



A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

2022 CHRISTMAS EVE
7:30 P.M.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Voluntary Ding, Dong, Merrily on High

16th Century French

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

***Call to Worship**

Braden Barton

Leader: Behold, I bring you good news of great joy for all people: 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, and on earth, peace, goodwill toward all.

Leader: The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen God's glory. The light of the world has come.

People: O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Leader: This light is a light for all: illuminating our lives with the love of the God who would join us in our humanity.

People: Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant.

***Processional Hymn 133** O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

A Prayer for Christmas

Rev. Christian K. Choi

The First Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Bryce Pound

Carol Lo, How a Rose

Michael Praetorius

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright she bore to us a Savior,
when half-spent was the night.

This flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
Enfleshed, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us
and lightens every load.

The Second Lesson Isaiah 61:1-2, 11

Emily Brower

***Congregational Carol 134** Joy to the World

Antioch

The Third Lesson Luke 1:26-33

Aerwyna Eastvold

Meditation

We Need a Little Christmas

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Congregational Carol 122

Silent Night, Holy Night!

Stille Nacht

The Fifth Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

Louisa Eldridge

***Congregational Carol 119**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

The Sixth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-2, 9b-11

Amelia Tungett

**Presentation of Gifts
and Prayer of Dedication**

Offertory Carol

See, Amid the Winter's Snow John Goss, Dan Forrest, arr.

See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,
See the tender lamb appears, promised from eternal years.

Hail, thou ever blessed morn, hail redemption's happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

Lo, within a manger lies, he who built the lofty skies,
He, who, throned in light sublime, sits amid the cherubim.

Sacred infant, all divine, tender love was thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss, down to such a world as this.

Hail, thou ever blessed morn, hail redemption's happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

The Seventh Lesson John 1:1-5, 14

***Blessing and Sending**

***Congregational Carol**

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

*At the singing of the carol, you are invited
to ring bells during the refrain Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains, in reply,
echoing their brave delight.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing.
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*The carol will be sung twice. The congregation may begin
recessing as the carol is being sung the second time.*

***Ring of Christmas Bells**

() Stand as you are able.*

Westminster's Annual Candle Lighting Service

In 1920, twelve high school seniors from the Christian Endeavor Society planned and led a candlelight service during the Christmas season at Westminster. From this simple beginning with twelve red candles on the communion table, the service has grown in beauty and importance for the congregation. Three things have remained the same over the years: the leadership of the high school juniors and seniors, the singing of the carols, and the lighting of the candles to represent the Light coming into the world in a manger in Bethlehem.

Westminster High School Seniors:

Braden Barton
Emily Brower
Aerwyna Eastvold
Louisa Eldridge

Mia Marcy
Bryce Pound
Amelia Tungett

Participants in the Christmas Eve Service

The Reverend Dr. Blythe Denham Kieffer, Pastor
The Reverend Christian Ko Choi, Associate Pastor for Parish Life
Dale Thomas Rogers, Director of Music and the Arts
The Westminster Choir, Amelia Tungett, soprano,
Adam Miller, tenor, Lyle VanDeventer, bass, Mia Marcy, Liturgical Dancer
George Botanga (Head), Rich Canady, Julie McDonough, Mervice Alah Abung,
Terry Haynor, Mary King, Richard Leary, Mike Sundquist, Ushers
Mary Ray, Safety Team

The paraments on the pulpit, lectern, and communion table and the clergy stoles are white, the liturgical color for Christmastide. On the pulpit, the embroidered symbol is a Cross Etoile, a compound symbol combining cross forms with trefoil finials, which create a star. We are grateful to Susan and Scott Day and the late Kathie Nenaber for this splendid parament set.

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Westminster Presbyterian Church, welcome to worship this Christmas Eve. If you are considering becoming a part of a faith community, we hope you will consider Westminster. We are a community of faith within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), founded as an abolitionist congregation in 1835. We seek to continue that spirit of advocacy for justice and mercy in our world today.

Our worship service, rich in liturgy and a variety of musical styles, is held in our Sanctuary and live streamed each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. The service can be viewed anytime during the week at www.wpcspi.org. Our worship weaves the spoken word, music and silence in a way that touches the heart, nourishes the spirit, and challenges the mind.

We seek to build a thoughtful, developmentally informed ministry of education and spiritual formation. From the youngest to the oldest, we are committed to life-long learning as we honor the faith journey of each and are present with one another during the unexpected turns along the way.

On this Holy Night, we hope you experience the love and wonder of the God who chose to join us in our humanity.

Grace and Peace,



The Reverend Dr. Blythe Denham Kieffer

Westminster Mission Statement:

Westminster Presbyterian Church believes that it is in the world for ministry.

With each new day, we reaffirm our common purpose:

to join in the worshipful praise of God,

to teach the children, to lead and inspire the young,

and to call everyone to life-long learning in the church,

to be influential participants in society,

by being accountable to the Gospel,

to show the love and compassion of Jesus Christ toward each other,

and toward those who are hurting,

to be a caring community welcoming both friends and strangers,

to own our Presbyterian heritage, reformed and always reforming,

to be prayerfully open to the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.

Let the door of this church be a way to service.