

WELCOME

Pastor Malcolm Stranathan

PRELUDE

“Cantique de Noel (O Holy Night)”

arr. Hughes

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Williams Family

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The Savior of the world is here!

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The Savior of the world is here!

Unexpectedly, the shepherds went and found the child, lying in a manger.

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We wait for Christ to come again. We wait for Christ to enter our world and lives in a new way.

Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

(Liturgy created/adapted by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, rev-o-lution.org.)

CELEBRATION MUSIC

“Glory to the Newborn King”

arr. Larson

Chancel Choir & Friends

CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING PRAYER & SONG

Westminster UMC Youth Group

select verses are read, concluding in this unison prayer and followed by song

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“A Candle is Burning”

Sandra Dean

Micaela Bowman

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

‘Twas the Night Before Christmas

Rev. Ken Humbert

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PASTORAL PRAYER / COMMUNITY PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER Richard & Barbara Luckenbaugh

SPECIAL MUSIC *"What a Glorious Night"* insert pg 3
Rich Umla, Worship Leader

GOD'S WORD IS READ The Christmas Story shared by Lynn Shaw

HYMN *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* UMH #230 insert pg 4

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD *"Oh, There is No Place Like Home for the Holidays"*
Pastor Malcolm Stranathan

OFFERTORY *"Bring a Torch"* arr. K.McChesney
Wesley Carillon, Peggy Brengle, Director

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Westminster UMC, P.O. Box 2316, Westminster, MD 21158-2316,
or text your offering: 844-307-2876,
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HYMN *"Silent Night, Holy Night"* UMH 239, insert pg 5

RESPONSE TO THE WORD Sharing the Light of Christ

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

May the light that began at creation, continued through the witness of the prophets, and has come to fullness at the Birth of Jesus Christ , be in our hearts and minds this evening. May your Spirit fill us with joy and hope; for God's precious Light has been given for you. Amen.

BENEDICTION Pastor Malcolm Stranathan

POSTLUDE *"Joy to the World"* arr. D.Bish

