

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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DECEMBER 24, 2019

7:30PM

PRELUDE

*He Shall Feed His Flock  
I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes  
Christmas Pastorale  
On Christmas Night All Christians Sing*

FROM THE MESSIAH —HANDEL  
A. SCHREIDER  
M. E. BOSKY  
ENGLISH CAROL

*Please use the prelude as a time of silent preparation for the worship of the Triune God.*

INTROT

*In Dulci Jubilo*

Brass Duet

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

WELCOME



CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light.

**People: The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Leader: Those who dwell in the land of deep darkness,  
on them has shined light.

**People: We have beheld Christ's glory,  
glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**People: In him was life, and the life was the light of men.**



INVOCATION



CONGREGATION *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!**

**Refrain: 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, late in flesh appearing; [Refrain]**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above.  
Glory to God, in the highest; [Refrain]**



STANDING IF COMFORTABLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: spoken, sung

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 9:2-7

☒ CONGREGATION *The First Noel*

**The first noel, the angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay a keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, noel, noel, noel, 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.  
Noel, noel, noel, noel, Born is the King of Israel!**

SECOND READING

ISAIAH 11:1-10

VOCAL SOLO *Breath of Heaven* EATON/ GRANT

THIRD READING

LUKE 2:1-14

BRASS DUET *The Wexford Carol* ARR. JOHN RUTTER

CHRISTMAS RELIEF OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Were You There on That Christmas Night?* N. SLEETH

☒ DOXOLOGY 731

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

☒ SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

☒ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

☒ CONGREGATION      *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.**

**Glo-ri-a in excelsis De-o, Glo-ri-a in excelsis De-o.**

**Shepherds, why this Jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?**

**Say what may the tidings be, Which inspire your heav'nly song?**

**Glo-ri-a in excelsis De-o, Glo-ri-a in excelsis De-o.**

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;**

**Come, adore on bended knee. Christ the Lord, the newborn King.**

**Glo-ri-a in excelsis De-o, Glo-ri-a in excelsis De-o.**

FOURTH READING

PSALM 98

QUARTET

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

ARR. M. PRAETORIUS

HOMILY

*The Lord's Holy Arm*

LIGHTING OF CANDLES



STANDING IF COMFORTABLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: **spoken, sung**



CONGREGATION

*Silent Night! Holy Night!*

**Silent night, Holy night! All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing:  
“Alleluia! Christ, the Savior is born, Christ, the Savior is born.”**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light,  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

**Silent night, Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King.  
Christ, the Savior is born, Christ, the Savior is born!**



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



CONGREGATION

*Joy to the World*

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
Let every heart prepare him room, And heav’n and nature sing,  
And heav’n and nature sing,  
And heav’n, and heav’n, and nature sing!**

**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.**



POSTLUDE

*Praise Ye the Lord*

CAMILLE SAINT-SAENS

## PSALM 98

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.
- 2 The Lord has made his salvation known  
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
- 3 He has remembered his love  
and his faithfulness to Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.
- 4 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,  
burst into jubilant song with music;
- 5 make music to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of singing,
- 6 with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—  
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.
- 7 Let the sea resound, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it.
- 8 Let the rivers clap their hands,  
let the mountains sing together for joy;
- 9 let them sing before the Lord,  
for he comes to judge the earth.
- He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

# PARTICIPANTS

PREACHER	Rev. Kevin Chiarot
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VOCAL SOLOIST	Patricia Moller
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BRASS DUET	Peter Gehres (trumpet) Joshua Gehres (trombone)
PIANIST	Arlene Sokoloski

## WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

Westminster Church is both a place and a people. We gather in this sacred space to worship, to learn, and to serve God as he meets us in Christ. To this end we dedicate our time, our talent, and our resources. Here the Gospel of Christ is freely proclaimed: *We are weaker and more sinful than we ever dared admit, but through Christ we are more loved and accepted than we ever dared hope.* As a community of Christians, we are building a bridge to the future through faith and friendship. To this end, we pray God will give us strength, vision, and wisdom. We are thankful that you could join with us today. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Welcome to Westminster!

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### Westminster Stated Services

Worship	10:00 AM
Sunday School	11:45 AM
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 PM

### Westminster Kingston

Sunday School	10:00 AM
Worship	11:00 AM

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### Cover

The Celtic cross reminds us, as Presbyterians, of our historical roots in the British Isles dating back at least to the fifth century. *Post Tenebras Lux* is a Latin slogan from the 16th-century Protestant Reformation meaning *After Darkness, Light*. The cross and the slogan combine to express our desire to be rooted in the ancient faith and to embrace the attainments of the Protestant Reformation.

Westminster was organized in 1854 and is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

### Senior Minister

The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

### Assistant Minister

The Reverend Mark D. Diedrich

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