

# Christmas Eve 2016 Family Services

4:00 and 5:30 p.m.



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## Westminster Presbyterian Church

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# WELCOME

**ON THIS HOLY NIGHT**, we engage one of the deep mysteries of our faith. In celebrating Christmas, we try to push away the cares of the moment and the rush of things to do. As we worship, we create a wide, sweet space to listen, to pray, to sing, and to receive the gift of God's presence. No one will ever make sense of how God, the Infinite, was revealed in the finite. So we tell a story and simply wonder at it all. Welcome to a house of wonder.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome everyone** to Westminster Church for these Christmas Eve Services. We extend a special welcome to visitors and those who return for the holiday. If you live in the Wilmington area and do not have a church home, we hope you will consider uniting with our church family. To learn more about our community of faith, please contact the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson at [sniesenthompson@wpc.org](mailto:sniesenthompson@wpc.org).

**You are invited to continue your Christmas Eve celebration** by attending one of our Candlelight Communion Services tonight at 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

**Our Christmas decorations** are labors of love by: Linda Watson, Jill Getty, Sue Weissinger, Carol Mosher, Lois Underhill, Mary Field, Nancy McFadden, Lola Miller, Clark and Donna Collins, Kevin and Chelsea Collins and their children. Our deep thanks to all who helped decorate our church for Christmas.

**The trees** in the Sanctuary, Rodney Chapel, and Pavilion have been decorated with 125 beautifully handmade ornaments called Chrismons (Christ + Monogram). We hope these Christian symbols will prompt you to contemplate Christ and the meaning of Christmas. Handouts with a description of the Christian ornaments are located on the literature table, near the reception desk.

**The Chancel flowers** this evening are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles M. Krick, Jr. and Ann E. Linderman by Sue and Bob Linderman.

**Church Office Holiday Hours:** The Church office will be closed Monday, December 26, and open December 27, 28, 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. if you wish to pick up a poinsettia and/or drop off a year end donation. All donations postmarked by December 31, 2016 will be considered received and credited on your 2016 contribution statement. If you have questions concerning the status of your 2016 pledge, please contact Colleen Falasco ([cfalasco@wpc.org](mailto:cfalasco@wpc.org) 302-654-5214, ext. 131) or Jerry Hunter ([jerryhunter@wpc.org](mailto:jerryhunter@wpc.org) or 302-654-5214, ext. 128).

### **Sunday, December 25: One morning service at 10:00 a.m.**

Join us as we celebrate the day of Jesus' birth.

Enjoy coffee and fellowship in Rodney Chapel following the service.

### **Sunday, January 1: One morning service at 10:00 a.m.**

Join us as we celebrate the New Year with communion. Nursery care provided.

Enjoy coffee and fellowship in Rodney Chapel following the service.

#### PASTORAL STAFF:

Gregory K. Jones, Head of Staff  
Sudie Niesen Thompson, Associate Pastor  
Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

#### CHURCH EDUCATOR:

Susan Moseley

#### MUSIC STAFF:

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music  
Merideth Hite Estevez, Director of Music for Children and Youth  
Section Leaders/Soloists: Diana Milburn, Sharon Babcock,  
David Price, Travis Lucas

#### DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Colleen Falasco

#### DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND SECURITY

Paul Crothamel

**THE CHILD IS BORN AGAIN**

Ann Weems, *Kneeling in Bethlehem*

Each year the Child is born again.

Each year some new heart

finally hears,

finally sees,

finally knows love.

And in heaven there is great rejoicing!

There is a festival of stars!

There is celebration among the angels!

For in the finding of one lost sheep,

the heart of the Shepherd is glad,

and Christmas has happened once more.

The Child is born anew and one more knee is bowed!

# CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP - 4:00 P.M.

*For the 5:30 service, see page 8*

TOWER CHIME

Sue Spilecki

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

See—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:

**to us is born a Savior – Christ the Lord!**

Let us come, rejoicing and praising God:

**Glory to God in the highest heaven!**

Let us worship the Lord!

\*CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*ADESTE FIDELES*

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!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;

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!

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Mike, Rose and Penny Gnade

Tonight we light the Christ candle to remember and celebrate that Jesus is the Light of the World.

The light still shines in the darkness and the darkness has never put it out.

PRAYER

**Living God, on this holy night we gather—**

**to stand with shepherds, amazed at your glory;**

**to sing with angels, rejoicing in your work;**

**to wait with Joseph, trusting in your promise;**

**to sit with Mary, cradling your love.**

**May the good news of this night inspire us to tell the world of our great joy:**

**for to us is born a Savior,**

**the Messiah, the Lord.**

**Glory and praise to you forever! Amen.**

*Passages in **bold** print may be said by all. At the asterisk (\*) please stand (as you are able).*

\*CAROL

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ST. LOUIS

O little town of Bethlehem,  
 how still we see thee lie!  
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
 the silent stars go by.  
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
 the everlasting light;  
 the hopes and fears of all the years  
 are met in thee tonight.

O holy child of Bethlehem,  
 descend to us, we pray;  
 cast out our sin and enter in;  
 be born in us today.  
 We hear the Christmas angels  
 the great glad tidings tell;  
 O come to us; abide with us;  
 our Lord Emmanuel!

THE JOURNEY AND THE BIRTH

Luke 2:1-7

*Mary, Joseph, & Jesus: Brian, Natalie, and Scarlett-Rae Ferry*

CAROL

"Away in a Manger"

CRADLE SONG

Away in a manger,  
 no crib for his bed,  
 the little Lord Jesus  
 laid down his sweet head.  
 The stars in the bright sky  
 looked down where he lay,  
 the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing;  
 the poor baby wakes,  
 but little Lord Jesus,  
 no crying he makes.  
 I love thee, Lord Jesus;  
 look down from the sky,  
 and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus;  
 I ask thee to stay  
 close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
 Bless all the dear children  
 in thy tender care,  
 and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

ANGELS SHARE THE NEWS

Luke 2:8-14

CAROL

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high,  
 sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
 and the mountains in reply  
 echoing their joyous strains.  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*  
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Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
 Why your joyous strains prolong?  
 What the gladsome tidings be  
 which inspire your heavenly song?  
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Come to Bethlehem and see  
 him whose birth the angels sing;  
 come, adore on bended knee  
 Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
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SHEPHERDS GO TO BETHLEHEM

Luke 2:15-20

CAROL

“The First Nowell”

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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.*

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.  
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KINGS FOLLOW THE STAR

Matthew 2:1-12

GIFTS IN CELEBRATION OF THE CHRIST CHILD

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A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Adapted from “Joy to the World” by John van de Laar

It may seem naïve,  
in a world of grief,  
**to choose to live in joy.**

It may seem foolish,  
in a world bent on despair,  
**to break forth into song.**

It may seem cruel,  
in a world of suffering and injustice,  
**to speak of light and celebration.**

But you have come, Jesus,  
**to bring joy into our grief,  
singing into our mourning,  
and light into our darkness.**

It is an act of healing and proclamation  
to believe and embrace the joy you offer.  
**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Hallelujah! Amen.**

\*CAROL

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!”

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn king!”

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace  
Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
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\*SENDING

We go forth, this holy night,  
**bearing God's radiant Christmas light.**  
May the story of Christ's humble birth,  
**God's love poured out on all the earth,**  
the Spirit's dance in joy and power  
**fill us in this and every hour. Amen.**

\*CAROL

“Joy to the Word”

*ANTIOCH*

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.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.

# CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP – 5:30 P.M.

TOWER CHIME

Sue Spilecki

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Christmas Medley  
*Luminary Youth Orchestra*

INTROIT

“To Bethlehem”  
*Sing-to-Praise and Joyful Noise Choirs*

Michael Bedford

Come Hannah, Come Greer!  
Prepare to see the King!  
Come Ella, Come Emma!  
Your finest gifts now bring!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, our Jesus Christ is near!  
We go now to Bethlehem  
to see the Lord most dear!

Come Charlotte, Come Drew and Grace!  
Let's hurry on our way!  
Come Matthew, come Keira!  
We must arrive today!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, our Jesus Christ is near!  
We go now to Bethlehem  
to see the Lord most dear!

The sick are our Bethlehem, the helpless need our care.  
The poor live their lives alone in houses crude and bare.  
Remember now what Jesus said and honor faithfully,  
“What you do for the least of these you also do for me.”  
Alleluia, Alleluia, our Jesus Christ is here!  
When we serve God's people, we serve the Lord most dear!

CALL TO WORSHIP

See—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:  
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Hope, peace, joy, and love –

**Four candles, four promises God offers creation.**

We have welcomed these promises while waiting –  
waiting to celebrate the birth of the babe who offers  
the hope of transformation,

the peace that follows justice,

the joy of grace shared,

and the love that sustains us.

**Tonight our waiting is over.**

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.

**He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,**

**Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Tonight we light the Christ candle, as we welcome the light of the world.

PRAYER

**Living God, on this holy night we gather—**

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SHEPHERDS GO TO BETHLEHEM

Luke 2:15-20

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven,  
 the shepherds said to one another:

**Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place,  
 which the Lord has made known to us.**

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Welcome to Our World”  
*Sing-to-Praise Choir*

Chris Rice

Tears are falling, hearts are breaking,  
 how we need to hear from God!  
 You've been promised, we've been waiting.  
 Welcome Holy Child!  
 Welcome Holy Child!  
 Bring your peace into our violence.  
 Bid our hungry souls be filled.  
 Words now breaking Heaven's silence!  
 Welcome to our world!  
 Welcome to our world!

Hope that you don't mind our manger,  
 how I wish we would have known!  
 But long awaited holy stranger,  
 make yourself at home!  
 Please make yourself at home.  
 So wrap our injured flesh around you,  
 breathe our air and walk our sod.  
 Rob our sin and make us holy.  
 Perfect Son of God.  
 Welcome to our world!

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in a world of grief,  
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Hark! The herald angels sing  
“Glory to the new born king!”

\*SENDING

Go to bring light to those who sit in darkness,  
**and joy to those in despair.**  
Go with the songs of angels in your ears,  
**and the love of God in your hearts.**  
Go in wonder to share the good news  
**Jesus Christ is born!**

\*CAROL

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

GO TELL IT

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

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

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

## **Participants in worship**

### **Luminary Youth Orchestra**

Kate Dietz, clarinet  
Lily Holmes, violin  
Greer Marvel, clarinet  
Aiden McCulloch, bells  
Tucker Poff, trumpet  
Baden Saathoff, cello  
Evelyn Saathoff, cello  
Owen Thomas, saxophone  
Kristian Tolbert, violin

### **Speaking and Non-speaking roles:**

Narrator 1	Kristian Tolbert
Narrator 2	Lily Holmes
Narrator 3	Aiden McCulloch
Town Crier	Drew Holmes
Mary	Sophia Malatesta
Joseph	Jax Trickey
Angel	Evelyn Saathoff
Prophet	Owen Thomas
Storyteller	Jill Getty

### **Choirs**

Joyful Noise Choir, Kindergaten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
Sing-to-Praise Choir, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade

**CHRISTMAS 2016 MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS**

**In Loving Memory of:**

*Bernie Alexander*  
*Carolyn and Edsell Eady*  
*Joan and Alfred Bacon, Jr.*  
*Dodson and Eleanor Barineau and Libby Drake*  
*Rose and Paul Jones, Russel O. Jones*  
*William Deans*  
*Mr. and Mrs. David Bernhard, Grandparents*  
*Mr. Victor Lawryniuk, Grandarent*  
*Mr. and Mrs. John R. Becker, Grandparents*  
*Pauline and Lewis Black*  
*Ross Micheals, Norman Naftzger and Jane Harper*  
*Our Parents and Other Loved Ones*  
*Thelma Green*  
*Brittany Burns*  
*My parents, Doug and Sally Buttner*  
*Our Parents*  
*Bill and Meg Taylor*  
*Henry and Ida Checkel*  
*Inez M. Cobb*  
*Willard H. Cobb Jr.*  
*Maury Colbert*  
*Mary Colbourn*  
*Mary Jo and Phil Collins*  
*Jim Corner*  
*Doris Corner*  
*Ramiz and Rose Hourani*  
*Ray Daley*  
*Janet and Bob Eissner*  
*Jessie and Cerd Marsh*  
*Mrs. Minnie Vici*  
*Mr. and Mrs. John A. Gavenonis, Sr.*  
*El Graef*  
*Nick Marcopulos*  
*Elizabeth and Rodney Higgins*  
*Our Parents*  
*John and Dot Hunter*  
*Fred Hurlock, Jr.; Frances and Fred Hurlock, Sr.*  
*Sarah and Dave Frie and son David*  
*Tom Stout*  
*Parents Ben and Mary F. Ogle*  
*Our Parents*  
*Bob Kelley and Gail Kelley Veith*  
*Our Parents and Grandparents*

**Given By:**

*The Alexander Family*  
*Liz and Bud Bacon*  
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*John Barineau and Family*  
*Nancy and Bill Barlow*  
*Fay Deans Barnaby*  
*Diane M. Bernhard*  
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*Kay and Lew Black*  
*Adam, Jenn and Amelia Blackford*  
*Nancy and Herb Boden*  
*The Burns Family*  
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*Sally Buttner*  
*Polly and Jim Carter*  
*Jeanne and Bob Checkel*  
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*Rosemary and Barry Cobb*  
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*Nancy Colbert*  
*Art, Deb, Dave and Jack*  
*Donna and Clark Collins*  
*Roger and Paula Corner*  
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*Joe and Tammy Daley*  
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*The Eissner and Stabler Families*  
*Barbara and Jerry Fedeler*  
*The Gavenonis Family*  
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*Sally Graef*  
*Cathy Higgins*  
*Cathy Higgins*  
*Carol and Tom Hogue*  
*Beth, John and Amy*  
*Suzie Hurlock*  
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*Church Staff*  
*Melissa Jessup*  
*John and Dede Johnston*  
*Helen Kelley*  
*Gary and Kitty Knox*

**CHRISTMAS 2016 MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS**

**In Loving Memory of:**

*Jerry Lee*  
*Loved Ones*  
*Amy Michener Lengel*  
*My Grandparents, Herbert and Lela Thompson,*  
*Ralph T. and Leola Lewis*  
*My Parents, Ralph Lewis, Sr., and Mildred Ellison*  
*Aunts and Uncles: Lewis's and Thompson's*  
*Our Parents*  
*Sandy and Ronny Daut, Parents of Cindy Love*  
*Sara and Bascomb Love, Parents of Robert Love*  
*Bob Marsh*  
*Amy Michener Lengel*  
*Alice, Arnold and Charles Sharpley*  
*Lillian, John and Mildred Michener*  
*Mr. and Mrs. William B. Neff*  
*Mr. and Mrs. William Looper*  
*Robert Currin*  
*Ingrid Pamm*  
*Georges Pamm*  
*Edward Reese*  
*Amy Lengel*  
*Janet and Jack Foster*  
*Sara Jane Evans and Charles Pfleegor*  
*Catherine Myers Moore*  
*Rachel Davis Myers*  
*William Poole and Louisa H. Poole*  
*Estelle and Jim Sherman, my parents*  
*Our Parents*  
*Robert and Alma Ridout*  
*J. Morton and Lola Gregg*  
*Elizabeth and Fred Bartholomew*  
*Elizabeth and Hepner VanHorn*  
*Our Parents*  
*Jay, Ann, Grammy and Grandpap*  
*Our Parents*  
*Paul and Dorothy Steen married 12/24/41*  
*Tom Stout*  
*David Curry*  
*Richard Horace Emerich*  
*Catherine E. Delario*  
*Kenneth & Elizabeth Budd, parents of Linda Watson*  
*Louzetta Lower Morris*

**Given By:**

*Virginia Lee and Family*  
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*Eric, Katie, Jason and Justin Lengel*  
*Ralph Lewis*  
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*Sue and Bob Linderman*  
*Cindy and Robert Love*  
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*Anne Marsh*  
*Jack and Bunny Michener*  
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*Carol and Wheeler Neff*  
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*The Pamm Family*  
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*The Pfaff Family*  
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*Anne Foster and Chip Pfleegor*  
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*Cassandra Lloyd Piovoso*  
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*Stephen C. Poole*  
*Kristine Qualls*  
*Linda and Charlie Reinhardt*  
*Patti and Bob Ridout*  
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*Lin and Eric Ruoss*  
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*Donna and Tom Shaw*  
*The Spilecki Family*  
*David and Jane M Stabler*  
*Barbara Steen*  
*Westminster Choir*  
*Paul and Judy Stoffer*  
*Jennifer Emerich-Trickey and John Trickey*  
*The van Amerongen family*  
*Skip and Linda Watson*  
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**CHRISTMAS 2016 MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS**

**In Loving Memory of:**

*L. Martin Gravely*

*Sally and Stephen Wemmers*

*Barbara W. Wheatley*

*Mary Jo and Phil Collins*

*My Parents Eugene and Elsie Carroll Wehrle and  
my brother Craig Wehrle*

**In Honor Of:**

*Peggy Cartmell*

*Benjamin and Scarlett Ferry*

*Gavin, Payton, Gates, Valerie Thompson*

*Marty and Marvin Bloomsburg*

*Doris and Vince Wemlinger*

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*His Family*

*Craig Wemmers*

*Her Family*

*Don and Dolly Windsor*

*Debbie Wise*

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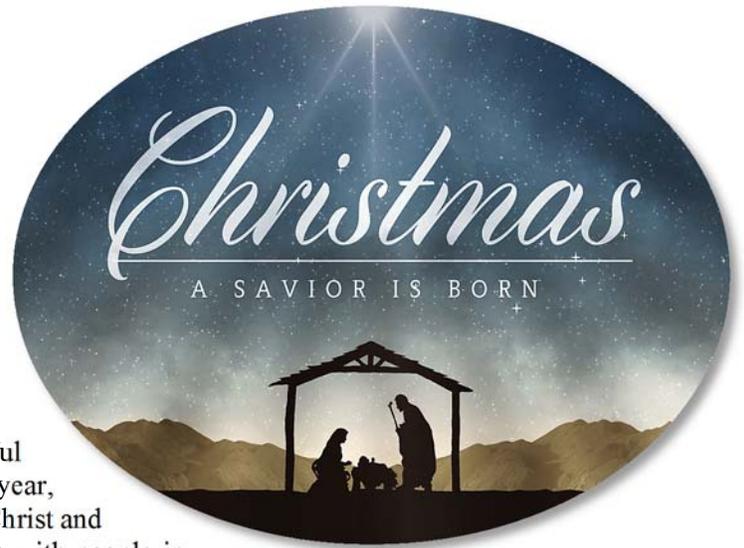
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As we near the celebration of Christ’s birth, we long for a world in line with God’s vision – a world where everyone has a place at the table and plenty to eat, a safe place to call home, meaningful work, opportunities for education, and a less violent world. Each year, our Christmas Offering is dedicated to furthering the mission of Christ and gives us the chance to share a portion of our abundant blessings with people in dire circumstances. Every dollar you give goes beyond our walls to ministries that share the love of God with those in need. Will you help those in our community and in other troubled spots around the globe find hope?

Our Christmas Offering supports the dignity and empowerment of people all over the world by providing food, shelter, clean water, education, support services and peacemaking initiatives; 70% will enhance our local ministries and 30% will further our global ministries. Your gift will be distributed to the following:

- ❖ **UrbanPromise Academy (30%)** – equips young adults from Wilmington neighborhoods (grades 9-12) with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, personal growth and servant leadership.
- ❖ **Church in the World Projects (25%)** – programs that serve to educate girls and women in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Guatemala and Syrian refugee camps and support for the Guatemala (SWIG) water filter project.
- ❖ **Emmanuel Dining Room (20%)** – provides hot, nutritious meals to those in our community who face increasing needs for emergency food assistance. Faithful and caring volunteers have been serving hundreds of meals at the North Jackson Street location each day since 1979.
- ❖ **Friendship House Empowerment Centers (20%)** – helping individuals and families get back on a path of empowerment and self-sufficiency, this offering will help support the growth of the Empowerment Centers throughout New Castle County.
- ❖ **Peace Drums (5%)** – a unique interfaith initiative promoting peace among Jewish, Christian, and Muslim youth living in the Galilee region of Israel.



UrbanPromise Academy



Emmanuel Dining Room



Peace Drums



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Empowerment Centers