

# Christmas Eve 2017 Family Services

4:00 and 5:30 p.m.



## 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), or 302-654-5214 ext. 103

**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 and Skip Watson; Clark and Donna Collins, Kevin and Chelsea Collins and their children; Jill Getty; Roger Atkins, Kendal Colvard, Mary Field, Linda and Paul McGregor, Lola Miller, Carol Mosher, Sue Weissinger and Lois Underhill. 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 160 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 all day on Monday, December 25. The church office will be OPEN December 26, 27, 28 and 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. if you wish to drop off a year-end donation. Also, all donations postmarked by December 31, 2017 will be considered received and credited on your 2017 contribution statement. If you have questions concerning the status of your 2017 pledge, please contact Colleen Falasco ([cfalasco@wpc.org](mailto:cfalasco@wpc.org) or 302-654-5214 ext. 131).

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**Next Sunday, December 31 (New Year's Eve), there will be one worship service at 10:00 a.m.  
Nursery care provided.**

PASTORAL STAFF:

Gregory Knox 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 Faith Formation  
through Music and Arts, Teaching Artist in Residence  
Kevin Flaherty, Assistant Director of Children's Music  
Soloist/Section Leaders: Sharon Babcock, Elizabeth  
Holmes, Christian Sanders, Travis Lucas

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Merideth Hite Estevez, Susan Moseley  
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DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Colleen Falasco

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND SECURITY

Paul Crothamel

## WHAT DO I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?

What do I want for Christmas?  
I want to kneel in Bethlehem,  
the air thick with alleluias,  
the angels singing  
that God is born among us.  
In the light of the Star,  
I want to see them come,  
the wise ones and the humble.  
I want to see them come  
bearing whatever they treasure  
to lay at the feet  
of him who gives his life.

What do I want for Christmas?  
to see in that stable  
the whole world kneeling in thanks  
for a promise kept:  
new life.  
For in his nativity  
we find ours.

-Ann Weems, *Kneeling in Bethlehem*

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

*The 5:30 service begins on page 8*

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

PRELUDE

Christmas Medley  
*Luminary Youth Orchestra*

arr. Senft/Estevez

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy God, you came to Mary and Joseph,  
**to the shepherds and angels, to the little village of Bethlehem.**  
Come now to us:  
**be born in us this night.**

\*CAROL

“Joy to the World”

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.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Jacob, Teisha, Wyatt, and Oliver Fooks

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.

*The Christ Candle is lit.*

PRAYER

**God of love, Creator of all,  
the darkness that covered the earth  
has given way to the bright dawn of your Word made flesh.  
Make us a people of this light.  
Make us faithful to your Word  
that we may bring your life to the waiting world.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

## LESSONS AND CAROLS

JOSEPH'S DREAM

Matthew 1:18-24

CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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, and baby Jesus: Jennifer, Adam, and Samuel Blackford*

CAROL

“What Child Is This”

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, one and all, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high.  
The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

ANGELS SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

Luke 2:8-14

CAROL

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

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!*  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly song?  
*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.  
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SHEPHERDS GO TO BETHLEHEM

Luke 2:15-20

CAROL

“The First Nowell”

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.*

KINGS FOLLOW THE STAR

Matthew 2:1-12

CAROL

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.  
*O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light!*

Glorious now behold him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
sounds through the earth and skies.  
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star with royal beauty bright,  
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GIFTS IN CELEBRATION OF THE CHRIST CHILD

*As the Kings brought their gifts to the Christ child, tonight we offer ours. The entire Christmas Offering is given to those in need beyond our walls. Please see the back cover for details.*

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Loving God, help us remember the birth of Jesus,  
**that we may share in the song of the angels,**  
the gladness of the shepherds,  
**and worship of the wise men.**

Close the door of hate  
**and open the door of love all over the world.**  
Let kindness come with every gift  
**and good desires with every greeting.**

May Christmas morning make us happy to be your children,  
**and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts.**  
Join us all together in your love and heavenly peace. **Amen.**

\*CAROL

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!”

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,  
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\*SENDING

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.**

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*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.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

With the angels, whose chorus announced Christ's birth,  
**we come to proclaim the good news.**

With the shepherds, who stood in awe before his manger bed,  
**we come in wonder to worship him.**

With the Wise Ones, who welcomed the newborn king with precious gifts,  
**we come with gifts of love and praise.**

Come, let us adore him!

**Let us worship the Lord!**

\*CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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!*

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;*  
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LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Jason, Susanne, Alexis, and Sophia Wolff

We have lit candles for peace, hope, joy and love,  
**As we have waited in winter's gathering darkness,  
for the babe who brings these promises to fulfillment.**

Tonight, our waiting is over!

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

*The Christ Candle is lit.*

The light shines in the darkness,  
**and the darkness will never overcome it!**

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PRAYER

God of Goodness and Grace,  
tonight, you break forth into a world hushed with wonder.  
So long we have waited;  
so long we have watched;  
so long we have wondered what tonight would bring.

As we kneel before your manger bed,  
we rejoice that you come  
to overwhelm indifference and overcome grief,  
to dispel despair and weave peace in lives torn by strife.

As you dwell in our world, dwell also in our hearts,  
that your peace, hope, joy, and love,  
may overflow from us,  
in words and deeds of resounding praise.

Glory to you in the highest! Alleluia! Amen.

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THE BIRTH FORETOLD

Isaiah 9:2-7

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THE ANGEL VISITS MARY

Luke 1:26-38

Jan Harrison, Suzie Hurlock, Bob Moore

MUSICAL OFFERING

Gabriel's Oboe  
*Merideth Hite Estevez, oboe*

Ennio Morricone

THE SONG OF MARY

Luke 1:46-55

Sue Linderman

RESPONSE

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**  
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Teresa Wemhoff

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“Away in a Manger”  
*Joyful Noise and Sing-to-Praise Choirs*

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Were you there, were you there,  
 on that Christmas night?  
 When the world was filled with a holy light?  
 Were you there to behold as the wonder foretold  
 came to Earth?

Did you hear how the choirs of angels sang  
 at the glory of the sight?  
 Did you hear  
 how the bells of Heaven rang  
 all through the night?

Did you see, did you see,  
 how they hailed him king?  
 With their gifts so rare that they chose to bring?  
 Did you see how they bowed as they praised him aloud  
 at his birth?

Did you know, did you know,  
 it was God's own son?  
 The salvation of the world begun?  
 Did you know it was love that was sent from above  
 to the Earth?

## A CHRISTMAS LITANY

Miraculous God,  
 We know this story so well –  
 the words are familiar;  
 the characters are dear friends;  
 the songs are known by heart.  
 We love this story and its comfortable, comforting familiarity.  
**We praise you for the miracles which come to us in the familiar.**

At the center of this story is the eternal God stepping into human history.  
 The All-Powerful One choosing to live in fragile flesh.  
 The Creator becoming a creature.  
**We praise you for the miracle of God becoming human.**

At the center of this story is the God, revealed to women and men.  
 A God who works miracles through ordinary people.  
 A God who enters every willing heart to birth new life.  
**We praise you for the miracle of your life within us.**

Miraculous God,  
 May we see you, know you, and be united with you again this Christmas.  
**May your miraculous love transform our lives,  
 and may we become part of your miraculous plan of salvation –  
 now and always. Amen.**

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## Participants in Worship

### Westminster by Heart Storytellers

*Westminster by Heart* is a lay group from our congregation committed to telling stories from Scripture. We have embraced the discipline and spiritual commitment of learning these passages by heart so that our congregation may experience the Bible the same way it was first heard, traveling to the hearts of believers on the breath of the teller. Our group is open to any and all who share a passion for the story. For more information, contact Shelley Gnade (shelley.gnade@gmail.com) or Mary-beth Howard (mbhcc73@gmail.com).

### Luminary Youth Orchestra

#### 4:00 Service

Sophia Malatesta, viola  
Greer Marvel, clarinet  
Annika Pfaff, cello  
Ava Pfaff, horn  
Kristian Tolbert, violin

#### 5:30 Service

Reuben Busick-White, piano  
Drew Holmes, cello  
Lily Holmes, violin  
Sophia Malatesta, viola  
Tucker Poff, trumpet  
Baden Saathoff, cello  
Evelyn Saathoff, cello  
Kristian Tolbert, violin

### Choirs

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

CHRISTMAS 2017 MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

*In Loving Memory of:*

*Carol and Gene Hopkins*  
*Bill Albert*  
*Bernie Alexander*  
*William C. Deans*  
*Teddy Bedrossian*  
*E. Howard Bedrossian, MD*  
*Rosetta Bedrossian*  
*Mr. and Mrs. David Bernhard, Grandparents*  
*Mr. Victor Lawryniuk, Grandparent*  
*Mr. and Mrs. John R. Becker, Grandparents*  
*Mrs. Marianne Wiggall, Dear Friend*  
*John R. Becker, Uncle*  
*Lewis and Pauline Black*  
*Our Parents and other Loved Ones*  
*Our Parents*  
*Rev. John Cartmell*  
*Mr. and Mrs. William J. Taylor*  
*Mr. and Mrs. Henry Checkel*  
*Bob Churchill*  
*Inez M. Cobb*  
*Willard H. Cobb*  
*Brendan M. Cobb*  
*Maury Colbert*  
*Mary Colbourn*  
*Jo and Phil Collins*  
*My Husband, Art Connolly, Jr.*  
*My Parents, Florence and Harris McDowell*  
*Doris Corner*  
*Jim Corner*  
*Raymond Daley*  
*Our Parents, Ramiz and Rose Hourani*  
*Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Lowe*  
*Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Diver*  
*Art Diver*  
*Floyd, Emma and Esther Fedeler*  
*Cerd and Jessie Marsh*  
*L. Martin Gravely*  
*Nick Marcopulos*  
*Elizabeth and Rodney Higgins*  
*Our parents*  
*John and Dot Hunter*  
*Fred Hurlock, Jr.; Frances and Fred Hurlock, Sr.*

*Given By:*

*Rich and Taryn Albert*  
*Rich and Taryn Albert*  
*The Alexander Family*  
*Fay Deans Barnaby*  
*Iryna and Ned Bedrossian*  
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*Diane M. Bernhard*  
*Kay and Lew Black*  
*Nancy and Herb Boden*  
*Polly and Jim Carter*  
*James and Peggy Cartmell*  
*Jeanne and Bob Checkel*  
*Jeanne and Bob Checkel*  
*His Family*  
*Rosemary and Barry Cobb*  
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*Nancy Colbert*  
*Art, Deb, David and Jack*  
*Donna and Clark Collins*  
*Joan M. Connolly*  
*Joan M. Connolly*  
*Roger and Paula Corner*  
*Roger and Paula Corner*  
*Joe and Tammy Daley*  
*Joe and Tammy Daley*  
*Nancy L. Diver*  
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*Barbara and Jerry Fedeler*  
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*His Family*  
*Cathy Higgins*  
*Cathy Higgins*  
*Tom and Carol Hogue*  
*Beth, John and Amy*  
*Suzie Hurlock*

**CHRISTMAS 2017 MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS**

***In Loving Memory of:***

*Sarah and Dave Frie and son David  
Loved Ones  
Mary Colbourn  
Our Parents  
Ellie Kaye  
Husband Bob Kelley and daughter Gail Kelley Veith  
For Grammy, Ann and Jay  
Stokes Walesby  
Karl Kniel  
Our parents and grandparents  
Clementine Elwell  
David B. Elwell  
Jacqueline Layman  
Jerry Lee  
Grandparents  
Amy Michener Lengel  
My Parents Ralph L. Lewis and Mildred G. Ellison  
Grandparents: Wm. Herbert and Lela G. Thompson  
Ralph T. and Leola M. Lewis  
Aunts and Uncles  
Our Parents  
Charles M Krick, Jr. and Ann E. Linderman  
John, Lillian and Mildred Michener  
Arnold, Alice and Charles Sharpley  
Amy Michener Lengel  
Mark William Palmer  
Ingrid and Georges Pamm  
Robert Currin  
George R. Patrick  
George H. Patrick  
Martha Patrick  
Raymond H. Peters  
Carrie Peters  
Edward Reese  
Amy Lengel*

***Given By:***

*Suzie Hurlock  
Charlie Ingersoll and Dick Jolly  
Jane Iobst  
John and Dede Johnston  
Bill Kaye  
Helen Kelley  
The Kline Family  
Kniel-Tolbert Family  
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Gary and Kitty Knox  
Arch and Melody Layman  
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Virginia Lee and Family  
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Eric, Katie, Jason and Justin  
Ralph L. Lewis  
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Sue and Bob Linderman  
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Jack and Bunny Michener  
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Jane Palmer and Bill Moore  
The Pamm Family  
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The Patrick Family  
The Pfaff Family  
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**In Loving Memory of:**

*Janet and Jack Foster*  
*Sally Evans and Charles Pfleegor*  
*Catherine Myers Moore*  
*Rachel Davis Myers*  
*Our Parents*  
*Elizabeth and Hepner VanHorn*  
*Elizabeth and Fred Bartholomew*  
*Ray and Fran Scofield*  
*Bill and Allison Bennett*  
*Alexandra Scofield*  
*Robert K. Shadduck, father of my children*  
*Minna and Russ Vollmer and Marion and Albert*  
*Shadduck, grandparents of my children*  
*Jay, Ann, Grammy and Grandpap*  
*Our Parents*  
*Janet and Bob Eissner*  
*Dorothy and Paul Steen*  
*Wayne Suiter*  
*Our Parents*  
*Lea and Helen Warner*  
*My Parents*  
*Sally and Stephen Wemmers*  
*Barbara Wheatley*

**In Honor of:**

*My sister, Paula Szczuka*  
*Peggy Cartmell*  
*Margie Lounsbury*  
*Presby, the Westminster Church mouse*  
*Sylvia B. Kniel*  
*Arch Layman, Sr.*  
*Daisy Jane Ostien*  
*Judy Stoddard*  
*Gavin, Payton, Gates, Valerie*  
*Our Family*

**Given By:**

*Anne Foster and Chip Pfleegor*  
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*Cassandra Lloyd Piovoso*  
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*Charles and Linda Reinhardt*  
*The Ruoss Family*  
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*Bob and Sue Scofield*  
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*Ann Shadduck*  
  
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*The Spilecki Family*  
*Jane and Dave Stabler*  
*The Stabler and Eissner Families*  
*Barbara Steen*  
*Jane Suiter*  
*Lois and Lowell Underhill*  
*Wayne Warner*  
*Linda Watson*  
*Craig Wemmers*  
*Her Family*

**Given By:**

*Dianne Browne*  
*Roger and Paula Corner*  
*Roger and Paula Corner*  
*A Friend*  
*Kniel-Tolbert Family*  
*Arch and Melody Layman*  
*Tres Ostien*  
*Robin Rosser*  
*Stark and Sandy Thompson*  
*Lois and Lowell Underhill*



Dear Members and Friends of Westminster,

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 (25%)** – As Wilmington struggles to deal with violence on our streets, UrbanPromise is a beacon of hope to children and youth in our city. Through programs such as its elementary school, after-school programs and summer camps (both meet here at Westminster), specialized high school, and scholarship program to help students remain in college, children are taught Christian values, disciplined study habits, and conflict resolution skills.
- ✧ **Friendship House (25%)** – Westminster's partnership with Friendship House, begun more than 30 years ago, has offered thousands of homeless people in our community the hope for a brighter future. Friendship House provides shelter, food, counseling, clothing, and job assistance.
- ✧ **Church in the World Projects (25%)** – These global programs promote peace in areas of conflict and education for girls and women in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Guatemala, and Syrian refugee camps. Westminster also supports the Guatemala VIP Latrine project.
- ✧ **Neighborhood Food Pantries (20%)** – Westminster contributes to Hanover Food Closet and LCS/St. Stephen's Food Pantry, recognizing that some in our community face increasing need of emergency food assistance.
- ✧ **Peace Drums (5%)** – A unique interfaith initiative promoting peace among Jewish, Christian, and Muslim youth living in the Galilee region of Israel and Palestine. They have spread their musical message of peace to the U.S. and Austria.



UrbanPromise



Church in the World



Peace Drums



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