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Sunday Service Times: 10 AM Worship and 4 PM Jazz Vespers

WELCOME ALL WONDERS - DECEMBER 4 - 10 AM

Thomas Clark-Jones

During the Sunday morning service of December 4, the ministry of the Word will be in musical form. A chamber group drawn from the choir, along with baritone soloist, Steve Williams, will present Richard Shephard's cantata "Welcome All Wonders." Shephard is a contemporary English composer (b. 1948) who has spent his career at York Minster in varying roles, including composer in residence. The music is original but draws on ancient and traditional texts to present the Nativity Narrative. There will be the usual first Sunday communion this week. All are cordially invited to join us!

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS - DECEMBER 11 - 4 PM

Thomas Clark-Jones

The Choir and Hand Bell Choir with Thomas Clark-Jones at the organ presents this historic service, sung annually by the Choir of King's College, Cambridge, England, on Christmas Eve afternoon. It is a simple liturgy of prayers, nine lessons which outline the Salvation Narrative from the fall of Adam to the birth of the Heavenly King in the beautiful words of the King James Bible. Interspersed with the readings are carols for both choir and congregation. Choral carols of Peter Warlock, David Willcocks, Healey Willan, Stephen Cleobury, John Rutter and others will be featured. The Hand Bell Choir opens the service with several seasonal selections to set the mood. For many, the Christmas season truly starts with this wonderful service. Come and be blessed and sing the great traditional carols with us.

A JAZZ CHRISTMAS - DECEMBER 18 - 4 PM

Thomas Clark-Jones

During the academic year, the congregation of Westminster meets at four each week to worship with Jazz Vespers. Renowned trumpeter David Hoffman leads a small combo in jazz standards and original compositions to the delight of the congregation and to the glory of God. So, on this Sunday afternoon, we look to David and the gang to bring us carols of the season in their own unique style. In addition, Pastor Denise Clark-Jones will read parts of the Christmas Narrative in contemporary language and bring some recent poetry to the mix as well. It is an inspiring afternoon and worth your time!

DISCIPLESHIP

Larry Hicks

We received our annual stewardship letter from Pastor Denise last week. It's fundraising season at Westminster. This year's theme is discipleship. Why discipleship? What is the difference between stewardship and discipleship? I'm going to briefly tackle the latter question, and my answer may lead you to an answer for the former.

Let me first define our terms. Stewardship is simply caring for that for which we are entrusted to preserve,

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The next deadline for submission of articles to the
January Window is Wednesday, December 14.

If there is a need to submit an article later than
this date, please contact the church office at
673-8501 as soon as possible. Thank You.

protect and promote for future generations. Discipleship is to have a devoted allegiance to the teachings of our chosen master, to be a student of Jesus Christ. These terms are related. We, the members and friends of this church, are both stewards of Westminster and disciples of Jesus. We are responsible for not just the facilities we have, though that is part of it, but also for the teaching and learning legacy of Westminster.

As we ponder our response to the stewardship letter over the next few weeks, please consider the discipleship aspects of the ministry of Westminster. Giving of our time and talents as disciples of Jesus Christ makes giving of our treasure to support the ministry that much easier.

As in the parable of the mustard seed, your generous pledge on Discipleship Sunday, November 13, will help us plant the seed that moves mountains. To make that pledge more effective, consider pledging your time and talents as disciples in Christ's work.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Joyce Hakes

Will meet on Tuesday, December 6, at 9:00 a.m. at Joyce Hakes' house. The theme will be to share one of your yearly Christmas traditions.

BIMONTHLY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Marilyn Luman

Our Class will continue our study of ISAIAH, Lesson 6 "A Hope to Live By" (Isaiah 11-12). We will meet on Wednesday, December 14, at 6:30 pm at the home of Marge Willadsen. Please call if able to attend or if you need directions.

We will meet only once in December because of the holiday. Anyone is welcome to join us.

MANY THANKS

Janet Kelley

Many thanks to those hearty souls who came and helped the Properties Committee on November 5 for the annual autumn clean-up day!

Special thanks go to: Carol Carlson, Gary Dutro, Marcus Foster, Janet Kelley, Alan Kupper, Susan and Roger Leighty, Gary Leonard, Michael Link, Laura Van Riper, and Oliver Woodman and his sister, Gin, and brother-in-law, Jim.

And many thanks to Gary D. for the tasty donuts and to Alan for picking up the hot beverage donation from the Westlake Panera! Gratefully, The WPC Properties Committee

MAKE IT - TAKE IT - BAKE IT

Marilyn Luman

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone that helped make our WICC fundraiser a success on November 20. We raised approximately **\$629**. We are very appreciative for the support from our congregation.

WESTMARK FOOD PANTRY

Elizabeth Richmond

During the month of October we provided food to 1,798 individuals. The partnership we have with St. Mark's Church creates an amazing opportunity to help those who might otherwise be hungry. This makes for lots of work for our volunteers but it is great to help hungry, grateful folks.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Elizabeth Richmond

Come help unload deliveries: every first and third Tuesday, December 6 and December 20, at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, December 15 at 1:00 p.m. For the holiday month of December our normal fourth Thursday delivery date is still not confirmed. Please watch for updates in your weekly bulletin.

We also can use some help filling in for our regular volunteers on Monday morning. Questions? Call Elizabeth Richmond or the church office.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM EVERYONE AT WICC

Chris Day, WICC President

We are truly thankful this year for our children, staff and board. Our fundraising committee participated in the Northminster Christmas Market and are busy planning for our Moss Avenue Sale (more information soon.) We appreciate all your gifts and prayers as we prepare for Jesus' birth. We truly have much to be thankful for.

Questions about the Moss Avenue Sale may go to myself, Chris Day or Val Sager (674-6701.)

THERE IS NOTHING SAD ABOUT A BLUE ADVENT

Pastor Denise Clark-Jones

Perhaps by the time you read this article, you will have seen the new Advent paraments in the sanctuary. As I am writing, I am waiting in expectation, which is the definitive mood of Advent as we

celebrate it in our own place and time. I have not seen the paraments, but I have seen the weaver's work as have you. The woven paraments in our sanctuary were done by the same artist, Suzanne Halverson, many years ago.

Halverson has worked as a textile studio artist in Indiana since the 1970's. Her studio is in Monroe County. She has been a visiting lecturer at Indiana University, Earlham College, and Purdue University. She has taught weaving workshops at many conferences, including PCUSA's retreat center, Ghost Ranch, in New Mexico. She particularly delights in creating unique clerical vestments, church paraments and textile art for worship spaces.

"My art is my spiritual evolution. Weaving is my true north and without it I don't know who I would be — I consider it my calling. It keeps me seeing the world as a hopeful place. I look for beauty and inspiration every day...Weaving is what I call active meditation. Every step of the process is slow and intentional."
~Suzanne Halvorson

Finding the weaver who did some of the pieces of our current paraments was not easy. It has been so long that I could not find anyone who knew the artists involved. I asked many people, and by chance, Brooks McDaniel mentioned my search to his wife, Linda, who is also a weaver — another fact I did not know! It turns out that more than one artist was involved in creating the Westminster sanctuary paraments. Linda McDaniel remembered Halverson and knew how to get in touch with her. Suellen Kirkwood, the elder who heads the Worship committee, got in touch with Halverson and commissioned her to create blue Advent paraments for Westminster. Joyce Hakes also took part in the conversations with Halverson about the project.

So, as I am writing, I am waiting in joyful anticipation of seeing these new paraments in Westminster's sanctuary on the first Sunday of Advent.

Why have special paraments for the Advent season?

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Why not just use the purple ones that are also used for Lent? It seems appropriate to me because we no longer observe Advent as a penitential season as it was in the Early Church. Until the 4th century white was the only color used for clerical vestments and church paraments. The assigning of different colors for the various seasons and special days of the Christian calendar gradually evolved, but with variations based on availability of natural dyes and different worship practices. Remember, we did not always have the easy communication between people living in different locations that we do now. In the Christian countries, mostly European, there were not standard colors that every geographic location used.

For much of our Christian history, Advent was observed as a penitential season just like Lent. However, over time Advent has taken on an emphasis of hope and expectation and it has become less of a time of penitence. With the 20th century liturgical renewal movement, churches have looked back at early Christian worship practices and reclaimed valuable ones that have been lost. This movement has also initiated looking at the inclusion of new worship practices. More and more Protestant churches are adding blue paraments for Advent. Since my previous church used blue for Advent, I already have a blue stole, so no extra cost for that!

The tradition of using blue for Advent became established at the Salisbury Cathedral in England during the 13th century. The use of blue instead of purple for Lent and Advent was not new. In some locations it was difficult to obtain purple dye, so indigo was used.

Quoting my husband Tom's bulletin notes:

"This ancient Cathedral early on decided not to be quite so solemn about preparations for Christmas and in our modern world, where we spend so much time in

secular preparation for Christmas, this seems a fitting change."

One can see from the lectionary texts for Advent that the first two weeks of Advent, the theme of judgment is present. Although we hear John the Baptist's warning that the Day of Judgment is coming and we need to repent, by the third week the mood becomes one of joyous expectation with the good tidings to Mary that she will bear the Messiah who will bring salvation. Even John the Baptist's dire warning is softened by the knowledge we have that the One who will be our Judge is Jesus. We know that the One who came that we might repent of our sins and live in the path of righteousness is the One who has showed us the path and forgives us of our sins.

I don't know about you, but I am feeling a strong need this year for the hope, joy, peace and love that welcoming Christ into our lives can bring. I am ready to take on a new "shade" of Advent from the purple of the penitential season of Lent.

I have read from several sources that deep blue is the color of the sky before the dawn brings the rise of the sun in the east. In using blue for Advent, we highlight the hope-filled and steadfast focus of watching for the light of Christ day by day. Repentance is still a resounding message during Advent. Christ, who is always coming, moves us to the honest self-examination necessary for repentance and transformation – the Lenten purple in our spiritual lives. During Advent let us also add the hopeful anticipation of the pre-dawn blue.

Let us be joyful!

May the joyful expectation of Advent encourage and enliven your faith!

ADVENT WEAVINGS FOR WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Suzanne Halvorson

It is an honor to be commissioned to once again design and weave paraments for your church. This set includes a banner, altar and lecturn hangings, and a book-mark. They are different from the other banners that I have woven for you in the past, although some of the elements are the same.

They feature my signature double weave technique that allows me to weave two layers simultaneously. The background is a traditional sapphire color that symbolizes the Virgin Mary. The golden yellow in the center of the piece symbolizes the color of Christ. White symbolizes the color of Christmas and the purity of the Baby Jesus. I enjoy adding metallic threads to catch the light.

The format for the Banner and Altar hangings is a tryptic. There are three woven panels that are hung side by side to create one piece. They create a subtle cross form that is intended to symbolize the Star of Bethlehem.

Grace and peace, Suzanne Halvorson, Bloomington, IN

HUNGRY BULLETIN

Ashley Foster

The holiday season is upon us once again. For most people, this typically involves at least a few holiday parties with family, friends, and/or coworkers. Such parties usually include “grand feasts.” Also, just like every year, a great deal of the food at holiday parties does not get eaten and ends up going to waste. According to a study that was conducted by Duke University, “the average person generates 4.3 pounds of waste per day.” This number rises significantly during the holidays. Between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day, “household waste increases by more than 25%.” Here are some tips on how you can reduce waste during the holidays:

- * Make a shopping list. Think of how much food is actually required to feed all of your guests. Then you will only buy what you really need. Sticking to the list will also help avoid impulse buying.
 - * Keep serving sizes small. For a lot of us, our eyes are bigger than our stomachs. You can always go back for a second helping if it is not enough.
 - * Store leftovers properly. Use airtight containers and freeze whatever does not get eaten within a few days.
 - * Put labels with dates on the leftovers you store in your refrigerator. That will make it easier to remember what needs to be eaten first.
 - * Look online for recipes that reuse food scraps. There are thousands of them out there.
 - * Donate any extra canned or boxed food items to the food pantry here at Westminster.
- Keep these tips in mind this holiday season, and you are sure to make a difference!

2016 ADVENT CALENDAR. A JOURNEY OF MEMORIES.

It’s time to pick up your *Presbyterians Today* 2016 Advent Calendar. “A Journey of Memories” Advent is a time of remembering. In the weeks before Christmas, we watch, wait, and prepare for the coming of the Messiah. We read Scriptures and practice church traditions that have been around for 2,000 years.

This year’s devotional is a journey of memories-of so many sights, smells, tastes, and sounds that point to the promise of God in Jesus Christ. These are the daily incarnations of our faith. When does a touch remind us of Jesus? Can a candle bring God’s hope to a dark room? Can a smell take us to a holy place?

Sue Washburn, pastor and editor of *Presbyterians Today*, has put together a collection of daily reflections and prayers to help us experience the joy and wonder of Christ’s birth with the senses God has

given us. Susan Blank’s exquisite handmade quilts add to the beauty and remembrances in this year’s Advent Calendar. A Journey of Memories provides a Scripture reading, meditation, and prayer for each day of Advent.

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & COMMUNITY

Thank you so much for your kind words and gracious good wishes upon the fifty-year anniversary of my ordination to Christ’s ministry.

You all made the day so full of grace and joy! Westminster has been my church home, off and on since 1953.

I never imagined a more meaningful celebration of the day. You have blessed me more than you know or I can adequately put into words. Thank You!

Wishing you every grace, peace, and joy!

- Brooks McDaniel



Spirit of Christmas Gift List

Do you know someone that has everything he could ever need or want?

Do you struggle to figure out what to give him for Christmas?

We have the solution for you, and it supports our Westminster Infant Care Center (WICC). Below is a coupon that you can purchase to give a gift to WICC in the honor of that hard-to-shop-for person's name.

There are specific items to choose from, like books, or educational toys, to practical items like diaper wipes, or assistance with the cost of transportation. You can also just pick a dollar amount you would like to give and the WICC staff will get what the nursery needs most.

What a great way to honor a family member or a friend that has everything and help WICC at the same time. ♦

 Gift No. 1 \$5.00 Baby Wipes	 Gift No. 2 \$10.00 Children's Books	 Gift No. 3 \$10.00 Children's Puzzles	 Gift No. 4 \$15.00 Transportation to/from school and WICC	 Gift No. 5 Any Amount General donation to WICC to help with any need.
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- 1) **Choose** from a list of gift items above. 2) **Make** a contribution to WICC.
 3) **Complete** both parts of the coupon. 4) **Return** the smaller stub portion to the church with your check. 5) **Give** the "Gift Tag" to the person you are buying for.

Please contact Elizabeth Richmond with any questions.

Keep this portion and give it to the recipient.

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In your honor I have donated: to the

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Merry Christmas!

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DECEMBER CALENDAR

Thu - 1	9:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	6:15 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Fri - 2	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun - 4	10:00 am	Morning Worship Welcome all Wonders - Gretchen Iben Event
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour (Hosts: Linda & Alan Kupper)
	4:00 pm	Jazz Vespers
Mon - 5	9:00 am	WestMark Food Pantry open until 11 am
Tue - 6	9:00 am	Circle of Friends (Joyce Hakes)
	11:30 am	Food delivery for the WM Food Pantry
Wed - 7	7:30 am	Men's Coffee Fellowship
	12:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Thu - 8	9:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	10:00 am	Food delivery for the WM Food Pantry
	1:00 pm	Large Food delivery for the WM Food Pantry
	6:15 pm	Final Bell Choir Rehearsal for 2016
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat - 10	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
Sun - 11	10:00 am	Morning Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour (Host: Susan Leighty)
	4:00 pm	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Gretchen Iben Event
	5:30 pm	Christmas Dinner
Mon - 12	9:00 am	WestMark Food Pantry open until 11 am
Tue - 13	4:30 pm	WICC Board Meeting
	6:30 pm	Session Meeting
Wed - 14	7:30 am	Men's Coffee Fellowship
	12:00 pm	Window Deadline for January Newsletter
	6:30 pm	BiMonthly Bible Class (Marge Willadsen)
Thu - 15	9:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	1:00 pm	Food delivery for the WM Food Pantry
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun - 18	10:00 am	Morning Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour (Host: Marge Willadsen)
	4:00 pm	Christmas Jazz Vespers -Gretchen Iben Event
Mon - 19	9:00 am	WestMark Food Pantry open until 11 am
Tue - 20	11:30 am	Food delivery for the WM Food Pantry
Wed - 21	7:30 am	Men's Coffee Fellowship
Thu - 22	9:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Fri - 23	---	WICC Winter Break 12/23/16 - 01/08/17
Sat - 24	---	CHRISTMAS EVE
	4:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sun - 25	---	MERRY CHRISTMAS DAY!
	10:00 am	Christmas Morning Worship
Mon - 26	---	Church office closed in observance of Christmas
	---	Closed WestMark Food Pantry
Wed - 28	7:30 am	Men's Coffee Fellowship
Thu - 29	---	No Lectionary Bible Study
Sat - 31	---	New Year's Eve

COMING UP IN JANUARY 2017

Jan - 1	---	New Year's Day
	10:00 am	Morning Worship - Communion Day
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Jan - 2	---	Church office closed in observance of New Year's
	---	Closed WestMark Food Pantry
Jan - 9	12:00 pm	Annual Report Deadline

December Birthdays

5 Juliet Babbitt
 5 Robert Seelye
 6 Janet Leonard
 6 Sandra Gebhardt
 11 N. Lee Nugent
 13 Janet Avendano
 17 Debbie Burns
 22 Patricia Wagner
 23 Marissa Avendano
 24 Beth Alt
 27 Tom Clark-Jones
 28 Carol Carlson
 28 Sara Meyers
 30 Brian Slutz

December Anniversaries

2 Phyllis & Bill Rafferty
 17 Linda & Alan Kupper



DECEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS

December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19;
Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46-55;
James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;
Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

December 24 - Nativity of the Lord / Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14;
Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

December 25 - Nativity of the Lord / Christmas Day *Christmas Dawn*

Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97;
Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98;
Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12] John 1:1-14

ADULT VOLUNTEER TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP

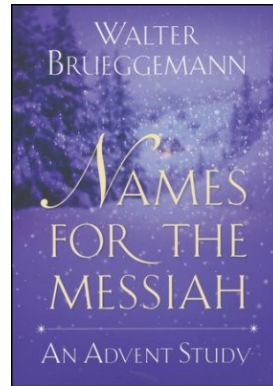
Submitted by Common Place

Common Place is looking to add a few good laborers to our crew of literacy volunteer tutors and will be hosting a Tutor Training Workshop.

Common Place has been using literacy as the key building block to improving the well-being of our adult learners for a number of years. Like a new house, well-being needs a sturdy foundation at the start to prevent later problems and keep it standing through all kinds of weather. At times, some maintenance or even additional construction may be needed to make sure that everyone in the community keeps doing well socially, mentally, financially, physically, and spiritually. Many of our adult learners did not get that sturdy foundation. Come

join our team.

The first step is the Tutor Training Workshop Saturday, December 3 and December 10, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please contact Janette Sims to RSVP or for additional information at 309-674-3315.



NAMES FOR THE MESSIAH: A 4-WEEK ADVENT STUDY

Brooks McDaniel

The popular and commercial presentation of the Christmas season has so eclipsed what the coming of the Messiah means to the Church and to our faith that it is helpful to re-examine and reflect on this

season of expectation and the life of faith.

To quote Evelyn Underhill, "God is always coming to us in the sacrament of the present moment. Meet and receive Him there with gratitude in that sacrament.: Yes, God is always coming to us in the present, but we are not always present, awake, or expectant.

God has "come into the neighborhood in Jesus the Messiah" (Peterson translation) and lives among us.

Advent is the time we set aside to pay attention, waiting expectantly and awake to receive our Lord.

Please join the discussion as we reflect on the meaning of "The Wonderful Counselor," "The Mighty God," "Everlasting Father," and "Prince of Peace" in an adult study by Walter Brueggemann. Most important will be your insights and reflections.

"Let us reason together!" This four-week Bible study, "Names of the Messiah," began on November 27. There is still time to join in on the last three weeks. This Advent Bible Study is led by Brooks McDaniel on Sunday mornings, 9 a.m., in the Parlor.

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SESSION NOTES

From the October Session Meeting

Brian Hakes, Clerk of Session



Received thank you letters from:

- * Neighborhood House
- * Lutheran Social Services
- * Boys and Girls Club
- * Received a thank you from Brooks McDaniel for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of his ordination.
- * The session voted to receive Dorothy Crozier into membership.
- * Rev. Clark-Jones reported 82 people attended the October 29 Islamic workshop. A follow up visit to the Islamic center is tentatively planned for early winter.
- * Rev. Clark-Jones reported that Gilbert Hammond has moved in with his daughter.
- * At the Saturday, October 29, Jesus and the Koran event there was a Mediterranean luncheon. Elder Jill Bell would like to recognize the sister and brother team of Dorothy Crozier and Jack Allen in preparation of the meal.
- * The next luncheon will be November 20 and will be the Make-it, Bake-it, Take-it Bazaar.
- * The food pantry served 1,798 in October.
- * After Thanksgiving, Caterpillar will provide boxes of food to the food pantry.
- * Five tons of mulch was ordered for the play ground. It was received and was spread out by Pat Flynn and Caden Richmond.
- * Discussed was the idea of forming an ad hoc committee to review the ideas and possible uses of the parish house.
- * The custom-made paraments should arrive soon.
- * In a December Sunday service, special music will replace a sermon.
- * The Lessons and Carols will take place on December 11 in place of the Jazz Service.
- * On December 18, there will be a Christmas Jazz Service.
- * The Christmas Eve Service will take place December 24 at 4 p.m. And the Sunday Christmas Day Service will be at the regular time of 10:00 a.m.

DECEMBER SERVANT SCHEDULE

SERVICES	USHERS	GREETERS	SOUND	LITURGIST	ACOLYTE	COFFEE HOUR
4 Sunday AM	Gary Dutro Anna Bussian Horst Prohaska Alice Nash	Dick Helfrich	Marcus Foster	Carole Willadsen	Carole Willadsen	Linda & Alan Kupper
4 Sunday JAZZ	Marge Willadsen Conrad Stinnett	Suellen Kirkwood	Tom Clark-Jones	Pastor Denise	Suellen Kirkwood	
11 Sunday AM	Alan Kupper Linda Kupper Gary Dutro Marge Willadsen	Dick Helfrich	Pat Flynn	Dave Carlson	Alan Kupper	Susan Leighty
11 Sunday PM LESSONS & CAROLS	Marcus Foster Ashley Foster	Suellen Kirkwood	Don Bell	Various Readers	Suellen Kirkwood	
18 Sunday AM	Jeff Case Laura Van Riper Diane Case Susan Leighty	Dick Helfrich	Pat Flynn	Anna Bussian	Susan Leighty	Marge Willadsen
18 Sunday PM A CHRISTMAS JAZZ	Bonnie Jackson John Jackson	Suellen Kirkwood	Alan Willadsen	Pastor Denise	Suellen Kirkwood	
24 SAT PM CHRISTMAS EVE	Marcus Foster Ashley Foster Joyce Hakes Brian Hakes	Dick Helfrich	Alan Kupper	Peggy Bragg	Suellen Kirkwood	
25 Sunday AM CHRISTMAS DAY	Gary Leonard Jan Leonard Suellen Kirkwood Dan Callahan	Dick Helfrich	Don Bell	Jessica Case	Suellen Kirkwood	

COMMUNION SERVERS



MORNING WORSHIP / DECEMBER 4

Bread Diane Case
Wine Jeff Case
Bread Dick Helfrich
Wine Pastor Denise
Traveler Gary Dutro



JAZZ VESPERS / DECEMBER 4

Bread Dick Helfrich
Wine Suellen Kirkwood
Bread Brooks McDaniel
Wine Pastor Denise
Traveler Alan Willadsen



CHRISTMAS EVE / DECEMBER 24

Bread Joyce Hakes
Wine Brian Hakes
Bread Suellen Kirkwood
Wine Pastor Denise
Traveler Gary Leonard

If you are unable to work on your scheduled date, please try to find your replacement or switch with someone, before contacting the Ministry Elder of the changes.

MEMBER RECOGNITION

Carol Carlson, Membership Elder

Being a member of a church is a joy and a privilege. On Sunday, December 18, we will take a moment during the service to recognize those members who have worshipped with us and participated in the mission of Westminster Presbyterian on the anniversary of the year that they joined.

Please join us to celebrate their commitment of 10, 15, 25, 30, 35, 40, and 50 years.

Jill Bell

Robert Oaks

Bonnie Jackson

Carol Carlson

Michael Avendano

Sharon Byrkit

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John Grimes

Patricia Hight

Betty Jean Oaks

Rick Burns

Megan Walker

Laura Van Riper

David Byrkit

Wanda Grimes

Elizabeth Muir

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



We invite all our neighbors and friends to our Christmas Eve. It's an early service, and thus friendly to families of all kinds.

**The worship service is at 4:00 PM
with festive music of the season beginning at 3:45 PM**

Westminster Church is one of the neighborhood churches, and is always open to all. Come and celebrate Christmas with us, and also know that you are always welcome on Sunday mornings at ten as well. Our doors and hearts are open, and we exist for the benefit of those in this community.

Come, celebrate with us ... often!

From Westminster to our neighbors ... *Merry Christmas!*

December 24 - 4:00 PM

Poinsettia Order Form

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the order form below. Payment must accompany your order. Make your check payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and write "Poinsettia" in the memo line. The poinsettias are \$13 each. You may pick them up after the December 25 morning worship service. Please, remove only the number of flowers you ordered or check the box to have it delivered to one of our homebound members to enjoy. ☐ (PLEASE PRINT) ☐

☐ in **HONOR** of :

☐ in **MEMORY** of :

(the name as you would like it to be listed in the bulletin.)

By: _____

☐ Please deliver to one of our homebound members.

*Clip and mail this form along with your payment to: Westminster Presbyterian Church,
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For
Unto
us a
CHILD
is born
Unto us a **Son**
is given, and the
Government shall be
Upon His shoulders,
and His Name shall be called,
Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace!
Isaiah 9:6

JOIN US SUNDAYS

10 AM Traditional Worship
4 PM Jazz Vespers Service
With David Hoffman
and Friends

WESTMINSTER SESSION

Clerk of Session	Brian Hakes
	Class of 2018
Church Education.....	Carole Willadsen
	Class of 2016
Church Life	Jill Bell
	Class of 2016
Finance.....	Jeanie Olson
	Class of 2016
Membership	Carol Carlson
	Class of 2017
Missions/Outreach	Elizabeth Richmond
	Class of 2016
Personnel.....	Mary Dill
	Class of 2016
Properties	Don Bell
	Class of 2018
Worship	Suellen Kirkwood
	Class of 2017

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NEEDED: SANTA'S HELPERS

This year we will again be providing gifts to the young ones and their Moms in our WICC program in addition to some youth from Common Place. The Giving Tree (Christmas Tree) is set up in the Narthex for you to choose your young people to shop for. This year there will be a place for you to fill out the child's name you have chosen, and your name, just to help us keep track of each child. If you are shopping for a child, please have their **gifts back to Church by Sunday, December 18**. If you would really like to help but can't shop for a young person, we have a solution for you. You can "adopt" a child from the tree and some of Santa's Elves will shop for you. Just take an envelope off the tree and complete the information and enclose a **check by Sunday, December 11**. Questions? Call Elizabeth Richmond.

