

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A TELLING PRESENCE IN THE CITY

## Christmas Eve

December 24, 2011

8pm & 10pm



The Holy Family, Italian, plaster, 1940s  
(The entire crèche is on the Communion Table in the Sanctuary)

WE ENTER THIS CHURCH NOT AS STRANGERS, BUT AS CHILDREN OF GOD

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

*We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in worship, mission, and programs at Westminster Presbyterian Church.*

## During Today's Worship

**Large-Print Bulletins, Bibles, Hymnals, hearing assistance devices** available from ushers.

**Child Care in the Nursery (8:15AM-11:30AM)** is for infants and toddlers (through age 3).

**Children are welcome in worship at Westminster!** 'Pew bags' with quiet activities are available from ushers for older children.

**Closed-circuit TVs** broadcast the worship service in the Great Hall.

**Please turn off cell phones** and pagers when in worship.

**Out of respect to those with allergies**, please avoid wearing scented products to church.

**For your security**, please do not leave valuables unattended, or in coat pockets in our closet areas. Remember to lock your car and put valuables out of sight.

## Church School & Adult Education

**Church School & Children's Church** resume January 8, 2012.

**Adult Education** Course information is available in the *Education for Faith & Life* catalog.

## If You Are New to Westminster

**Free Sunday morning parking** at Orchestra Hall Ramp, 11th St. & Marquette. Take a ticket when you enter the Ramp; pick up a parking voucher at Westminster; use both your ticket and the voucher to exit the ramp.

**Join us for fair trade coffee** and refreshments after the service.

**Red Rovers** (wear red carnations) and **Ushers** (wearing white carnations) are happy to answer your questions.

**Church Tours** begin in the sanctuary at 11:45AM on the fourth Sunday of the month.

## The Next New Member Class Series begins January 22, 2012

For more information about becoming a member of Westminster, visit [ewestminster.org/membership](http://ewestminster.org/membership) or contact Rev. Annika Lister Stroope, 612.332.3421 or [astroope@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:astroope@wpc-mpls.org).

## If You Seek to Deepen Your Involvement with Westminster

**Faith in Action** Get involved in serving and seeking justice. Contact Dan Franklin, [dfranklin@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:dfranklin@wpc-mpls.org) or Rev. Douglas Mitchell, [dmitchell@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:dmitchell@wpc-mpls.org).

**Fellowship** Enjoy fellowship with other members and friends of the church.

Contact Melanie McCall at [mmccall@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:mmccall@wpc-mpls.org).

## Other Worship and Prayer Opportunities at Westminster

**Visit [www.ewestminster.org](http://www.ewestminster.org)** for current information about Westminster.

**Daily Devotion Line** with scripture & prayer read by the pastors, 612.332.7087.

**Summer Wednesday Evening Worship** June & July, 6:15PM.

**Communion & Prayer Service** Sundays in the Chapel at 9:30AM.

**Celtic Worship Service** Second Thursday of the month, 7:00PM, *during the program year*.

**Quiet Worship** Fourth Saturday of the month, 9:00AM in the Chapel.

## Westminster Cares

**Births, Adoptions, and Baptisms** Contact Kathy Fisher, [kfisher@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:kfisher@wpc-mpls.org) or 612.332.3421.

**For Pastoral Care** please notify Claudia Kapitan or the clergy of hospitalization, illness, death, or prayer requests, 612.332.3421 or [ckapitan@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:ckapitan@wpc-mpls.org).

Health & Healing Ministry offers blood pressure screenings the 2nd Sunday of the month.

**The Westminster Counseling Center** offers pastoral counseling for individuals, couples, families, & children. Call 612.332.7743 or visit [westminstercounseling.org](http://westminstercounseling.org).

# CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2011

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ❖ 8:00 & 10:00PM

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## THE PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

**Prelude** *Quand le Sauveur Jesus Christ* Jean-Francois Dandrieu  
*Three Carols for Flute* Peter Crisafulli  
Karen Wasiluk, flute  
*A Spanish Carol* Jeffrey Van  
Deborah Carbaugh, Carolyn Cavadini, soprano  
Mary Monson, Barbara Prince, mezzo soprano  
Michael Hoffman, J D. Shaffer, tenor  
Arthur LaRue, Nathan Petersen-Kindem, baritone  
Jeffrey Van, guitar  
*La Nativité* Jean Langlais  
*Jesus Christ the Apple Tree* Elizabeth Poston  
*Greensleeves* Anon./Francis Cutting  
Poetry Selections  
read by John Heefner

**First Lesson** Isaiah 52:7-10 Timothy Hart-Andersen

**Processional Hymn** No. 49 *Once in Royal David's City* IRBY  
(*Congregation stands and sings on verses 4 & 5.*)

**Solo** Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed.  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

**Choir Women** He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.  
With the poor, oppressed, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

**Full Choir** Jesus is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew;  
He was little, weak and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;  
And he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

\***All** And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love,  
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;  
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

\***All** Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;  
Where, like stars his children crowned, all in white shall wait around.

Soloists: 8:00PM Maia King Cayere 10:00PM Libby Hall

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

8:00PM Elizabeth & Dick Winga

10:00PM Gretchen and Max Musicant

## Prayer of Adoration & Confession

Meghan K. Gage-Finn

### **Anthem** *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day*

John Gardner

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance to see the legend of my play to call my true love to my dance.

*Refrain: Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love; this have I done for my true love.*

Then was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance; thus was I knit to our nature, to call my true love to my dance. *Refrain.*

In a manger laid and wrapped I was, so very poor this was my chance, betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, to call my true love to my dance. *Refrain.*

Then afterwards baptized I was; the Holy Ghost on me did glance, my Father's voice heard from above, to call my true love to my dance: *Refrain.*

### **Second Lesson** Isaiah 40:1-5

Douglas Mitchell

### **\*Carol** No. 46 *On This Day Earth Shall Ring*

PERSONENT HODIE

## Christmas Greeting

Annika Lister Stroope

### **Anthem** *Sussex Carol*

English Traditional Carol; arr. David Willcocks

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring; news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad, when from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty? When sin departs before his grace, then life and health come in its place; angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King. All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night: "Glory to God and peace to men, now and for evermore, Amen."

### **Third Lesson** Isaiah 9:2-7

### **Anthem** *A Light Where Jesus Lay*

John Seagard

A light where Jesus lay shone brightly from his face, while mother Mary mild held arms around the child. The light within the stall was the glory of the Lord, hallelujah, and the angels sang above about the Father's holy love, hallelujah. Gloria in excelsis Deo. The light that shines within is the love that heals our sin. Gloria, hallelujah. This child the Father gave to the world he came to save, hallelujah, gloria. The child is King who comes to bring us peace, love, joy. Amen.

### **Fourth Lesson** Matthew 1:18-25

Katherine S. Michael

### **\*Carol** No. 40 *Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

### **Fifth Lesson** Luke 2:8-20

## Offertory Sentences

### Offertory Anthem *Birthday Carol*

David Willcocks

Rejoice today with one accord, Alleluia, this is the birthday of our lord.

Alleluia. *Refrain: Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!*

Shepherds abiding in the field, Alleluia, to them God's glory was revealed.

Alleluia. *Refrain.*

And to the shepherds sore afraid, Alleluia, an angel said, "Be not dismayed,"

Alleluia. *Refrain.* "Tidings of joy to you I bring," Alleluia, "today is born a heavenly king," Alleluia. *Refrain.*

"And ye shall find in manger laid," Alleluia, "the Babe in swaddling clothes arrayed," Alleluia. *Refrain.*

A host of angels filled the sky, Alleluia, thus singing praise to God on high.

Alleluia. *Refrain.*

Now join we all the angel throng, Alleluia, and let our voices swell the song,

Alleluia. *Refrain.*

### Christmas Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Stephen Robertson

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### Closing Hymn No. 60 *Silent Night*

STILLE NACHT

*Please remain seated*

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing, alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

## Tolling of the Bells

### Benediction

### Postlude *Still, Still, Still*

arr. Paul Manz

## **CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24**

**4:00 Family Service & Pageant**

**8:00 & 10:00pm Candlelight Worship**

Tim Hart-Andersen preaching,  
*What Is the Heart of Christmas?*

## **CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 25**

**9:15 Virtues & Values**, Founders Rm.

**9:30 Brief Communion Service**, Chapel

**10:15-11:45AM** Childcare available, up to age 3, Nursery

**10:30 Worship**

Stephen Robertson preaching,  
*A Fitting Gift*

**11:30 Fellowship Time**,

Heller Commons

**11:30am Church Tour**, Sanctuary

**Westminster Gallery** *Follow the Star*

## **SEMINARIAN SUNDAY, JAN. 1**

**9:15 Virtues & Values**, Founders Rm.

**10:15AM** Childcare available for children up to age 3, Nursery

**10:30 Worship**

Dan Franklin preaching, *Shaking the Tree*

**11:30 Fellowship Time**,

Heller Commons

**Westminster Gallery** *Follow the Star*

## **COMING UP**

### **ADULT EDUCATION**

**Adult Ed Classes** will resume in January with the All-Church Book Read.

### **CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES**

**Early Childhood Family Fellowship** will resume January 8.

**Epiphany Party, Wed., Jan. 4, 5:30PM**

Enjoy a "light" supper, activities for all ages, and a procession with the Magi to find our way in Christ's Light and Love. Please bring gifts of food for the Groveland Food Shelf. Contact Mary Alette Davis, mdavis@wpc-mpls.org or 612.332.3421.

**Arts Month is in February this year.** If you have ever thought about teaching,

this is a great way to be engaged with our children and our education program. Lead classes in art activities or be an assistant. We'll provide materials and teachers and volunteers will be present to help. Contact Mary Alette Davis, mdavis@wpc-mpls.org or 612.332.3421.

### **FAITH IN ACTION**

*Unless noted, contact Dan Franklin for info on FIA activities, 612.332.3421 or dfranklin@wpc-mpls.org.*

**Social Service** meets **Wednesdays**,

**9:00AM** (Social Service Rm.) or **6:00PM**

(2nd floor lounge) to knit or crochet warm scarves, caps, mittens for those in need. Patterns, materials, instruction provided. Questions, contact Lee Zopff, 612.371.9616, or Sandra Berthene, 952.929.8044.

**FEAST Gift Drive** Donate new/gently used cold weather gear and gifts for Christmas FEAST guests. Please leave donations near the Reception Desk now through Dec 25. Questions? Amy Scott, 952.934.6585.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

If you have visited Westminster and think you have found your new church home, please contact us to sign up for the next new member classes series, which begins January 22. Contact Rev. Annika Lister Stroope, 612.332.3421 or astroope@wpc-mpls.org

### **PASTORAL CARE**

**Prayer Ministry** If you have a prayer request, please fill out a Prayer Request card (in the Friendship Folder) or call the church, 612.332.3421.

**Caregiver Support** group meets at Westminster the 3rd Sat. of each month, 1:00-2:30PM. Contact Claudia Kapitan, 612.332.3421 or ckapitan@wpc-mpls.org.

**Grief Support Group** Saturdays, 9:30AM, Hennepin Ave. United Methodist Church, 511 Groveland, 612.871.5303; mplsgriefsupport.com. **Dec. 31**, Open Sharing. Beginning Jan. 7, 2012, the Group meets at Westminster.

## PEW POCKET FILLERS NEEDED

Can you help out a couple hours a month (usually Tuesday or Thursday mornings) to restock Friendship Folders and the pew pockets with pencils, envelopes, etc. Contact Marlyne Quiel for more info and to volunteer, [mquiell@comcast.net](mailto:mquiell@comcast.net).

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

### WOW *Westminster on Wednesday*

Men and women of all ages meet on Wednesdays, 9:00AM, Meisel Rm. for coffee, men's & women's Bible studies, program. Upcoming programs include: **Jan, 4, 2012** David Cummings from Gayte Stained Glass; **Jan, 11** Ann Carlson from The Dignity Center. For info on WOW programs, call Sharon Achor, 952.847.9117.

**Save the Dates!** Mark your calendars now for the Faith Nixon Symposium on **Saturday, February 18**, when our speaker will be the Rev. Peg Chamberlin, Executive Director of the MN Council of Churches and outgoing President of the National Council of Churches. Also save the weekend of **April 27-29, 2012 and the Women's Spring Retreat**. Watch for more info.

## WORSHIP

**Sunday Communion Service in the Chapel** Beginning Sunday, January 8, the brief Chapel Communion Service will begin at 9:45AM.

### Stewardship 2012



*From the fullness of  
God's Grace, we have  
all received one blessing  
after another.*

John 1:16 (NIV)

Learn more and make your 2012  
pledge at  
[CountingOurBlessings.org](http://CountingOurBlessings.org).

## Greetings and Welcome to Westminster!

If you are visiting, we welcome you into the worship and life of this congregation! Westminster offers education, fellowship, and service opportunities for children, young people, and adults.

Everyone – members and visitors alike – is invited to participate in church activities.

If you are interested in learning more about Westminster programs and ministries, please speak with a minister, visit our website, find us on Facebook, or call the church.

*Please join us again,  
and Merry Christmas!*

Tim Hart-Andersen, Pastor

Regular Sunday programming  
resumes on Sunday, January 8

**8:30am** Chapel Worship

**9:15am** Education Hour for all ages

**9:45am** Brief Chapel Communion

**10:30am** Sanctuary Worship

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## Christmas, Sunday, December 25

**9:30AM Chapel Communion Service**

**10:30AM Sanctuary Worship Service**

Stephen Robertson preaching,  
*A Fitting Gift*

## Sunday, January 1, Seminarian Sunday

**10:30AM Sanctuary Worship Service**

Daniel Franklin preaching,  
*Shaking the Tree*

Daniel Franklin has been a member of Westminster since 1997 and the Coordinator of Discipleship Ministries since 2008. He is currently a Master of Divinity student at Luther Seminary in St. Paul and is under care of the Westminster Session.

## WEEKDAY CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 25, 2011

9:30.....Chapel Communion Service  
10:00am .....Virtues & Values  
10:15am .....Childcare, through age 3, Nursery  
10:30am .....Worship  
11:30 .....Fellowship Time  
11:30 .....Church Tour , Sanctuary  
5:00pm .....FEAST

### Monday, December 26

Church offices closed. Pastor on call can be reached at 612.332.3421, ext. 700.

### Tuesday, December 27

7:30pm .....AA Meeting

### Wednesday, December 28

No activities scheduled

### Thursday, December 29

No activities scheduled

### Friday, December 30

No activities scheduled

### Saturday, December 31

No activities scheduled

### Sunday, January 1

9:15am .....Virtues & Values  
10:15am.....Childcare through age 3, Nursery  
10:30am .....Worship  
11:30am.....Fellowship Time

### Monday, January 2

Church offices closed. Pastor on call can be reached at 612.332.3421, ext. 700.

## DAILY PHONE DEVOTIONS

December 24.....Titus 2:11-14  
25 .....Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)  
26 .....Isa. 62:6-12  
27.....Ps. 97  
28 .....Titus 3:4-7  
29 .....Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20  
30 .....John 1:1-14  
31.....Ps. 148  
January 1 .....Luke 2:22-40

Call 612.332.7087  
for the daily lectionary commentary.



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## CLERGY & STAFF

### WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Timothy Hart-Andersen, *Senior Pastor and Head of Staff*

Mary Hess, *Director of Legacy Giving*

Kathy Fisher, *Executive Assistant*

### ADULT ED & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Rev. Katherine S. Michael, *Associate Pastor*

Kathy Fisher, *Leadership Development Admin. Assistant*

Claudia Kapitan, *Adult Education Admin. Assistant*

Barbara Mauk, *Librarian*

### CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

The Rev. Meghan K. Gage-Finn, *Associate Pastor*

Mary Alette Davis, *Director of Children's Ministries*

Marie Kruskop, *Coord. of Early Childhood Ministries*

Barbara Prince, *Administrative Assistant*

### EVANGELISM & FELLOWSHIP

The Rev. Annika Lister Stroope, *Associate Pastor*

Melanie McCall, *Coord. of Fellowship & Special Events*

Claudia Kapitan, *Evangelism Administrative Assistant*

Kristin Kieft, *Publications Coordinator*

### FAITH IN ACTION

The Rev. Douglas Mitchell, *Associate Pastor*

Dan Franklin, *Coordinator of Discipleship Ministries*

### MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Dr. Melanie Ohnstad, *Minister of Music and the Arts and Organist*

Dr. Jere Lantz, *Westminster Choir Director*

Dr. Rodney Allen Schwartz, *Director,*

*Westminster Gallery and Archive*

Barbara Prince, *Program Assistant*

Nancy Carter, *Handbell Choir Director*

Brad Ollmann, *Dir. Early/Middle Childhood Music*

Shekela Wanyama, *Dir. Youth Music*

### PASTORAL CARE

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Robertson, *Associate Pastor*

Claudia Kapitan, *Administrative Assistant*

### ADMINISTRATION

Samuel G. Cooke, *Director of Administration*

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Neale Holleschau, *Facilities Manager*

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### EMERITA

The Rev. Elizabeth D. Heller, *Associate Pastor Emerita*

### WESTMINSTER CAMP AJAWAH

Dave Moore, *Director*

Sarah Kantrud, *Registrar*

### WESTMINSTER COUNSELING CENTER

The Rev. Dr. Margaret McCray, LMFT, *Exec. Director*

The Rev. Ross A. Aalgaard, MSW, LGSW

The Rev. Dr. Leta J. Herrington, LPC

The Rev. Mary Keen, LMFT

Lori Churchill, *Business Manager*

### WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL FORUM

Susan McKenna, *Director*

### PARISH ASSOCIATES (Volunteer Clergy)

Rev. Denise Dunbar-Perkins, Rev. Margaret McCray,

Rev. Dean J. Seal