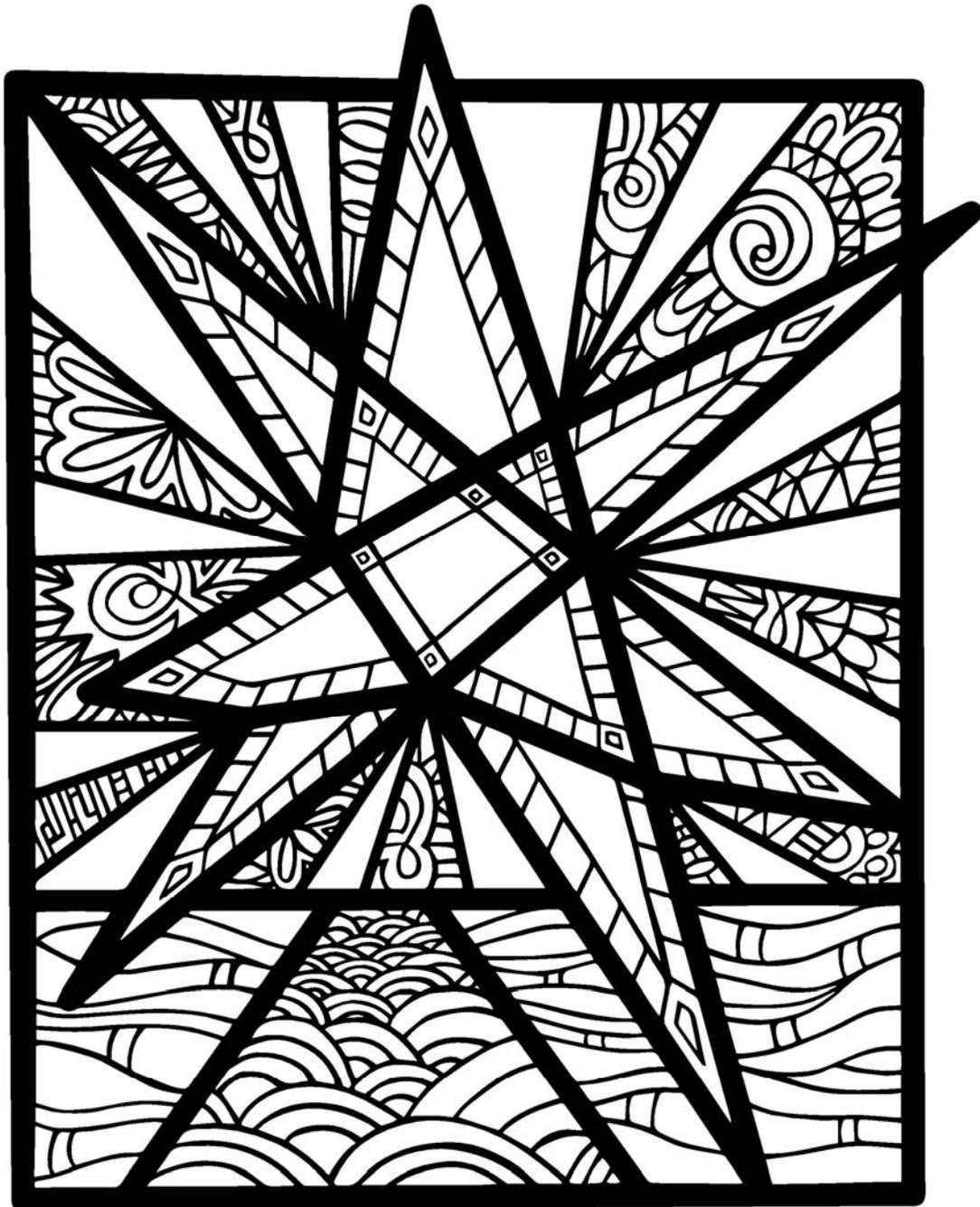


Christmas Eve 2018 Family Services

4:00 and 5:30 p.m.



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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 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 Watson; Clark and Donna Collins, Kevin and Chelsea Collins and their children; Jill Getty; Mary Field, Ralph Lewis, Linda and Paul McGregor, Carol Mosher, Lois Underhill, Mary Vane, Dan Weber and Sue Weissinger. 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 Tuesday, December 25. The church office will be OPEN from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on December 26, 27, 28 and 31 if you wish to drop off a year-end donation. Also, all donations postmarked by December 31, 2018 will be considered received and credited on your 2018 contribution statement. If you have questions concerning the status of your 2018 pledge, please contact Colleen Falasco (cfalasco@wpc.org or 302-654-5214 ext. 131).

**Next Sunday, December 30, 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

MUSIC STAFF

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Merideth Hite Estevez, Director of Faith Formation through
Music and Arts, Teaching Artist in Residence
Allison Martin, Assistant Director of Children's Music
Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock,
Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

YOUTH LEADERS

Merideth Hite Estevez
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper,
Molly McPheeters, Tommy Neilson

DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Colleen Falasco

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND SECURITY

Paul Crothamel

SITTING ON THE HILLSIDES

Most of us who gather in Bethlehem on this night
are not the star seekers.
We've not traveled our dreams
month after month and year after year,
poring over predictions and promises.
Most of us sit on our hillsides
tending our sheep,
business as usual.
Oh, we've heard rumors of stars,
but we don't really give ourselves to seeking.
After all, there's more than enough to do
in the daily tending.
We're simply not on the lookout for stars,
nor expecting any light in our darkness.
I suppose the important thing is,
in the light of the glory of the Lord,
to recognize the voice of an angel
and to get up,
and in spite of our sheep
to go even unto Bethlehem
to see this thing that has happened.

Ann Weems, Kneeling in Bethlehem

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP - 4:00 P.M.

The 5:30 service begins on page 8

PRELUDE

“Joy to the World”
Reuben Busick-White, piano

Coventry Carol
Luminary Youth Ensemble

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.

*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

Blair McConnel and her daughter Maggie

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

to us is born a Savior – Christ the Lord!

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

The Christ Candle is lit.

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 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).*

LESSONS AND CAROLS

CAROL

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heaven’s all-gracious King”:
the world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

THE JOURNEY AND THE BIRTH

Luke 2:1-7

Jill Getty

CAROL

“Away in a Manger”

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.

THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS

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!
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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”

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.
*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!*

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

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”

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.
*Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king!”*

*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

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

*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

Mary	Julie Rassias
Joseph	Pete Rassias
Jesus	Xanthi Rassias

The Angels, Shepherds and Kings are children in our Sunday Preschool Program.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP – 5:30 P.M.

PRELUDE

“Joy to the World”
Reuben Busick-White, piano

Christmas Medley
Luminary Youth Orchestra

Arr. Robert S. Frost

CALL TO WORSHIP

The glory of the Lord shines around us. The angels tell the story:
“Do not fear; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy!”

A child has been born for us, a son given to us!

He is named Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

Glory to God in the highest heaven! And peace to all on earth!

Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place.

Let us glorify the One who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Come, let us adore him! Let us worship God!

*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;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him; Christ, the Lord!

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Kelly and Joe Westcott and their children Morgan, Charlotte, and Joey

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.

To us is born a Savior –

Christ the Lord!

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

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PRAYER

**Living God –
On this joy-filled night,
we come to adore you
and to receive your gift of love.**

**In quiet celebration,
we join Mary in pondering the mystery in our hearts.
In resounding praise,
we raise our voices with the heavenly host:
Glory to God in the Highest Heaven!
And on earth, peace to all!**

**As we listen again to your story,
enter our searching hearts,
and illumine our wondering minds
that we might know your hope, peace, joy, and love,
and share these gifts with others. Amen.**

ANTHEM

**“How Will We Know Him?”
*Joyful Noise and Sing-to-Praise Choirs***

Charlotte Algozin

How will we know him when he comes?
How will we know Emmanuel?
Will he be a mighty king, a crown upon his head?
Or will he be a tiny child,
sleeping beside his mother mild;
Angels and shepherds kneeling at his manager bed?

Will he rule with a mighty hand;
Nations and armies at his command?
Or will this child of humble birth
teach us to live in peace on earth?

What can we give him when he comes?
What can we give Emmanuel?
How can we ever show him that we want to do our part?
He has no need for earthly things;
silver and gold and jeweled rings.
All he would have us give him is a loving heart.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

THE BIRTH FORETOLD

Isaiah 9:2-7

Shelley Gnade and Mary-beth Howard

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!

CAROL

“Once In David’s Royal City”

Once in royal David’s city
 stood a lowly cattle shed,
 where a mother laid her baby
 in a manger for his bed:
 Mary was that mother mild;
 Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven
 who is God and Lord of all,
 and his shelter was a stable,
 and his cradle was a stall;
 with the poor and meek and lowly,
 lived on earth our Savior holy.

THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS

Luke 2:8-14

Cathy Glober, Suzie Hurlock, Bob Moore

CAROL

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SHEPHERDS GO TO BETHLEHEM

Luke 2:15-20

Kyle Carrick, Teresa Wemhoff

ANTHEM

“There’s a Star in the East”
Joyful Noise and Sing-to-Praise Choirs

There’s a star in the east
 on Christmas morn.
 Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
 It will lead to the place
 where the Christ was born.
 Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Follow, follow;
rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Follow the star of Bethlehem.
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

If you take good heed
 to the angel’s words,
 rise up, shepherd, and follow.
 You’ll forget your flocks,
 you’ll forget your herds.
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Matthew 2:1-12

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“One Star”

Cheryl Jones Rogers

Joyful Noise and Sing-to-Praise Choirs

One star led to Bethlehem,
one star clearly showed the way,
one star brought the Savior near,
one star brought him here.

One love came to earth that night,
one love wrapped in blankets warm,
one love brought the Savior near,
one love brought him here.

Why so meek and lowly?
Why in a cattle stall?
why should one so kingly
have been brought to earth this way?

One birth was the manger boy,
one birth grew into a man,
one birth brought the Savior near,
one birth brought him here.

One star led to Bethlehem,
and one love brought him here.

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Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
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.
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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).

The Liturgical Storytelling tonight is in loving memory of Fred Carspecken who was a huge part of our telling of scripture.

Sound Technician: Jim Rees, *Kingdom Sound*

Luminary Youth Orchestra

4:00 Service

Reuben Busick-White, piano
Greer Marvel, clarinet
Kristian Tolbert, violin

5:30 Service

Reuben Busick-White, piano
Drew Holmes, cello
Lily Holmes, violin
Aiden McCulloch, piano and percussion
Maria Rusu, viola
Baden Saathoff, cello
Evelyn Saathoff, cello
Kristian Tolbert, violin

Choirs

Joyful Noise and Sing-to-Praise Choirs (Kindergarten – 6th grade)

Parker Collins
Emily Santiago-Fedeler
Wyatt Fooks
Matthew Hoopes
Ciru Jenkins
Shyla Shah
Reena Shah
Aliya Shah

Ian Stoddard
Keira Tolbert
Juliet Vanzanten
Victoria Vanzanten
Riley Welsh
Grace Wermus
William Wermus

CHRISTMAS 2018 MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

In Honor of:

Westminster Staff
The Phixit Corps
Sudie and Greg
The Staff
The Security Crew
Robert and Joan
Paula VanDegrift Szczuka, My Sister
Peggy Cartmell
Margie Lounsbury
June Marie Fleming
Jeanne and Robert Checkel
Robert Kline Sr.(Bobo), Dorothy Dulemba (Grandma)
Gavin, Payton, Gates, Valerie Thompson

Given By:

Anonymous
A Fan
A Fan
A Fan
A Fan
A Fan
Dianne Brown
Roger and Paula Corner
Roger and Paula Corner
Nancy, Dan and Jake
Ralph L. Lewis
Spilecki Family
Sandy and Stark Thompson

CHRISTMAS 2018 MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

In Loving Memory of:

William Stuart Albert
Gene and Carol Hopkins
Bernie Alexander
Jane and Wally Johnson
Em and Jim Bercaw
Bill Deans
Mr. and Mrs. David Bernhard, Grandparents
Mr. Victor Lawryniuk, Grandparent
Mr. and Mrs. John R. Becker, Grandparents
Mr. John R. Becker, Uncle
Mrs. Marianne Wizgall, Dear Friend
Pauline and Lewis Black
Our Parents and Other Loved Ones
William S. Browne, Sr., My Husband
Britt Burns
Fred Carspecken
Our Parents
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Taylor
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Checkel
Bob Churchill
Maury Colbert
Jo and Phil Collins
Art Connolly
Jim and Doris Corner
Janet and Bob Eissner
James L. Everett
Loved Ones of Collins and Falasco families
George Fleming, Wesley Dudding and Megan Sue Walker
Jessie and Cerd Marsh
Frank and Ann Pickering
Ethel and John A. Gavenonis., Sr.
Mrs. Minnie Vici
Gordon Gemmell
Wilbur and Grace Daddow
James W. Gkonos, Beloved Husband, Father and Grandfather
Marion and Lester Gorman
Ruth and Don Morrow
Audrey Hatfield
Russell and Myrt Hickey
Nick Marcopulous
Elizabeth and Rodney Higgins
Our Parents
Conrad L. Hoover
John and Dot Hunter

Given By:

Rich and Taryn Albert
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The Alexander Family
Nancy and Walter Bercaw
Nancy and Walter Bercaw
Fay Deans Barnaby
Diane M. Bernhard
Kay and Lew Black
Nancy and Herb Boden
Dianne Browne
Ty, Cathy, Alexis and Zi Burns
Signy and John Carson
Polly and Jim Carter
Jeanne and Bob Checkel
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His Family
Nancy Colbert
Donna and Clark Collins
Joan Connolly
Roger and Paula Corner
Their Family
Gail R. Everett
Colleen and Marty Falasco
Nancy, Dan and Jake
Barbara and Jerry Fedeler
Natalie and Tom Freeman
The Gavenonis Family
The Gavenonis Family
His Family
Their Family
The Gkonos/Weisberg Families
Art and Barbara Gorman
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Jon and Jamie Hickey and Family
Jon and Jamie Hickey and Family
Cathy Higgins
Cathy Higgins
Carol and Tom Hogue
Barbara Hoover
Beth, John and Amy

CHRISTMAS 2018 MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

Sarah and David Frie and Son David
Fred Hurlock Jr.; Frances and Fred Hurlock Sr.
Bill and Gretchen Iobst
Simon and Lee McNeely
John Jessup
Fred Carspecken
Husband Robert Kelley and Daughter Gail Kelley Veith
Our Parents and Grandparents
Jerry Lee, beloved Husband and Father
Loved Ones
E. Wayne Lemons
Amy Michener Lengel
Devon Lengel
Mother and Father
Grandparents: Ralph and Leola Lewis and Wm. H. and Lela G Thompson; Aunts and Uncles
Our Parents, Charles M. Krick, Jr. and Ann E. Linderman
Loved Ones
Amy Michener Lengel
John, Lillian and Mildred Michener
Arnold, Alice and Charles Sharpley
Barbara L. Miller
Our Parents
George R. Patrick, George H. Patrick, Martha Patrick, Carrie Peters, Raymond H. Peters
Edward G. Reese
Janet and Jack Foster
Sally Evans and Charles Pfleegor
Our Parents
Our Parents, Alexandra Scofield
Minna and Russ Vollmer
Robert K. Shaddock
Jay, Anne, Grandpap, Grammy
Our Parents
Dorothy and Paul Steen
Our Parents
Aunt Joan
Karl Kniel
Stokes Walesby
My Parents
Peter J. Wayne
L. Martin Gravely
Bob and Carol Upson
Sally and Stephen Wemmers

Suzie Hurlock
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Fred and Jane Iobst
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His Loving Family Melissa, Paul and Mary
John and Dede Johnston
Helen Kelley
Gary and Kitty Knox
Virginia Lee and Family
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Janet Lemons
Eric, Katie, Jason and Justin Lengel
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Ralph L. Lewis

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Sue and Bob Linderman
Margaret P. Lounsbury
Bunny and Jack Michener
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Her Family
Mary Lu and Roland Pamm

The Patrick Family
Emily and Keith Pfaff
Anne Foster and Chip Pfleegor
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Linda and Charlie Reinhardt
Bob and Sue Scofield
Ann Shaddock
Ann Shaddock
Spilecki Family
David and Jane M. Stabler
Barbara Steen
Paul and Judy Stoffer
Sandy and Stark Thompson
Kristian and Keira Tolbert
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Linda Budd Watson
His Family
Barbara Gravely Welch
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Craig Wemmers



The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. – John 1:5



The Joy of CHRISTMAS



Dear Members and Friends of Westminster,

During these days of Advent, we prepare our hearts and our homes to welcome the Light of the World. We light candles to remind us of the hope, peace, joy, and love the Messiah brings. We sing “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” and pray for God to “disperse the gloomy clouds of night.” We string up lights as testaments to the Light that shines among us. And – through our generosity – we strive to bear Christ’s light to communities shrouded in darkness.

One way our church family bears witness to the Light of the World is through our annual Christmas offering. Every dollar you give goes beyond our walls to bless neighbors near and far. This year your offering supports:

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Family Promise (25%)** – Family Promise of Northern New Castle County prevents and ends homelessness for families. Westminster’s physical building and dedicated volunteers provide temporary shelter and hospitality to families experiencing homelessness as they work to regain independence and move to a place of their own. Contributions assist with bus passes, gas cards, certification fees, etc. to help parents get back on their feet.
- ❖ **Neighborhood Assistance (20%)** – Facilitated by Westminster staff from Retha Fisher to Susan Alexander, for more than 40 years Westminster has provided assistance with utility bills, back rent and mortgage payments for our neighbors in need, preventing countless families from becoming homeless.
- ❖ **Church in the World Projects (25%)** – These global programs promote peace in areas of conflict, provide humanitarian assistance for those in poverty, and educate and empower girls and women in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Guatemala, and Middle-East.
- ❖ **Churches for Middle East Peace (5%)** – Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) is a coalition of 27 national church denominations and organizations that works to encourage US policies that actively promote a comprehensive resolution to conflicts in the Middle East with a focus on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Thank you for your generous support of Christ’s work! As we prepare to welcome the Light of the World, may our gifts radiate compassion and bear witness to the light no darkness can overcome.



UrbanPromise



Neighborhood Assistance



Churches for Middle East Peace



Family Promise



Church in the World Projects