jean Weaver

## THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet **Monday, December 12, at 7:00 pm** in the **Charter Room**. Pat Shufeldt will show a DVD from the church library, A Thrill of Hope: The Christmas Story in Word and Art. Passages of the Christmas story, read from Luke and Matthew and illustrated by artworks of John August Swanson, are accompanied by commentary from faculty members of Candler School of Theology. All are welcome to come share in this special presentation.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

Tuesday, December 13

· **Circle #5:** Ilene Schlacht, chair, will have a Christmas Luncheon at **11:00 a.m. (instead of the usual 10:00 a.m. meeting)** in the **Entrance Pavilion**. Lesson Four will be led by Eldena Moore. **Mission:** United Ministries Heat Fund.

· **Circle #3:** Becky Murphy, chair, will meet at **6:00 p.m.** at Becky's home (123 Buckingham Rd.). **Helping Hostesses:** Beth Mitchell and Barbara Patterson.

Wednesday, December 14

· **Circle #6:** Ann Fuller, chair, will meet at **8:45 a.m.** Contact Ann ([asf82@aol.com](mailto:asf82@aol.com) or 281-0468) for meeting location.

## DRIVERS NEEDED

Some of our senior adults will need transportation to attend our Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon on **Tuesday, December 20**. The luncheon program begins at **11:30 a.m.** and will conclude by 1:00 p.m. If you are available, please contact *Ellen Miller* at 627-0725.

**THE FLOCK**

Join us **Friday, December 9**, for our Flock Christmas Party at the home of *Phillip & Laura Cox* (15 N Brookwood Dr.) at **7:00 p.m.** If you are interested in joining the Flock, want to get on our e-mail list, or just have questions, you can call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269 or e-mail at sphillips@wpc-online.org.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

This **Sunday, December 11**, we will meet at the home of *Mark, Kathy, and Robby Matlock* (75 Woodvale Ave.) for our Christmas party. **Meet there by 5:00 p.m. and get picked up by 7:00 p.m.** Everyone is to bring a gift between \$5-\$10 that is gender neutral. We will not meet on Sunday, December 18. If you have any questions, call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

**SENIOR HIGHS**

This **Sunday, December 11**, we will be shopping for coats, clothes, and toys for the Greenview Child Development Center for At Risk Children. Please bring money to contribute. We will leave following dinner at **6:00 p.m.** and we will return by **7:30 p.m.** Next **Sunday, December 18**, we will meet at the home of *Grayson Stafford* (101 Club Forest Lane) for an oyster roast beginning at **6:00 p.m.**

**Senior High Winter Retreat:** On **January 20-22**, we will go to Camp Fellowship for our annual Winter Retreat. The cost is \$90 for the entire weekend or \$45 for one night. This will cover all meals and room (including bedding). **Please sign up by December 18.** If you have any questions, call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS**

We look forward to seeing you over your school break, and as a welcome back, we invite you to join us on **Sunday, December 18**, for an Oyster Roast at the home of *Maggie and Colin Stafford* (101 Club Forest Lane) at **6:00 p.m.** The Senior Highs will be there as well for their Christmas party, so we invite you to bring along a tacky t-shirt and join us in our annual exchange. If you have any questions, call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

**“IT’S ELEMENTARY!” and TWEENS**

“It’s Elementary!” and Tweens will meet at Gatti Town on **Wednesday, December 14, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.** The cost is \$13.00. Parents should drop off and pick up at Gatti Town on Woodruff Road.

**CHRISTCARE GROUP MEETINGS**

• **Movie Group:** will meet **Sunday, December 11, at 4:30 p.m.** in **Room 209.** We will watch the film, *Joyeux Noel*. Following the movie, the group will go to Gourmet Pizza (2002 Augusta Rd.) at **6:30 p.m.** to discuss the film and for fellowship and dinner. **Leader: Janie Little, jrlittle42@gmail.com.**

**SENIOR ADULTS TO AIRPORT MARRIOT**

After the Churchwide Christmas Dinner on **Wednesday, December 14**, our Senior Adults will travel to The Airport Marriot Hotel to see their “St. Francis Festival of Trees.” Church buses will be available for the trip. Make your dinner and bus reservations by calling the church office at 232-2424 or on the church’s website: [www.wpc-online.org](http://www.wpc-online.org).

**MEN'S GROUP**

We invite all the men of the church to join us on **Wednesday December 21** at Gourmet Pizza at **7:15** for dinner and fellowship. If you have any questions or want to get on our e-mail list, call or write Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269 or e-mail at sphillips@wpc-online.org.

**ELDER CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteer drivers are needed in support of our Elder Care ministry. Because of physical limitations, some of our seniors are not able to drive and their regular transportation is not available. These trips include doctor’s appointments, special church programs or other important function or activities. To volunteer, call *Ellen Miller* at 627-0725.

**DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP**

A Divorce Support Group will begin on Wednesday nights, from **6:30 – 7:30**, beginning on **January 4, 2012.** This group will use the book *Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends*, and is open to all those who are going through separation or divorce. There is no cost, and child care is available upon request. Contact associate pastor Barbara Stoop for more information, or to sign up to attend. [bstoop@wpc-online.org](mailto:bstoop@wpc-online.org), or 313-6956.

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**2011 BUDGET UPDATE**

2011 Pledges	\$1,945,554
Amount Received	\$1,570,025
Pledges Outstanding	(\$375,529)

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 2011 statement in by December 31, 2011. By fulfilling your pledge, you enable us to keep faith with our mission partners. Thank you.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
December 11 - 17, 2011

**SUNDAY**

8:15 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting  
8:45 a.m. Witness & Service Committee Meeting  
9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team Meeting  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Worship Service  
12:15 p.m. Stated Session Meeting  
3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts  
4:30 p.m. ChristCare: Movie Group  
5:00 p.m. Middle School Group  
6:00 p.m. Senior High School Group  
6:15 p.m. ChristCare: Single Parent Group Meeting  
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

**MONDAY**

7:00 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous  
9:15 a.m. Moms In Touch  
5:15 p.m. NAMI  
7:00 p.m. Theology Reading Group  
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**TUESDAY**

11:00 a.m. PW Circle #5  
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon  
2:40 p.m. Daisy Troop  
6:00 p.m. PW Circle #3  
6:30 p.m. Weekday School Committee Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

8:45 a.m. PW Circle #6  
11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
3:00 p.m. “It’s Elementary!” and Tweens to Gatti Town Christmas Dinner/Walk Through Bethlehem  
5:30 p.m. Senior Adults to Marriot Hotel  
6:00 p.m. JustFaith Group Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY**

7:00 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous  
10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study  
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**EPIPHANY TEA**

The Presbyterian Women Epiphany Tea will be held on **Sunday, January 8, from 4:00-5:30.** There will be a brief service in the Sanctuary, followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship in the Atrium. Please plan to join the women of our congregation as we celebrate this special day in the life of the church.



As a congregation and as individuals, we strive not to lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas. It seems like there is an event every weekend and many times during the week. It is so easy to get lost in the parties, social gatherings, present buying, present wrapping, traveling, meal planning and preparation, etc. However, there are symbols all around us to remind us of "the reason for the season." I found an article that talked about the symbols around us and their special meanings during the Christmas season. It restated for me some of the things I knew in the past but had forgotten over the years. I wanted to share them with my church family.

✘ **The Christmas Tree** - Green is the second color of Christmas. The evergreen with its unchanging color represents the hope of eternal life in Jesus. The needles of the evergreen point heavenward as a reminder that our thoughts should point heavenward as well.

✘ **The Shiny Star that tops the tree** - The star is the heavenly sign of promise. God promised a Savior for the world and the star is the sign of God's fulfillment of that promise.

✘ **Red Ornaments** - Red is the first color of Christmas. Red is deep, intense, and vivid. It is the color of the life-giving blood that flows through our bodies. It is the symbol of God's greatest gift.

✘ **Bells** - Lost sheep can find their way back to the flock by the sound of a bell. Bells that ring during Christmas remind us that Christ is always calling his flock, wanting us to return to the fold.

✘ **Candles** - The glow of the candle represents how mankind can show thanks for the gift of God's son. Let your light shine before people. This is what is symbolized when we have lights on our Christmas tree, each light representing one of God's precious children, their light shining for all to see.

✘ **The Red and White Striped Candy Cane** - The white of the candy cane represents the virgin birth and the sinless nature of Jesus. The shape, "J", represents the precious name of Jesus and the crook that the shepherd uses to rescue fallen lambs. On the original candy cane, the three small stripes represent the scourging Jesus received and the large red stripe represents the blood our Savior shed for us.

✘ **The Christmas Wreath** - A wreath of fresh greenery with a bright red bow brings many of the symbols together in one place. The bow reminds us of the bond of perfection which is love. The wreath embodies all the good things about Christmas. It contains the colors of red and green and the heaven-turned needles of the evergreen. Its very shape is symbolic, a circle without beginning or without end, representing eternity and the eternal love of Christ.

I pray that Christ's light will shine upon you and your family during this wonderful time of the year.

*Mark Stokes*

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\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

\* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal, No. 579)

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