Welcome to Christmas Eve Children's Service

Dear Friends & Family,

Thank you for joining us this Christmas. We are so glad you are here and chose Westminster as your spiritual practice this holiday. In the Christian tradition, Christmas is a season of welcoming the warmest light into the darkest of places. Sometimes this comes easy and naturally, yet at other times we must stay in our places of despair and remind ourselves (sometimes repeatedly) that the darkness has not had the last word. This work is not for the faint of heart. We hope that through this Christmas Eve worship and music your hearts are uplifted for the journey ahead. Please come back and join the Westminster family in 2024!

Merry Christmas! -Pastor Kelly

Join us in 2024 for...

- **Sundays 10 am Worship**
  Featuring *Democracy & Dictators*: A Sermon Series

- Westminster Chancel Choir and String Ensemble's **Palm Sunday Concert (3/24)**! Rehearsals begin in January—please contact Jeffrey Larkin (music@salemwestpres.org) for additional information if you'd like to take part!

- **Ash Wednesday (2/14) & Lent** with meditative labyrinth walking opportunities.

- **New members' class** on January 21 & 28, 11:30-1:00 for anyone wanting to become a member or just curious. RSVP to the church office (office@salemwestpres.org).

- **Salem Youth Collective Service Project** on January 21, 12:30-3:30 pm for 6th-12th graders. Contact vik@salemwestpres.org to sign up.
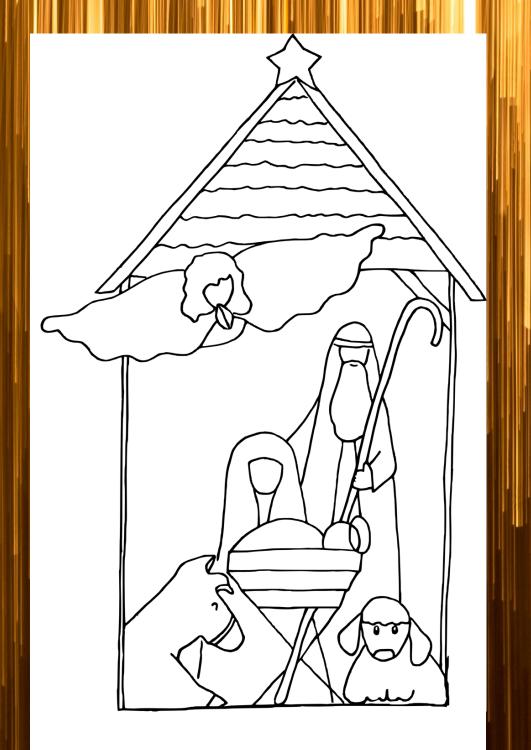

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Creatively sharing Christ's love; we welcome, we serve, we grow.

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Prelude
(Betsy Romeo)

Welcome
(Pastor Kelly)

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain
Hymnal #136, vs. 1 & 3

Lighting of the Advent Candle
(Noe Fanning, Sara & Aaron Sohm, Chris Duval)

*God Came Down
Hymnal #137, vs. 1 & 4
*O Little Town of Bethlehem
Hymnal #121, vs. 1 & 4

Children's Message
(Pastor Kelly & Katie Nelson)

*Away in a Manger
Hymnal #115, vs. 1-2

Passing of the Light
*Silent Night
Hymnal #122, vs. 1-4

*Blessing
Postlude

*Please stand as able