



WESTMINSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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December 24, 2023, 7pm—Christmas Eve



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YOUR CHURCH @ CENTER & MAIN

Our Mission: "Changing lives through Jesus Christ to make a difference."

Attendance — text "HERE" to 443-234-0806.
Visiting?—text "WELCOME" to 443-234-0806.

WELCOME

Lynn Kohr

PRELUDE

"Pat-a-Pan"
Wesley Carillon and Alive!

Hart Morris

READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

HYMN

"Once in Royal David's City"
see bulletin insert / stand as directed

Culloton/Willcocks

LIGHTING THE CANDLES ON THE ADVENT WREATH

The Gentile Family

Congregation: We live as people in the in-between who celebrate the arrival of the Light that shines in lost and broken places as we wait for the day when we will live in the fullness of God's kingdom.

"When God Is a Child" (see bulletin insert)

arr. Tim Osiek

PSALTER

Psalms 96 (sung response)

UMH 815

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

Rev. Ken Humbert

READING

Luke 2:1-13

ANTHEM

"Angel's Carol"

John Rutter

READING

Luke 2:15-20

* CAROL MEDLEY

"The First Noel" verses 1,2
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" verses 1,4

UMH 245

UMH 218

READING

Titus 2:11-14

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD

Pastor Malcolm Stranathan

God of Heaven and Earth Arrives

OFFERTORY

"Cantique de Noel (O Holy Night)"

Adams/Hughes

*Doxology

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" stanza 6

UMH 236

*Offertory Prayer

Giving God, as we recount the story of your gift of a Savior on that night long ago, we remember there were some who said, "There's no room," and others who responded, "Come, we'll make room." As we bring our gifts to your altar, which group will be the best fit for each of us? Help us give with a heart of abundance and not one of scarcity! On this holiest of nights, let us dwell with those whose chorus is, "Come, we'll make room...", remembering your abundant love for us. In the name of our Savior and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

(Luke 2:1-14,15-20)

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Westminster UMC, P.O. Box 2316, Westminster, MD 21158-2316. Thank you.*

CANDLE LIGHTING

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

People: We give thanks for the light.

Leader: As we take the light from the Christ Candle, we remember the miracle of the light born into a world of darkness.

People: We give thanks for the light.

Leader: Let the light of Christ spread throughout the church until each of us is touched by God's radiant love.

People: We give thanks for the light, and pray that upon accepting this gift we too may become the light of the world.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(As "Silent Night" is sung, the lights will be dimmed and the pastors will light their candles from the Christ Candle. They will then light the candles of the ushers. The ushers will light the candle of the first worshipper in each row. Remember! The lighted candle remains upright, and the unlighted candle is tipped to be lighted. Before leaving your seat, please extinguish your candle.)

"Silent Night"

UMH 239

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of love, as we hold our candles we pray you will grant the real Christmas experience of igniting the light of Christ within each of us. Instill within us the knowledge that the coming of Jesus makes a difference between a darkened inn and a glorified stable. Christ taken in and then given out makes it a genuine Christmas for us and for others. "God shined in our hearts" that the light might be passed on. Amen.

* HYMN

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

UMH 240

* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE (please be seated) *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

arr. Mansfield

Christmas Giving

THANK YOU for your kind and generous contributions:

Wreaths—8	Poinsettias—18
Soup Kitchen—\$1150	Emergency Assistance Fund—\$705

Donations of Wreaths & Poinsettias to adorn our campus.

In honor of Jennifer Munch, by Larry & Ronnie Bohn.

In memory of Robert Cage, LeRoy Roberts, Nancy Diane Cruey, Tina White, and Sonia Marsh, by Alicia Cage.

In honor of our mother, Jackie Cage, and our children, Harper and Gideon Cage, by Alicia Cage.

In memory of Knowlton Foote, by Connie Foote.

In honor of her mom, Jackie Hering, in memory of her dad, Bill Hering, and in honor of their children and grandchildren, by Randy & Diane Groft.

In loving memory of the greatest Mommy & G-mom, who shared her love & JOY with all, Gayle E. Dix. I love & miss you every day, Mommy. See ya later, alligator ... Your baby girl, forever.

In memory of Erich J. Hofmann, Jr., by The Hofmann-Keefer Family.

In memory of Anna Mae Melown Beard, Robert W. Melown, and Harry B. Beard, by Al & Sandy Keefer.

In memory of my mom, Jean Moore, who passed away on October 5, by Karen Korcheski.

In memory of Family Members, by Richard & Shirlee Marrs.

In honor of Sherri Haines, by Richard & Shirlee Marrs.

In loving memory of my husband, Austin Maxson, by Eunice Maxson.

In memory of Steph and Geoff Seargeant, by Bill & Peg Pond.

In honor of loved ones, by Bill & Peg Pond.

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Reck, by Don & Gerri Reck.

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Garold Barnes, by Don & Gerri Reck.

In memory of James Barnes, Bob Reck, and Jim Reck, by Don & Gerri Reck.

In honor of our children, Brianne, Cathy & Wayne, Tom & Donna, by Don & Gerri Reck.

In honor and in memory of my family, passed and present, by Carole Roberts.

In memory of David Roush, by Dee Roush and the entire family!

In honor of my children and grandchildren and my new great-grandson, by Dee Roush.

In honor of the Birth of Our Lord, by The Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling.

In loving memory of my husband, Tom Thomas, by Sue Thomas.

In honor of my children and grandchildren, by Sue Thomas.

Donations to compassionate ministries— Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen & Emergency Assistance Fund

In honor of Chris Clise, by Larry & Ronnie Bohn.

In honor of our colleagues on staff: Emily, Jonyae, David, Rich, and Michelle, by Kyler & Peggy.

In honor of our colleagues on staff: Malcolm, Ken, Sherri, and Belinda, by Kyler & Peggy.

In memory of Bob Cage, by Jackie Cage.

In loving memory of Denise Clendaniel, by her family.

In loving memory of Lillian & Norman Osten, by their family.

In loving memory of Charles & Reba Clendaniel, by their family.

In loving memory of Bill, Becky, and Paul Swartzbaugh, by their family.

In memory of our brother-in-law, Albert Earl Pokorny, Jr., by Michael and Vicki Collet.

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Russell Conover, Jr., Martin Conover, Ruth Ohler, by Richard Conover.

In memory of our loved ones, by John and Susan Harbold.

In honor of our grandchildren, by John & Susan Harbold.

In memory of our friends, Stephany and Geoffrey Seargeant, with love from Lori and Alexa Hayman.

In memory of my friend, Mac Conover, with love from Lori Hayman.

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In honor of our parents and grandparents, Bob & Barbara Hayman, with love from Lori and Alexa Hayman.

In honor of the pastors and church staff, by Dave & Conni Highfield.

In honor of Rob, Heather, Jakob, William, Josh, Brittany, Mabel, and Wren, by Al & Sandy Keefer.

In memory of my mom, Jean Moore, who passed away on October 5, by Karen Korcheski.

In memory of Earl & Lura Griswold, by their family.

In memory of my grandson, Steven Francisco, by Lynda Lockard.

In memory of Hank Majewski, India & Darrell Caless, Pauleen Kelbaugh, by Sally Caless Majewski.

In honor of our grandchildren - Leila, Tyler, Collin, Connor, Emma, Caroline, Lucille, Grayson, Stella, Laurel, by Tom & Karen Malehorn.

In honor of our children - Tom, Christiane, David, Kim, Nicholas, Colleen, Meghan, Dave, by Tom & Karen Malehorn.

In memory of Family Members, by Richard & Shirlee Marrs.

In memory of our parents, Mr. & Mrs. M. Dean Minnich and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Boyd, by Dean & Pat Minnich.

In honor of my sister, Ronnie Bohn, by Jennifer Munch.

In honor of my brothers, Keith Clise and Chris Clise, by Jennifer Munch.

In loving memory of my niece, Susan Elaine Bare, who passed on Palm Sunday, 2020, by Mary Louise Poole.

In loving memory of my nephew, David Taylor, who passed on August 6, 2023, by Mary Louise Poole.

In honor of soup kitchen volunteers, by Carole Roberts.

In honor of Oma and Opa (Tom and Karen Malehorn), with love from your grandchildren.

In honor of my children and grandchildren and my new great-grandson, by Dee Roush.

In memory of Ed & Agnes Rush, by Darlene Sadowski.

In honor of all who serve those who are hungry, by The Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling.

In honor of the staff at WUMC, by The Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling.

— Thank you to those participating in tonight's service —

Advent Wreath—Gentile Family

Music—Peggy Brengle, CAGO-Organist Chancel Choir—Kyler Brengle, Director

Wesley Carillon & Alive!—Peggy Brengle, Director Liturgist: Lynn Kohr

Center & Main Praise Band—Rich Umla, Worship Leader Slides—Kyler Brengle

AV Techs—Aidan Eckles, Bill Eckles ASL Interpreter—Bill Pond

Lead Pastor—Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan Minister of Visitation—Rev. Ken Humbert



Tonight's bulletins are given to the Glory of God and
in memory of our mother, Jean Clise, by Jennifer Munch and Ronnie Bohn.



— We hope you will join us for these upcoming services —

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:15am CHAPEL—

10:30am WORSHIP—

1st Sunday in Christmas

New Year's Eve

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:15am CHAPEL—

10:30am WORSHIP—

Epiphany Sunday

with Holy Communion

*Services are held onsite & online via YouTube
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