

*Merry Christmas, and welcome to worship tonight!*

We are glad to have you with us for this festive celebration of Christ's birth. We hope you feel welcome, and we invite you to participate as fully as you wish in the liturgy and song. If you do not have a church home, Westminster is a community of faith that values diversity, sharing, and serving together. We would welcome all who wish to journey with us. If there is any way we can be of service to you or your family, please do not hesitate to give us a call at the church office: 503-364-3327.

*Worship Leaders*

**The Rev. Dr. Lorne Bostwick** is the Interim/Transitional Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church

**The Rev. David Horn** is a minister member of Cascades Presbytery worshipping at Westminster Presbyterian Church

**The Rev. Ken Smith** is an honorably retired minister member of Cascades Presbytery worshipping at Westminster Presbyterian Church

*We would like to thank the following musicians for sharing their gifts.*

**Westminster Bell Choir**

Dr. Jeffery Larkin, Director

**Westminster Chancel Choir**

Dr. Jeffery Larkin, Director

**Ariana Reacher, Organ**

**Christmas Strings**

Terry Hsu, Violin / Stephanie Barth, Violin / Brigid Mayer, Viola / Jenny Gleason, Cello

*The Staff at Westminster*

wishes everyone a blessed Christmas and a healthy & happy New Year!



**Poinsettias to be taken home.** A list of those persons who wanted to take home their poinsettia they purchased is on the Narthex bulletin board. You may take home your poinsettia **after the service you attend on Christmas Eve.** Those poinsettia with a gold star are the home bound flowers. Thank you for your donation.



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A large illustration of a nativity scene. The manger is silhouetted against a night sky with a large, colorful firework exploding above it. The figures of Joseph, Mary, and the infant Jesus are silhouetted in the foreground. The background is a dark blue sky with white stars.

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**

**December 24, 2019**  
**9:00 PM Christmas Eve Service**

# Welcome To At Westminster

PRELUDE Ariana Recher

HANDBELL INTROIT Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Westminster Chimes  
Polish Carol Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Lorne Bostwick

Leader: Enter this time of worship with joy and singing. The goodness of God has appeared!

**People: Good News of great joy has come to all people. To us this day is born a Savior, Christ the Lord.**

Leader: We are a blessed people. God comes among us. We are called to serve in Christ's way.

**People: God reigns in our midst, calling us to justice and righteousness. God is lighting a way for us to learn and give care.**

Leader: We are heirs of hope infused by God's grace. The promises of eternal life have become a living reality here and now.

**People: Glory to God in the highest; all glory to God's name. May God be pleased with us and grant us peace.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL CAROL** **O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL** Hymnal # 133  
*Congregational bells ring during the underlined refrains (On Screen)*

INVOCATION (Leader) Rev. Ken Smith

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7 Rev. David Horn

**\*CAROL** **IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER** Hymnal #144

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH The Hammitt Family

**\*CAROL & BELLS** **ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH** Hymnal #113  
*Congregational bells ring during the underlined refrains (On Screen)*

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:8-14

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

ANTHEM The Hands That First Held Mary's Child Chancel Choir  
(Music by Dan Forrest; Lyrics by Thomas Troeger)

CHRISTMAS STORY "One Silent, Holy Night"

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL MUSIC O Holy Night Jeffrey Larkin, Tenor

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYERS FOR PEACE  
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CANDLE LIGHTING  
*Pastors will carry the flame from the Christ candle to those sitting at the end of each pew. Each person will pass the flame from candle to candle, **being careful to keep your lighted candles upright.** Due to safety concerns, we ask that parents hold candles together with their children while lighting them.*

**\*CAROL** **SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT** Hymnal #122  
*(Please stand when directed and follow the lead of the Pastor for holding your candles high)*

**\*CANDLELIGHT LITANY**  
Pastor: The Light shines in the darkness.  
**People: And the darkness has not overcome it.**  
Pastor: For God so loved the world, that God gave an only Son.  
**People: That we who believe should not perish but have eternal life.**  
Pastor: God did not send a Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world.  
**People: Let us share this saving light in the world.**  
*(When the Pastor blows out his candle, please blow out your own candle.)*

**\*CAROL & BELLS** **JOY TO THE WORLD!** Hymnal #134  
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BENEDICTION: Romans 15:13

POSTLUDE

