

Christmas Eve 2019
Services of Story and Song
4:00 and 5:30 p.m.



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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A Covenant Network Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
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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 Parker, Grayson and Warren; Jill Getty; Mary Field, Ralph Lewis, Linda and Paul McGregor, Jenn Blackford, Tom Freeman, Ralph Lewis, Kris Marvel, Carol Mosher, Lois Underhill, Dan Weber, Sue Weissinger and Susan Williamson. 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.

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Church Office Holiday Hours: The church office will CLOSE at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, December 24 and will be closed all day on Wednesday, December 25. The church office will be OPEN on December 26, 27, 30 and 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All donations POSTMARKED on or before December 31, 2019 will be credited to your contribution record as received in 2019, so there is no need to physically drop off donations to receive credit. Also, secure online donations can be made until December 26 for 2019 year-end giving.

**Next Sunday, December 29, 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

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Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
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Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

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Chesna Hinkley

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THE DECREE

**And in these days a decree goes out to all the world,
for these are taxing times.
We are all called again to go to Bethlehem,
no matter the state of our health or our world.
We come, obedient and faithful,
for we have heard the message,
we have dreamed the dream
that God will come to dwell among us.
We come, expectant with joy,
pregnant with anticipation,
for God has done great things for us.
We come searching for a sign;
bearing our gifts, we come.
We come, called from the silent hillsides of our hearts,
startled and frightened by the magnitude of light,
we huddle together toward Bethlehem.
We come, one by one,
and yet, as one,
dancing into the Promise.**

Ann Weems, *Kneeling in Bethlehem*

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP - 4:00 P.M.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Chesna Hinkley

With prophets proclaiming the advent of God,
we come with hope.
With shepherds keeping watch for the Messiah,
we come for peace.
With angels singing glory to the newborn King,
we come in joy.
With all the faithful in all the world,
we come to love.

*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;
O 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

Kara Francis, James Murphy and their son, Fionn

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light,
**for to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and he will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

We light the Christ candle to welcome the Light of the world.

PRAYER

Adapted from the Book of Common Worship of the PCUSA (1993)

God Most High,
We give you thanks that you were born to us a child,
so we could become your children.
You chose to live among us,
so we could live in you.
Give us wisdom to see this glorious hope,
**in Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
in the splendor of eternal light.**
Amen.

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

LESSONS AND CAROLS

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.

For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together
proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all on earth.

THE JOURNEY AND THE BIRTH

Luke 2:1-7

Greg Jones

Nativity: The Ellis Family

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 ANGELS APPEAR

Luke 2:8-14

Jill Getty

CAROL

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o’er all the earth.
Ye who sang creation’s story
now proclaim Messiah’s birth.
*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant Light.
*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One:
*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ the newborn King.*

SHEPHERDS GO TO BETHLEHEM

Luke 2:15-20

Sudie Niesen Thompson

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.

THE MAGI 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 FOR THE CHRIST CHILD

As the magi brought their gifts to the Christ child, tonight we offer ours to his work in the world. The entire Christmas Offering is given to those in need beyond our walls. Please see the back cover for details. Contributions intended for any other purpose (e.g. 2019 pledge) should be clearly noted.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Adapted from the Book of Common Worship of the PCUSA (1993)

Good and gracious God,
You gave us your Son,
Lord of the universe, born as a baby.
On this holy night,
draw us to the mystery of your love.
Join our voices with the angels,
to proclaim your glory on high.
Give us a place among the shepherds,
to find the One we have been waiting for.
Send us out with all the saints,
**to love and serve the beloved ones of
Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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!”*

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.
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

Now go forth on this holy night in the radiance of the incarnate God,
**and may the surpassing peace of Christ,
newborn, risen, and reigning forever,
be with us now and always. 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!*

Special thanks to Teisha Fooks and Robin Rosser for shepherding our shepherds and angels.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP – 5:30 P.M.

PRELUDE MUSIC

A Selection of Christmas Melodies
Youth String Ensemble

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen	Traditional
Gesu Bambino	Pietro A. Yon
<i>Lily Holmes and Kristian Tolbert</i>	
Patapan	French Carol
O Holy Night	Adolphe Adam

Selected pieces
Anne Sullivan, harp

THE BIRTH FORETOLD

Isaiah 9:2-7

Mary-beth Howard, Shelley Gnade, Sarah McBride

*CAROL

“Joy to the Word”
Youth String Ensemble and Congregation

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!	Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let earth receive her king;	Let all their songs employ,
let every heart prepare him room,	while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
and heaven and nature sing,	repeat the sounding joy,
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and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.	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

Kali Kniel-Tolbert and Kristian and Keira Tolbert

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;

**On those who lived in a land of deep darkness —
a light has shined!**

In the darkness of Advent, we have waited for the One who offers:
the peace that follows justice,
the hope of transformation,
the joy of grace shared,
and the love that sustains us.

Now, our waiting is over,
for a child has been born for us!

On us, light has shined,
and the Lord has increased our joy!

Tonight we light the Christ Candle;
in wonder, we welcome the Child of God!

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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.**

ANTHEM

“Advent Candles”

Glen and Susan Eernisse

Joyful Noise and Sing-to-Praise Choirs and Congregation

Advent candles glowing bright,
We give thanks for Hope tonight,
Hope and Peace and Joy and Love,
We give thanks to God above.

Advent candles glowing bright,
We give thanks for Peace tonight,
Hope and Peace and Joy and Love,
We give thanks to God above.

Advent candles glowing bright,
We give thanks for Joy tonight,
Hope and Peace and Joy and Love,
We give thanks to God above.

Advent candles glowing bright,
We give thanks for Love tonight,
Hope and Peace and Joy and Love,
We give thanks to God above.

**Advent candles glowing bright,
we give thanks for Christ tonight,
hope and Peace and Joy and Love,
we give thanks to God above.**

LESSONS AND CAROLS

THE JOURNEY AND THE BIRTH

Luke 2:1-7

Cathy Globber, Suzie Hurlock, Bob Moore

CAROL

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Joyful Noise and Sing-to-Praise Choirs and Congregation

Charlotte Kidd, clarinet

Infant holy, infant lowly,
for His bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing,
noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Cong: **Christ the babe is Lord of all!**
Christ the babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping; shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of the gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing greet the morrow:
Cong: **Christ the babe was born for you!**
Christ the babe was born for you!

THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS

Luke 2:8-14

Jill Getty, Chris Hickey

“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.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

SHEPHERDS GO TO BETHLEHEM

Luke 2:15-20

Sue Linderman, Jan Harrison

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!

KINGS FOLLOW THE STAR

Matthew 2:1-12

Luke Máthé, Teresa Wemhoff, Kyle Carrick

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

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On Christmas night all Christians sing
 To hear the news the angels bring.
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 To hear the news the angels bring.
 News of great joy, news of great mirth
 News of our blessed Savior's birth!

From out of darkness comes the light
 That makes the angels sing this night.
 From out of darkness comes the light
 That makes the angels sing this night.
 News of great joy, news of great mirth
 News of our blessed Savior's birth!

A CHRISTMAS LITANY

Christ did not wait till the world was ready,
 till tribes and nations were at peace.

**He came when the Heavens were unsteady,
 and prisoners cried out for release.**

Christ did not wait till hearts were pure.
 In joy he came to a world of doubt.

**To a world like ours, of anguished shame
 he came, and his Light would not go out.**

Christ came to a world which did not mesh,
 to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.

**In the mystery of the Word made Flesh
 the Maker of the stars was born.**

We cannot wait till the world is sane
 to raise our songs with joyful voice,

**for to share our grief, to touch our pain,
 Christ came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!**

*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

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!

Joyful Noise and Sing-to-Praise Choirs

Shout it out from the highest mountain,
 Jesus Christ is born today!
 Shout it out from the hills and valleys,
 Let the world rejoice and say:
 Gloria! Gloria!

Throughout the towns and the cities,
 To people young and old,
 To every race in every place
 Let God’s good news be told!

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 James Cartmell.

Sound Technician: Jim Rees, *Kingdom Sound*

Guest Instrumentalist

Anne Sullivan, harp

Youth Instrumentalists

Lily Holmes, violin

Kristian Tolbert, violin

“Drew” Andrew Holmes, cello

Baden Robert Saathoff, cello

Evie Saathoff, cello

Charlotte Kidd, clarinet

Joyful Noise and Sing-to-Praise Choirs

(Kindergarten – 6th grade)

Amelia Blackford

Grayson Collins

Parker Collins

Eloise Crawford

Julia Crawford

Emily Felder-Santiago

Oliver Fooks

Wyatt Fooks

Elizabeth Hamilton

Garrett Hoopes

Matthew Hoopes

Ciru Jenkins

Murugi Jenkins

Alice McAllister

George McAllister

Shyla Shah

Reena Shah

Aliya Shah

Ian Stoddard

Keira Tolbert

Grace Wermus

William Wermus

The Christmas Litany is adapted from Madeleine L’Engle’s “First Coming” in *Cry Like a Bell*.

CHRISTMAS 2019 MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

In Loving Memory of:

Bill Albert
Gene and Carol Hopkins
Bernie Alexander and Agnes McGheehan
Maurice and Eleanor Alexander
Rose and Paul Jones
Russell O. Jones
William C. Deans
Teddy Bedrossian
Em and Jim Bercaw
Jane and Wally Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. David Bernhard, Grandparents
Mr. Victor Lawryniuk, Grandparent
Mr. and Mrs. John R. Becker, Grandparents
Mr. John R. Becker, Uncle
Mrs. Marianne Wiggall, Dear Friend
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Pauline Black and Lewis Black
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Bob Churchill
Inez M. Cobb
William H. Cobb
Maury Colbert
Mary Colbourn
Mary Joe and Phil Collins
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Wesley Emmons, Jr.
Jim Everett
Cerd and Jessie Marsh
Floyd, Emma and Esther Fedeler

Given By:

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The Alexander Family
The Alexander Family
Nancy and Bill Barlow
Nancy and Bill Barlow
Fay Deans Barnaby
Ned Bedrossian and Family
Walter and Nancy Bercaw
Walter and Nancy Bercaw
Diane M. Bernhard
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Paul and Amy Bickhart
Paul and Amy Bickhart
Kay and Lew Black
Nancy and Herb Boden
Gary and Sue Bryde
Gary and Sue Bryde
Jeanne Checkel
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Rosemary and Barry Cobb
Rosemary and Barry Cobb
Nancy Colbert
Art, Deb, David and Jack
Donna and Clark Collins
Joan Connolly
Roger and Paula Corner
Roger and Paula Corner
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Jennifer Trickey and Rae Emerich
Wes and Beth Emmons
Wes and Beth Emmons
Gail Everett
Jerry and Barbara Fedeler
Jerry and Barbara Fedeler

CHRISTMAS 2019 MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

In Loving Memory of:

Robin Flenner
Margaret McCain Ford
Ethel and John A. Gavenonis, Sr.
Mrs. Minnie Vici
Our Parents
Conrad L. Hoover
John and Dot Hunter
Sarah and David Frie and son David
Fred Hurlock Jr.; Frances and Fred Hurlock, Sr.
John Jessup
Our Parents
Robert Jolly
Gail Kelley Veith
Robert Burns Kelley, Jr.
Our Parents and Grandparents
Don Raymond Kuespert
Stephen Gemmell
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Loved Ones
E. Wayne Lemons
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Our Parents, Charles M. Krick, Jr., Ann E. Linderman
Matthew Hammond Mah
Alice, Arnold and Charles Sharpley
Amy Michener Lengel
Lillian, John and Mildred Michener
Barbara Miller
Dr. Johnetta Wade Morrison
Our Parents
George R. Patrick, George H. Patrick, Martha Patrick,
Raymond H. Peters, Carrie Peters
Amy Lengel
Edward Reese
Helen Kelley
Catherine Myers Moore (Mom)
Rachel Davis Myers (Grandmom)

Given by:

Alan Flenner
Tom Ford
The Gavenonis Family
The Gavenonis Family
Tom and Carol Hogue
Barbara Hoover
Beth, John and Amy
Suzie Hurlock
Suzie Hurlock
His Loving Family, Melissa, Paul and Mary
John and Dede Johnston
Charles Ingersoll and Richard Jolly
Helen Kelley
Helen Kelley
Gary and Kitty Knox
Cynthia Kuespert
Cathy Lang
Virginia Lee and Family
Virginia Lee and Family
Janet M. Lemons and Family
Katie, Jason, Justin and Eric Lengel
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Ralph L. Lewis
Sue and Bob Linderman
Dennie and Marsha Mah
Bunny and Jack Michener
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Frank Miller
KC Morrison
Roland and Mary Lu Pamm
The Patrick Family

The Pfaff Family
The Pfaff Family
Sonja Pfautz
Cassandra Lloyd Piovoso
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CHRISTMAS 2019 MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

In Loving Memory of:

Relva Reign, Wife and Mother
Alexandra Scofield
Our Parents
Our Parents
Dorothy L. Steen and Paul D. Steen
Wayne Suiter
Helen Kelley
L. B. Tolbert and Beloved Grandparents

My Parents
Peter J. Wayne
George David Fleming, Wesley Dudding, Danny Thomas
Doris and Vince Wemlinger
Martha and Marvin Bloomsburg
Vincent Wemlinger, II
Barbara W. Wheatley

In Honor of:

Westminster Staff
Benjamin and Scarlett Ferry
William A. Francis, III

The Phix-it Corps
WPC Staff
WPC Clergy
Paul Fleckenstein
June Marie Fleming

Given by:

Bill Reign and Margo Reign
Bob and Sue Scofield
Bob and Sue Scofield
David and Jane M. Stabler
Barbara Steen
Jane Suiter
Susan Kelley Timpson
Keira and Kristian Tolbert and Kali Kniel-Tolbert
Linda Budd Watson
His Family
Nancy Fleming and Dan Weintraub
Mary and Vinnie Wemlinger
Mary and Vinnie Wemlinger
Mary and Vinnie Wemlinger
Her Family

Given By:

Peggy Brown
Wes and Beth Emmons
Rosemary C. Francis, Ted Francis, James Murphy and Kara Lee Francis
One who appreciates them
One who appreciates them
One who appreciates them
Judy and Paul Stoffer
Nancy Fleming and Dan Weintraub



Dear Members and Friends of Westminster,

Our Christmas Offering bolsters the work of Christ as we shelter homeless families, provide clean water to those who thirst, treat the addicted, welcome the stranger, and work for peace. Every dollar you give goes beyond our walls to ministries that share the love of God with those in need. Your gifts will be distributed to:

- ✧ **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 the Middle East.
- ✧ **Friendship House (20%)** – As a partner in its founding more than 30 years ago, Westminster continues its strong support of Friendship House, serving individuals and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness through its emergency shelters, Code Purple winter sanctuary, transitional housing such as our Burton/Daughtry Houses, day centers, empowerment centers and the Clothing Bank.
- ✧ **Family Promise (20%)** – Family Promise of Northern New Castle County is a non-profit organization that prevents and ends homelessness for families, enabling them to stay together as they work toward housing independence. Westminster's building and our dedicated volunteers provide temporary shelter and hospitality to these families multiple times each year.
- ✧ **TRIAD (15%)** – In the face of the current opioid epidemic, TRIAD Addiction Recovery Services provides free counseling for substance abuse and mental health disorders to thousands of addicts and their families, manages a 24-hour emergency hotline, assists families in conducting interventions, and hosts thousands of 12-step meetings.
- ✧ **Westminster Peace & Justice Work Group (15%)** – Our dedicated Westminster volunteers work with a range of local organizations to combat violence in Wilmington and promote racial justice through our community-wide speaker series, Christian education programs, initiatives focused on criminal justice reform and the root causes of poverty.
- ✧ **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 U.S. policies that actively promote a comprehensive resolution to conflicts in the Middle East with a focus on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.



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Thank you for your generous support of Christ's work!