

Westminster United Methodist Church

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— Attendance: 443-234-0806 —

Please text your first/last name. Thank you.

Restroom use during worship - youth, especially, are encouraged to access private restrooms via the exit door, front left wall near the altar rail.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Christmas Medley

arr. Denise M. Owen/

"Jingle Bells/Come, All Ye Shepherds/Away in a Manger" Martha Lynn Thompson/

Children of Hope Handbell Choir / Linda Wood, Director

Edgar Horton

WREATH LIGHTING

Alexa and Lori Hayman

Leader: Today we come to the fourth Sunday of Advent—the Sunday of Love. ...

When we see this candle glow, we remember that God's love came for everyone—
for Mary and Joseph, for shepherds and angels, for children and grandparents,
for neighbors nearby and people far away.

People: Thank you, God, for loving us.

Help us share your love with others.



Come, Lord Jesus.

Everyone singing: *Come, Lord Jesus.*

* CAROL

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" stanzas 1-3

UMH 245

GATHERING PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"The First Nowell"

arr. David Cherwein

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94

*Offertory Prayer

*Text your offering 844-307-2876; Give online at www.wumcmd.org; or Mail to:
Westminster UMC, P.O. Box 2316, Westminster, MD 21158-2316. Thank you.*

SHARING FROM OUR LAY LEADER

Lynn Kohr

THE NATIVITY

presented by the Primary and Youth Sunday School

INSTRUCTION

for responsive parts
from Linda Wood,
Education Chairperson

The image shows musical notation for two parts: 'Children' and 'Shepherds'. Both parts are in 4/4 time. The Children's part has the lyrics: 'Sh! Sh! the ba - by is sleep - ing'. The Shepherds' part has the lyrics: 'Here are the shep - herds look - ing for the ba - by'. The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a repeat sign at the end of each line.

SONG

"Ring out, Christmas Bells"
Children & Youth

Linda Wood

READING 1

Luke 2:1-7

CAROL

"The Friendly Beasts"

UMH 227

READING 2

Luke 2:8-13

READING 3

Luke 2:15-19

READING 4

Matthew 2:1-11

DANCE OF THE STARS

"We Three Kings"

arr. Walz

CAROL

"Silent Night" stanzas 1,4

UMH 239

READING 5

John 3:16-17

CAROL

"Joy to the World" stanzas 1,4

UMH 246

SENDING FORTH

Photo opportunity followed by
fellowship in the Martha Manahan Room and Simmer Bags in the Narthex.

SOUP KITCHEN CHRISTMAS FINAL SUNDAY TO CONTRIBUTE

We will be giving \$10 gifts cards from Chick-fil-A, tucked into a Christmas card signed “*from your friends at Westminster UMC.*” Thank you for placing your **monetary donation** in the collection box in the narthex. Today is the final collection.

(Barbara Luckenbaugh will be shopping for us and purchasing the gift cards.)

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE TODAY, 4PM

A service of light in the midst of darkness. Join us in a service that acknowledges our grief and yet confirms our hope in the promise of Christmas. Light refreshments follow the service.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES FOR THE NIGHT-BY-NIGHT SHELTER—Drop off cookies in **Mission Hallway on Christmas Eve, Wed., Dec. 24, 11am-12noon**, or before the 7pm Christmas Eve service from **6-6:50pm in the Martha Manahan Room**. Please—no nuts or peanut butter in the cookies, due to food allergies. Learn more in your Dec/Jan Herald or contact Norman Hirtle.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4pm Family Christmas Eve Service
7pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
9pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Communion
We hope you will join us on this holy night.

RECONCILING MINISTRIES SIT-DOWN LUNCH
SUN, JAN 4, following 10:30am worship. Our third luncheon includes soup and salad as we continue to study the Reconciling Statement. Please bring the worksheets you received at prior luncheons—extra copies will be available.

Today's bulletins are given to the Glory of God and
in honor of children, everywhere,
by an anonymous donor.



Merry Christmas to all!

DONOR MATCH UP TO \$25,000

STILL AVAILABLE. A family in our congregation has agreed to match all funds that are given to the church to offset our running deficit up to the amount of \$25,000. To date, \$13,429 has come in. The donors have agreed to continue this until the full \$25K is matched, so donations are still being accepted. All financial gifts are tax deductible and will be applied to your 2025 giving statement. Thank you for considering and thanks to our generous donor family. May God bless you, all.

YEAR-END GIVING donations credited in 2025 may be brought to the church office at 165 E. Main Street until Dec 31, 12noon. Electronic donations, either by transfer of funds or stock donation, must be received by our third-party processors by Dec 31. Mail-in donations must be postmarked by no later than Dec 31, 2025: Westminster UMC, P.O. Box 2316, Westminster, MD 21158-2316. Questions? Belinda Norton, Financial Secretary, FinanceSec@wumcmd.org or 410-848-8325, x115

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS—9am Education Hour
NURSERY—ages 2-4yrs—Nursery Room, ground level
PRIMARY—ages 4yrs-4th grade—Sunday School Tower
YOUTH—ages 5th-10th grade — Youth House
NEW LIFE IN CHRIST CLASS—NLIC room
ADULT DISCUSSION CLASS—Library room

CHRISTMAS CARD LISTS are available in the narthex! *Consider sending Christmas joy to our friends at home.*



SERVICE NOTES INFORMATION BOX

8:15am/10:30am—Music: Peggy Brengle, CAGO-organist Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan
10:30am—Children's Minister: Emily Gibbs Education Chairperson: Linda Wood
Advent Wreath: Alexa and Lori Hayman and helpers
ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond Slides: Will Somers AV Tech(s): Craig Williams, Chris Schryer

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BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Our Church Family

Lily Clendaniel
 Sharon Greenway
 Meghan Haj
 Dick & Bonnie Clendaniel
 Heidi Trimmer
 Lynn Shaw
 Arlene Hirtle *Long-term:*
 Susan Harry Wayne Olson
 Faye Rosier Christy Swartzbaugh

Our Family and Friends

(requests in the past two months)

John Kattermann (father/g.father of Cortney Golden & Leah)
 Lisa Norton (sister-in-law of Belinda Norton)
 Amy Beauchamp (daughter of Charlotte Young)
 Matt Younglove (son of Mary Louise Poole's friend)
 Robert Greenway (brother-in-law of Sharon Greenway)
 Mack Demetrakis (great-grandson of The Parlamans)
 Pastor Johnson, Union Memorial Baptist Church

During the season of Advent and Christmas we shall actively pray for sisters and brothers persecuted for their faith, and especially for those in Nigeria.

REQUESTING PRAYER

- Online, www.wumcmd.org/prayer-requests.html
- Email Pastor Malcolm, m.stranathan@wumcmd.org
- Email Rev. Ken, k.humbert@wumcmd.org
- Call the church office, 410-848-8325.

REACH MINISTRY

Are you a church member in need of:

- Funeral Lite Fare
- Meals following recovery/mourning
- Transport to local medical appt's

DECEMBER

Kristy Vandervalk
 (443) 789-0346

Joan Redman
 410) 596-7152

Those in Military Service

Jonyae Curry, Army
 (Director of Youth Ministry at Westminster UMC)
 Alex Gray, Air Force, Ft. Gordon, GA
 (son-in-law of Steve & Darlene Sadowski)
 Jason Marusiak, Army, 82nd Airborne,
 Fort Carson, CO (son-in-law of The Flinn's)



ATTENDANCE—

LET US KNOW YOU'RE HERE.

Complete this tear-off for the offering plate —or—
 simply text your first and last name to 443-234-0806.

DATE: _____

YOUR NAME: _____

Names of those with you, today:

Are you a visitor to our church?

Are you seeking a new church home?
 Yes No Unsure

Preferred contact: _____

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